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While it will always remain the case that the people inside a building are the most valuable resource, the new buildings will help people to look in our direction and realise the excellent teaching that is taking place in our classrooms. If we work together, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

We welcome Mr. Chidgey and Mr. Zaki to our staff. Mr. Chidgey will be teaching in the IT area and comes to us with a wealth of experience from his time at Kings, St. Domenic’s and Bede Polding. Mr. Zaki will be teaching Science, Maths and HSIE, after enjoying a most successful practicum with us last year. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing both gentlemen a long, happy and productive stay at the College.

As always, your families are in my prayers. I pray that God continues to bless our College community.
Rob Stephenson
Principal

IMPORTANT!!!

Due to many students having allergic reactions to nuts, we ask that nuts, chocolate, muesli bars, nutella & peanut butter not be brought to school under any circumstances. This is to ensure the safety of the students at the college. We appreciate your understanding in this crucial matter.

UNIFORMS

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open on Thursday 2:30-3pm and Saturday 7-9pm. The uniform needs to be worn and if for any reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please notify your class teacher through the school diary. Remember, that uniform checks are made daily and noted. Notes are written in the diary and after the third offence, you will be called to bring the student’s correct uniform. PLEASE NOTE: Any hair that has been dyed or have streaks, the hair must be dyed back to the natural colour!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is crucial that you notify the school office of any personal information so we can contact you if there is an emergency and so we can post out your child’s school report.

The personal information includes:
- Current address
- Home phone number
- Emergency contacts
- Mobile number

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

PARENTS

We all care for our children very much and only want the best for them at all times. If for any reason you are unhappy with a student in the college, please **DO NOT** approach the student yourself! Please speak to a teacher! This is for your own safety as well as the child’s safety.

AWARDS
PARENT TIP

It is great to be concerned about your child’s progress and help them improve in the areas they may find difficult. In order to assist your children, have them complete the homework on their own. This will give you an indication of what they need help in. If you need to ask a teacher about anything, please ensure you make an appointment to speak to them instead of speaking to them when they have other children in their care. If you have a brief concern, please write in your child’s diary and the classroom teacher will reply as soon as possible.

P & F

We hosted our first P & F meeting for the year on Monday 28th February, it was an enjoyment to see a turn out of some parents. However, it would be great to see more of you at the next meeting which will be held on the Monday 28th March 2011 at 8:45am. Please join us once again to help us work together to achieve our vision for our school.

At the meeting we discussed some of our exciting missions for the year. A major project in the next few months is the opening of our new school canteen.

With God's blessing and your support we can create a healthy appropriate service that will generate funds to undergo some major work around the school.

We also discussed our mission to improve our waste management system, providing a permanent shade structure for the primary school area, new sports equipment and much more.

This year, parents and children can look forward to two festivals. We will be extending an invitation to our sister schools also to participate on these days. The P&F would like to create a sense of community for both our children as well as parents. However, we can only do this with your help. We need volunteers to assist in our projects as well as helping children in the class room. Keep an eye out in this section for regular updates as to what is happening around the school and how you can help. We look forward to meeting you ALL at the next meeting.

3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A great day was had by all when we ventured over to Stanhope Gardens for our annual Swimming Carnival. The venue was perfect for our needs, the students entering into the day with great enthusiasm and, in some instances, great courage. Swimmers from both the Primary and Secondary School braved the conditions on the day and took to the water, entering into the different events that were well organised by Miss Macri, who was supported in her role by other college staff members. Of particular note was the final event, the student and staff relay. What a great performance staff members put in against the students! Both staff and students demonstrated 'Olympic Games' potential. Sadly, despite a tremendous performance on the part of staff team, the students beat us to the finish line. The star performances of Mr Shadie and Mr Stephenson can only be regarded as incredible. Photos of their incredible feat are included to help all members of the College Community appreciate the expertise of our staff when it come to ‘versing’ the students in the water.

Mr Greg Virtue

Mr Stephenson
Fitter than ever after his dash down the pool!

Mr Shadie
Relaxed and in control…

Where are the competitors?
COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL MASS

On the 23rd of February, the High School students attended a combined Holy Mass at our college with St Mark’s and St Mary & St Mina’s High School students. The Mass began in the morning and the students had a great time. They also had the time to socialise with the other college students at lunch time. Overall, it was a good and united day.

