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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3, 2020.....

The start of the term already has been a busy one, negotiating the changes within the current climate we find ourselves.

We are encouraged by the fact that our students have settled well into the new term routine and have adapted well to the changes that have come their way.

We will continue to provide updates and changes that come about due to COVID-19, we also encourage our students, parents and staff to follow the NSW Health recommendations and to practice good hygiene.

The College celebrated Patron's Day on Friday 24 July, albeit this year was a different type of celebration that our College is accustomed to. However, our College, with the help of Mrs Joanne Mansour, the Religious Education team, the Administration team and our valued staff members our College was still able to come together to spend a day engaging a wonderfully joyous day of celebration.

This was a great opportunity to commemorate our Patron, St Charbel with a mass followed by a limited number of activities of both students and staff enjoying quality time together as we followed in the footsteps of St Charbel.

The objective of these events is to build in our students the spirit of belonging. To be proud of themselves and the community that they belong to. For this reason we insist on our parents to encourage their children to participate and collaborate with the school to reach the goal. We can notice an improvement and we see the excitement in our students and teachers as they look forward to these days.

In the upcoming weeks, our Year 12 students will sit their Trial HSC exams in preparation for their HSC exams in October. I ask that we, as a College and

community, keep them all in our prayers to be guided by the Holy Spirit and remain calm during this stressful time and that our students try their personal best.

During the month of August, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We also, as Maronites, celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption on 15 August in which we prepare ourselves for this feast in fasting (which has started Saturday, 1 August). We ask for Mother Mary's intercession so that we may walk in faith, hope and demonstrate her maternal love for her son. May each and every one of us continue to be led and guided by our dear Mother.

At this time we pray for our dear country and our families after the last devastation. We offer our prayer for all the innocent people who were massacred, for all those injured and who have been affected by the explosion.

Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

- Principal



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Director of RE & Mission

On Friday 24 July, our College community came together to celebrate the life of our Patron – St. Charbel with lots of *Faith, Fun* and *Food*!

Faith: Our Divine Liturgy was LIVE streamed celebrated by our College Principal –Fr Maroun – a beautiful celebration echoing in our corridors!

Fun: Competitive Maronite trivia and creative religious art!

Food: Yummy manoosh and fruit!

A day enjoyed by all!

We continue to ask our Patron to intercede for our College community and imitate his love of God in our everyday lives.

St. Charbel our patron, pray for us!

Mrs Joanne Mansour

– Director of RE & Mission





Director of Pastoral Care 7-12 High School Staff Changes for Semester Two

Year 7 Pastoral Coordinator: Mrs Panteli returns as Year Coordinator. She has been a Year Coordinator for over 4 years and has a compassionate and energetic approach. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher who lead Year 7 with joy and patience.

Careers Adviser: Mrs Chedid returns after maternity leave to continue in this role. She brings a wealth of experience and guidance to our students in this role. Thank you to Mrs Panteli – for the thought and care in guiding our senior students future pathways.

English Coordinator: Mrs Fletcher is the new English Coordinator for 2020 and she has a dynamic approach to teaching and learning. Thank you to Mrs Younis who has been a composed and proactive English Coordinator for over 5 years. Best wishes to Mrs Younis and her family as she commences maternity leave.

Religion Coordinator – Mrs Assaf returns after maternity leave to continue in this role. She brings a peaceful and authentic approach in this role. Thank you to Mr Ellias for leading the RE team with conviction and love.

Best wishes to our **Arabic Coordinator Mr Kairouz** who has taken long service leave and will return in the latter weeks of term 4. We hope he has a relaxing break and enjoys quality time with his family.

Mr Charlie Shalala

- Director of Pastoral Care 7-12

Director of Primary

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews were held recently and were conducted online for the first time. The school has received positive feedback regarding the interviews being online, including they were more convenient, ran on time and were more time efficient (as time wasn't lost with movement). We will take the feedback into consideration when planning next year's interviews.

The Jellybean Music program is now underway in K-2 classes. The students have been enjoying their lessons and it has been pleasing to see what they have learned in a short space of time. A reminder that the students can practice at home: details of the website and student access code were emailed home the first week of term.

Kindergarten students celebrated '100 days of Kindy' last week. Some students dressed up and they looked fantastic! Other students brought or wore a few accessories like pearls or a wig. Many students brought containers of '100', e.g. fruit loops, pasta, pom poms, tea bags etc. Thank you to the Kindy staff for organising the day. A big thank you to parents for supporting the day!

A reminder that morning supervision does not start until 8.00am. For this reason, the school campus does not open until this time, so please refrain from having your children arrive at school a lot earlier than 8.00am and being unsupervised. Early arrivals are also a health risk because temperature checks only start at 8.00am.

Ms Maree Kelly

- Director of Primary

Year 12 Pastoral Care Coordinator

This Term, Year 12 has been busy preparing for their Trial HSC Examination block that's coming up from Week Five. Over the holiday break, on 16-17 July, we held mock-trial examinations for students who wanted to come in to school to sit a 3-hour exam under exam conditions – it was great to see so many dedicated students attend school in their own time, so focused on achieving their academic goals! It is also fantastic to hear from so many teachers, that Year 12s have been submitting practice papers and responses for feedback in the lead-up to their exam block.

On Tuesday, 4 August, Year 12 was very lucky to be able to celebrate Mass together in the Church. As the first Mass the grade has been able to celebrate in the Church together since Term One, it was beautifully offered up for them that they remain focused and resilient in this stressful and challenging chapter of their academic journey.

We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming exams, and for their final term of High School!

Ms Manelle Michael

- Year 12 Pastoral Care Coordinator



Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator

Year 8 Social Justice Initiative

Dear Parents,

St Mary MacKillop said, “Never *see* a need without doing something about it.”

That is exactly what Year 8 is doing for Term 3.

Our first initiative for this term is *Recycle for Sight* and this is what YOU can do to help:

We *see* that not all people are as fortunate as we are. We want others to *see* more clearly. This is what “*Recycle for sight*” is all about.

All you need to do is send in your old prescription glasses or sunglasses with your child to school.

Please donate glasses only, we don't require the cases.

These will be donated to our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate and will help the vision of many around the world.

Ms Josephine Katrib

- Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator



<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students/what-age-can-i-start-work>

Keen to learn more about careers? Check out the [Careers page on Study Work Grow](#) for info about your dream career area, jobs available now, and more.

In-demand roles for 3 August 2020

This week, there was strong growth for roles in Real Estate and Property.

These jobs can include roles such as real estate agents, auctioneers, property managers, and more. Most of these jobs require qualifications to get into. If you are interested in a career in real estate, you can check out the [Job Spotlight we wrote](#).

Here are the top in-demand roles by location:

NSW – [Trades Assistant](#) (458 jobs)

Happy Careers Searching

Mrs Dianna Chedid

– Careers & VET Coordinator

Careers and VET Coordinator

Careers & Jobs

When Can I Start Work?

A big part of growing up is starting work. It can be great to have some extra money for yourself, feel more independent, as well as learning the skills you'll need in the workforce for the rest of your life.

But before you get too keen, there are some things you need to know before you rush out and start applying.

What age can I start working?

New South Wales – There are no minimum age restrictions to start work in New South Wales. However, if you are under 15 there may be some restrictions on the type of work you can do and how many hours you can work.

What other restrictions are there?

New South Wales – In New South Wales, you aren't allowed to work during school hours. You can't work more than one shift a day, and for more than 5 days in a row. You can't work later than 9.00pm if you have school the next day. You must not work and attend school for more than 50 hours a week combined.

You will need to stay in school until you finish Year 10. After this you can either stay in school, work full-time, or undertake a combination of education and training.

Where can I find more information?

If you want to know more about starting work, there are plenty of handy resources out there you can check out. You can find them all on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website [here](#):

Acting Secondary Science Coordinator

Science week will run during week 5 this term and the science faculty will be running a variety of activities to educate students about the theme 'Deep Blue: Innovation for our future oceans'. Students have volunteered their lunch over the next few weeks to get involved and develop a model as solution to a threat to the ocean. The students will then present their models during science week. More information about the science week will be available over the next few weeks.