KIDS CORNER

Sudoku

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Joke

What do you call a boomerang that won’t come back?

A stick

YEAR 6- ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

6P and 6A have been learning all about electric circuits in Science. After numerous zappings and shockings, the children were able to complete the above tasks and produce working models of electrical circuits.
RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

On the 1st of March 2011, Year 10 students attended the Act 11 Respectful Relationships program. It was a program made by the government to raise awareness of different types of relationships for teenagers. We began the day by describing different types of abuse; it was interesting to watch and learn from the scenarios that were played out to pass the message through to us. After an entertaining show we dispatched into three different groups to go in-depth about relationships. Our leaders taught us many things about relationships and forms of abuse that can become apparent throughout different ways. We completed different activities that enhanced our knowledge of abusive relationships and how to deal with them. Next we learnt about how to have a healthy relationship and completed a range of tasks depicting healthy relationships. We ended the day with a fun activity in which we were required to perform a skit on healthy relationships. It was amazing to see the effort each group put into their performance; with one group actually writing a song about abusive relationships! Concluding, Yr 10 immensely enjoyed the day. We would all like to thank the crew at Act 11 Respectful Relationships for the time and effort they put into the day activities and would enjoy seeing them next year and the years to come.

By Mary Habashy and Isaac Narouz.

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Vision
Our vision is founded on the teachings of the Christian Coptic Orthodox faith. Hence creating a community like environment that is meaningful to people that share it, where everyone is respected as individuals and from which they have the opportunity to extend on life experiences, we seek to enrich the children's lives by providing a Christian based service.

FUN FITNESS ROUTINE

Great news! This week, all students will be participating in a fun fitness morning routine. This is to promote active and healthy lifestyles. It is also to help students become more active. Please ensure students eat a healthy breakfast not just a glass a milk but a wholesome breakfast such as toast with jam, cornflakes, eggs, crumpets or croissants.

BOOK WORMS

Book Worms is a site where students, teachers and parents can join in the fun of reading different books and discuss their opinions about the chosen book. About a month is given for each book. The first book is called Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian. Students please see Miss Separovic to set up an account. Parents can join in too by creating an account through www.wikispace.com.
Thank you to all the families who attended the eight wonderful weeks at Vacation Care and Youth Club your support is appreciated. We had eight new children start – Welcome to you all.

We appreciate your input - if you have any activities you would like us to try please let me know otherwise we will assume you are happy with the program.

It is very important to read the **Family Handbook and Registration Form** especially regarding excursion policies. All Policies are developed by the Committee to conform to accreditation requirements and always have the safety of your child as a priority.

**VC OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9.30am till 3.15pm

Office hours may vary please phone for an appointment.

### Diary Dates

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### New Enrolments:

Please phone for an Enrolment interview prior to Vacation Care. New children must have a minimum of two in-centre days and complete the evaluation before attending an excursion.

### PAYMENT OF FEES:

Fees must be paid weekly in advance. Prompt payment of fees is appreciated. **Outstanding fees must be paid before we can process the April VC registration form.** Please speak to me if you are having problems.

For your convenience you can pay directly into our account, please ensure you include the child’s first and last names as a reference.

- **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank
- **Branch:** Marrickville
- **BSB:** 062199
- **Account:** 10314179
- **Account Name:** Archangel Michael & St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church Vacation Care

We appreciate your commitment to the ongoing improvements at our Centre.

Annie Massey
Coordinator (Mob: 0416051487)

### ADVERTISEMENTS

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- Youth Club for Y7-Y10

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- Special events like “Disney on Ice” and the Circus

If you would like further information please
Contact the Coordinator - Annie Massey on 0416051487
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College serves the Coptic community of Western Sydney and other people who are supportive of its ethos. In order to better serve this community, we need the community to assist us where they are able. To this end, we ask that people who are willing to volunteer their skills to complete the following information, so that you may be added to our volunteer register.

Tick as appropriate:

Movement Day (Saturday, 19th March) □
Canteen assistance □
Thursday afternoon fundraising □
Mother’s Day Stalls □
Classroom assistance □
Fete work (Friday, 3rd June) □
Other suggestions:
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Name: ___________________________
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Please return the completed form to your child’s roll teacher.