Ms Brooke Cleggett

– Acting Secondary Science Coordinator





Acting Secondary English Coordinator

The Writing Centre is off to a strong start with up to 20 students writing, drafting, working on assignments and individual creative projects. Some of our HSC Extension 1 English students volunteered their time to help their peers this week. Thanks to all the teachers and students who have participated. Please come and spend an hour with us next Tuesday!

Mrs Jennifer Fletcher

- Acting Secondary English Coordinator



Secondary Maths Coordinator Mathematics News!

I joined St Charbel's college as the Mathematics Coordinator during Term 2, and would like to introduce myself. I have a love for mathematics and enjoy teaching mathematics to students to encourage them to achieve their best in all subjects. Mathematics is so much a part of our everyday lives. I have taught in a range of secondary schools across four Catholic

dioceses in NSW.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join your child's teacher for the interviews in week two. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak with your child's mathematics teacher please phone the school to make an appropriate appointment.

I would like to remind all students and their families it is important that all students come prepared for learning in each lesson. This means each student must have a pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, workbook and textbook(either physical or electronic). They should also be bringing their electronic device to every lesson. Learning is important for all students, each student needs to take responsibility for their own learning, by being prepared for class and participating in all class discussions and activities. Students will have the opportunity to achieve at their personal best and not hinder the learning of others.

I am looking forward to continuing to support the learning of Mathematics in our school community!

Ms Neila Darrough

- Secondary Maths Coordinator

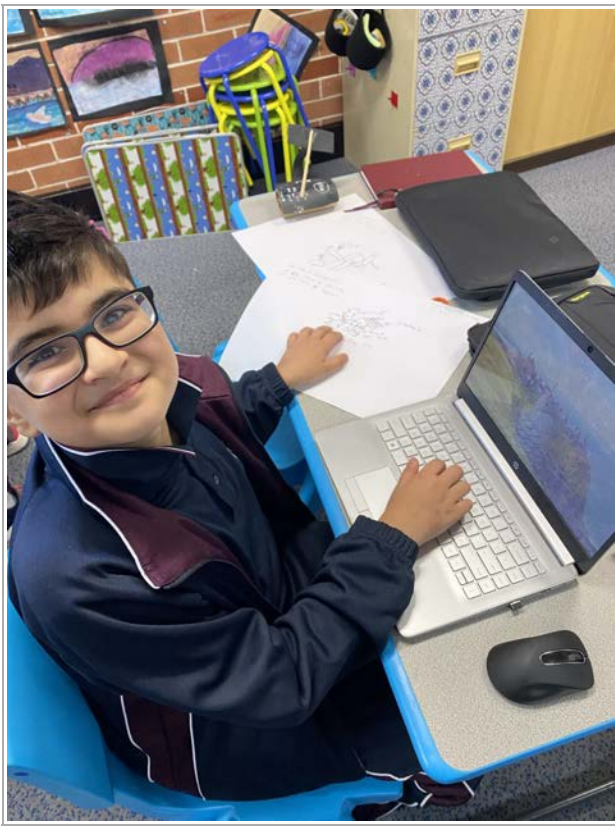
Head of Learning Technologies

This term saw the commencement of the BYOD program for Year 5 at St Charbel's College. Students have done extremely well to quickly on-board their devices, taking full advantage of the College's network and internet connection. Year 5 students have been busily working with their laptops for research, writing and developing digital literacy skills. Year 5 Teachers have quickly implemented engaging lessons utilising student laptops to develop skills in content creation, communication, collaboration and critical thinking. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support of the College's BYOD program. Our continued partnership in your child's learning journey, will ensure that students are challenged and supported with the appropriate technology resources both at school and at home.

Mr Vince Papa

- Head of Learning Technologies





and their accessories. Well done Kindergarten, we're all so proud of your efforts!

Ms Louise Grady

- Acting Early Stage One Coordinator



Acting Early Stage One Coordinator

On the 30th July, Kindergarten students celebrated their 100 days of school. The day is to celebrate all the wonderful things the students have learnt so far! It was great to see all the students celebrating in their mufti clothes and 100 day accessories. During the day Kindergarten were involved in lots of fun activities to explore the number 100, including measuring and weighing different objects of 100 things! Thank you to all the parents and students who bought in 100 objects

Stage 3 Coordinator

Welcome back students and parents!

Students are very excited to be back and are well rested. It is a very exciting time with Year 5 beginning their BYOD this term. Please ensure that your child's laptop is fully charged from the night before.

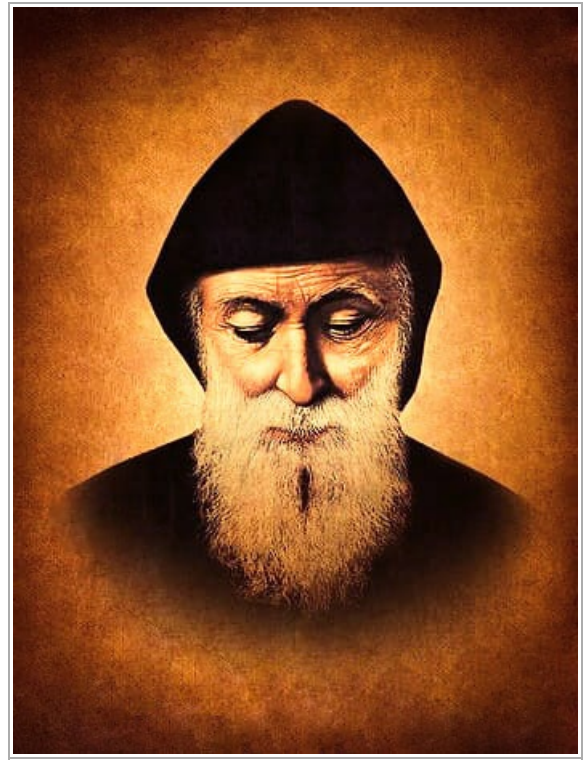
Scholastic Book Club

All orders are to be completed online through the LOOP ordering system. Please see instructions below:

1. Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the APP from Google Play or the APP store
2. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.
3. Add your child's first name and last initial; for example, Christopher T (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS. Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
4. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
5. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

Mrs Shannon Papasavvas

- Stage 3 Coordinator



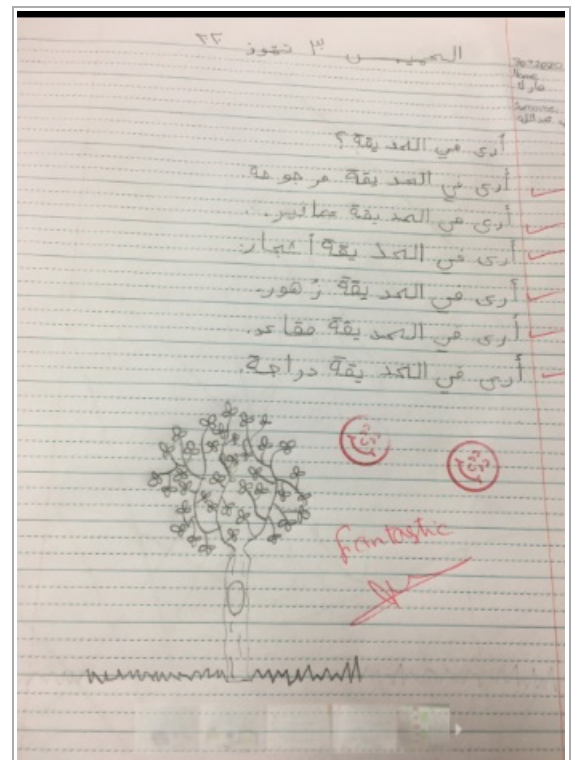
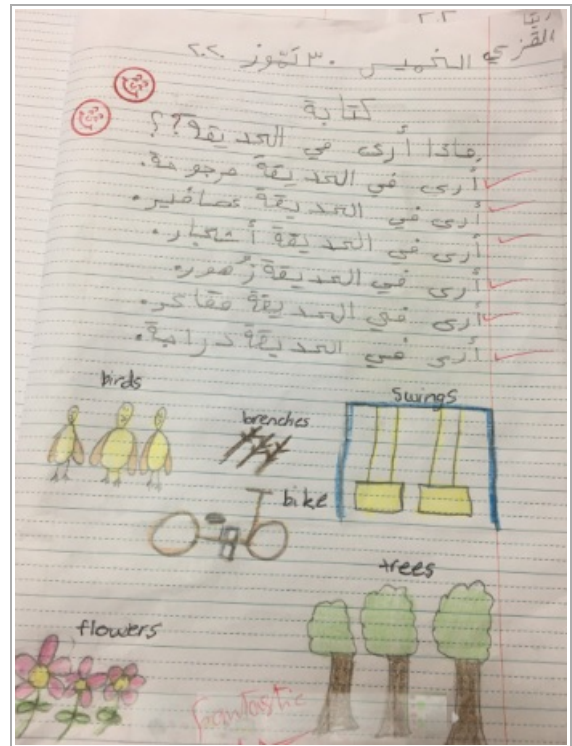
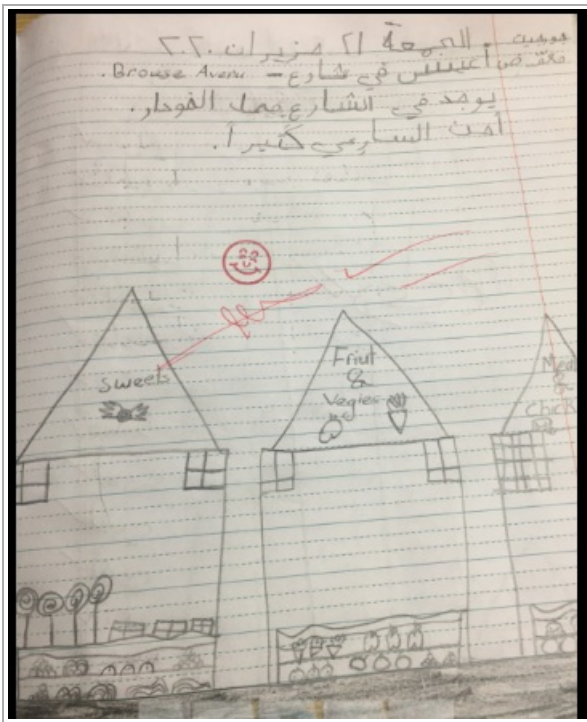
Primary Arabic Coordinator

احتفلت مدرستنا الأسبوع الماضي بعيد شفيعنا القديس شربل. قامت الصفوف بنشاطات عِدَّة منها الصلاة والتراتيل والأشغال اليدوية والتعرف على سيرة القديس اللبناني. وقد شاركت جميع الصفوف بقداس للاحتفال بهذه المناسبة

يتعرف تلاميذ صف الروضة على المزرعة وحيواناتها

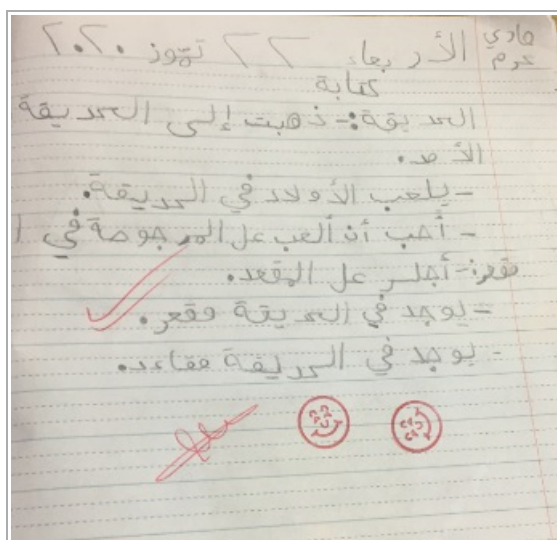


مقطعات من أعمال الصف الثالث - موضوع هذا الفصل:
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Mrs Nada Kazzi

- Primary Arabic Coordinator

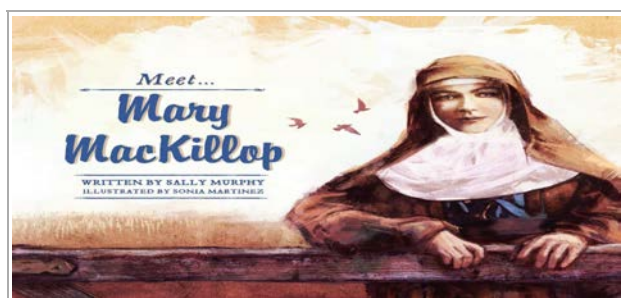


Library News

Mary Mackillop-Australia's First Saint

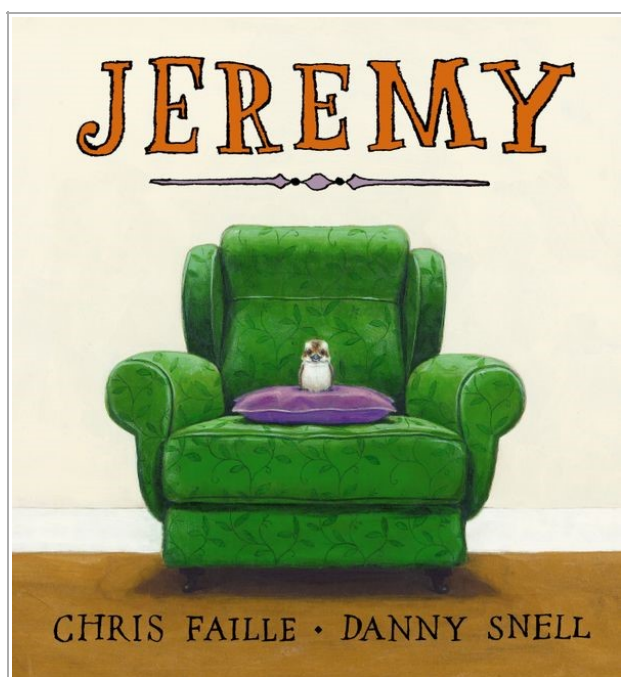
On the 8th August we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary Mackillop. Mary was the eldest of eight children and was born on the 15th January 1842. Mary began her work as a teacher in a tiny South Australian town called Penola. Mary began the Congregation of the

...and Sister Mary began the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and established the Josephite schools. Mary was dedicated to providing free Catholic education to poor children and taking care of the needy in our society. You can read more about the life of Australia's First Saint in the Library.



Learning about God's Wonderful Creatures

Do you know what this unusual looking creature is? If you ask one of our Kindy students I'm sure they would tell you that this is a picture of a baby Kookaburra. This month we have been learning about the beautiful feathered friends God gave us; birds! We have been reading the story of Jeremy, a baby Kookaburra who falls from the nest, and is raised by a human family. This story is a beautiful example of how we can take care of God's creatures.



Mrs Simone Cullinan/Mrs Christine Golz

- Librarians

Lebanon News

Mayor Cr Khal Asfour, has set up an online Condolence Book for members of the community to pay their respects to the victims of the explosion in Beirut. We encourage you to visit this link for more information: <https://cb.city/BeirutCondolenceBook>



Science Week!

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

15-23 Aug

Celebrate technology and science with prizes to be won.

Nature Macro Photo Competition

Explore the world of tiny things. Take photos of the natural world close up and submit them in this Macro Science Photo Competition, open to those aged 6-18 years old.

Enter as many times as you'd like by emailing your photo with your name, age, phone number and other details about the photo to library@cbcity.nsw.gov.au

Photos may be printed and displayed.

Brain Buster Science Quiz

Test your knowledge of science with our Brain Buster Science Quiz made for those aged 5-12 years old. Go to your local library to collect your quiz, science kit and science experiment.


Instructions on how to complete your science experiment are online. For more, visit cb.city/YourLibraryatHome

Return your entries for both competitions to any of our nine Libraries by **Tuesday 1 September**.

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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Charbel's College (Punchbowl) is held on Fridays from 1:25pm to 2:05pm, starting on 24 July 2020.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Keyboard Lessons at the College


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https://stcharbel.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/23/keyboard_lesson_ad.pdf

COVID-19:

Access the following link for the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in NSW:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-definition.aspx>



COVID-19 Testing

Who should get tested?

Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- fever e.g. chills, night sweats
- respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore/scratchy throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste
- other symptoms including muscle and joint pain, diarrhea, nausea/ vomiting and loss of appetite.

What to expect when you get tested?

- Testing is free, easy and quick.
- If you have been referred to a testing clinic, please take your referral with you. This is not needed for most clinics.
- Staff at testing and respiratory clinics will be wearing masks, gowns, gloves and face shields.
- Staff will ask you about your symptoms.
- Swabs are taken from inside your nose and your throat.

What happens after I get tested?

- You must stay at home (self-isolate) until you get your test result and are well.
- You cannot leave your home unless you are seeking medical care or in an emergency. You cannot have visitors.
- If your symptoms become serious (e.g. difficulty breathing), call Triple Zero (000). Tell the ambulance staff you have been tested for COVID-19.
- If you are sharing your home with others you should separate yourself in another room. Wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room and keep 1.5 metres away.

- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue.

Where can I get more information about self-isolating?

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/covid-19/Pages/resources.aspx>


- If you have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19, you need to stay home for 14 days after you last saw that person. (Close contact includes living in the same household or spending more than 15 minutes face-to-face or 2 hours sharing a closed space, with someone with COVID-19, from 48 hours before they became ill).
- Home isolation applies to all close contacts, even if you are currently feeling well and or have received a negative test result.

How will I get my results?

- You will usually receive your test result within 24 to 48 hours but please allow up to 72 hours.
- If you had your test done at an Emergency Department or public hospital COVID-19 clinic you can receive your COVID-19 negative test result by SMS if you register for Pathology COVID-19 SMS Results Service. If you don't register you will receive a call from a Public Health officer at your Local Health District.
- If you had your test collected by your GP or at other sites, your doctor will give you your results.

What happens if I test positive?

- NSW Health will look after you. There will be no cost for your treatment, even if you don't have Medicare.





GOOD HYGIENE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)







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Hygiene advice for people living in residential buildings

Coronaviruses, such as COVID-19, can survive on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days.

This may vary based on the temperature, humidity and type of surface.

Residents and common areas

People living in residential buildings should take care when moving through common areas to reduce the risk of COVID-19:

- Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand rub/sanitiser after touching any frequently touched surfaces in common areas. This includes doorknobs or door handles when you enter and exit the building or when using communal washing machines or dryers
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing or use your elbow, not your hands
- Avoid close contact with people unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Avoid touching your face and avoid shaking hands with others
- Try to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from others as much as possible in your apartment block, such as in elevators, stairwells or hallways
- Do not gather in large groups in common areas such as rooftops or courtyards.

Cleaning guidance for NSW strata managers and body corporates

- Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces in common areas with a detergent followed by disinfectant, or use detergent/disinfectant wipes
- Consider providing adequate alcohol-based hand rub (sanitiser) for residents to use.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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Cleaning surfaces at home to help stop the spread of COVID-19

Coronaviruses, such as COVID-19, can survive on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days. This may vary based on the temperature, humidity and type of surface.

How to clean

Frequently touched surfaces	Less touched surfaces
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• doorknobs• handles• light switches• phones• tablets• touch screens• tables• hard-backed chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• remote controls• keyboards• desks• toilets• sinks/basins• car steering wheel• car seats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• floors• walls• ceilings• window blinds• curtains	
Regularly clean with a household detergent followed by disinfectant, or use detergent/disinfectant wipes (scrub hard).	Clean using a household detergent or detergent wipes. Use a damp mop on hard floors. Clean walls and window blinds when visibly dusty or soiled. Curtains should be changed regularly and cleaned when soiled.

Detergent or disinfectant?

Detergents help remove germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces but they do not kill germs. Disinfectants kill viruses and bacteria but don't remove them from a surface. Using a detergent then a disinfectant helps lower the risk of spreading infection.

If you have been outside

If you have to leave home, when you return:

- wash your hands as soon as you enter and after putting groceries or other items away. Wash your hands before you eat
- if you would feel better to do so, remove your shoes and clothing if you have been on public transport or in spaces where you weren't able to keep 1.5 metres from others
- wipe down your phone
- keep your keys in one place.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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