Thanks go to all the parents, students and friends of the College who assisted with the movement of the library books and resources on Saturday, 19th March. There was a fantastic spirit of community on the day. Unfortunately, there are still a number of delays with the completion of the new secondary building. We hope that they are resolved in the holiday and that we will be moving in early in the term. Across the road, the Hall is also expected to be in use from Term 2. Keep praying! The new facilities will make a radical difference to our College, so we all await their opening anxiously. Furniture deliveries will be happening over the holidays.

The P and F have volunteered to run the new canteen, with a view to commencement of trading from early next term. We have been blessed with presence of a willing volunteer, with previous experience in canteen management, who has put up her hand to oversee the management of the canteen. She cannot do this on her own, or even with a few faithful assistants. P and F ownership of this project means that all profits will be returned to the College. If they are to be able to undertake this role successfully, they will need an army of volunteers to assist. If you are able to assist with the canteen, please leave your name and contact details with the office. Once again, a volunteer’s form is attached, if you wish to contribute to any area of College life.

The current car park arrangements will continue to apply next term, until such time as the playground is remodelled. We are attempting to provide supervision of the car park well past the starting time of 8:30am, to assist with any late arrivals, but we encourage everyone to try to arrive on time.

The College will once again host Japanese students for a cultural exchange, this time, early in November. Please consider hosting children. It is a wonderful experience for the host families and the visiting students. More details will be provided next term.

As always, your families are in my prayers. Have a happy and holy Easter. Enjoy your holidays. 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 2:30-3:00pm 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! The Winter uniform needs to be worn as of Term 2. Please get ready and buy anything missing.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We all want our students to be safe at all times. Please DO NOT approach any student under any circumstance. If you need to speak to any student, you MUST go to the school office first. This is to ensure both your safety and the safety of all students.

PRIMARY AWARDS

Pen Licences: Sarah Fenter 4K, Antonio Girgis 4K

Bronze

KH- Kyrollos Habashi

1J- Abdelmasih Polus, Steven Yousif, Jovan Popovic, Marie-Ann Girgis, Tatiana Salama, Silvana Jamous, Keriakos Mikhail, Christopher Sidaros, Karmen Georgi

3A- Matthew Tadros

6P- Yasmin Girges, George Kamel

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Whooping cough (sometimes called pertussis) is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness. In babies, the infection can sometimes lead to pneumonia and occasionally brain damage and can be even life threatening. Older children and adults can get whooping cough & can spread it to others, including babies.

**IDENTIFY symptoms**
- Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but stop breathing completely and turn blue. Other babies have difficulties feeding or they can choke and gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn't go away. In adults the cough commonly lasts 5-7 weeks, sometimes longer. In China, whooping cough is known as the 100-day cough! Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

**PREMIER READING CHALLENGE**
Premier Reading Challenge will be on again this year. Due to the fact that the library is still not ready, students who would like to take part in this challenge will be expected to go to their local library and borrow books from the PRC section.
A list of the books and the author’s name must to the librarian in Term 2. The deadline in about the PRC is 25th August, 2011.
Mrs Ishag
(Librarian)
A quick reminder of our monthly P and F meeting is being held on Monday 28th March at 8:30am. We would love for you to join us this month as we are getting ready for all our projects for this year and your help would make a great difference.

Also a big thankyou to all the volunteers we have so far helping with Thursday afternoon sports and various classroom activities. We couldn't do it without you all.

As discussed in the previous newsletter we are in need for several volunteers for various activities around the school, please consider filling out the volunteer form even if all you can commit to is one day a month your help would mean everything to the success of this years projects.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday. God Bless

VISION

This term, all the students had a visit from Dr Rania Sayegh who spoke to the students regarding eye sight. Take a look at the information below for more information about eye sight.
Children’s Vision

Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development and to help them reach their full learning potential. Many children continue to experience undetected and unnecessary vision problems and often they assume that how they see is normal.

*It is up to us, their teachers and parents, to be able to recognise the signs of a vision problem, and to help children look after their eyes.*

As part of the 2011 Optometrists Association Australia Children’s Vision campaign, we hope to help parents to detect potential vision problems in children early, and to teach children about their eyes and the importance of good vision.

**Recognising eye problems in children**

Symptoms of eye problems include:

- complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes
- delayed progress in reading ability
- a turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- poor hand-eye coordination in sports
- losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading

Contact us or your local optometrist for a copy of the Children's Vision Parent Guide or visit the website: [www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision](http://www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision)

Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children’s eyes be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately on observing any problems with their eyes or vision.
أهمية البصر الجيد -

إن الولد يتطلب الملاحظة هو أول شريك يمكنه اكتشاف علامات تشير إلى وجود مشكلة بصرية عند الطفل. وفيما يلي علامات قد تشير إلى وجود مشكلة بصرية:

- تعلم الطفل إلى طرف عينين ويفتقر إلى اليسار في الوسط.
- يتعلم الطفل عن طرفين، أو يتعلم نحو متكسر.
- إحصار العينين أو تجميعهما.
- حساسية في العينين.
- قطع العينين على نحو متكسر.
- صعوبة في التركيز.
- تحميل الرأس على نحو محتضن.
- ضغط العينين أو إطالة.
- صعوبة في إجراء القراءة.
- إضيق كلامات أو جمل في بعض الأحيان أثناء القراءة.
- التحدث بينين نصف مضمونين أثناء مشاهدة الكلفين أو الجدول على مفترق شديد.
- صعوبة في التعرف على أشخاص مألوفين من بعد.
- الشكوى من حكة في الرأس.
- الشكوى من ضعاف البصر أو إرهاق في البصر.

هذا ووجود مشاكل وأمراض أخرى ليست هناك أعراض واضحة كُنَّ على.

تذكر أن البصر حاسة عميقة، لذا ينبغي علينا إجراء فحوصات منتظمة للأطفال.

البصورة الجسدية للطفل يمكن أن يتضح من التمرين بين الحروف والكلمات، وتعمل القراءة. ويمكن أن تظهر مشاكل البصر وتؤثر كثيرًا على نمو الطفل من الناحية التعليمية والاجتماعية. ومشاكل البصر شائعة لدى الأطفال الذين يتنقلون بين المدرسة ومن الضريبي فحص عيونهم بصورة منتظمة. ومشاكل البصر الأكثر شيوعًا التي يعاني منها الأطفال بين المدرسة هي التي تؤثر على قدرتهم على القراءة بوضوح وحيدة، لكن يمكن أن تتسبب مشاكل البصر في تصبحها يكون سهلًا في العلاج.

ومن فوائد الدراسة من طبيب لمراجعة خبير في فحص العيون (optometrist)، ويتطلب

الفحص الفوري للعينين بواسطة خبير في فحص العيون للأطفال طبيعي والذين على نفقة الصغير.

هذا ويشير خبراء الفحص العيون في أستراليا من خبراء متعددين، ويتكونون للفصل المختلفة.

الحصول على عيون ورق هناف خبير ماهلي في فحص العيون يمكن إجراء فحوصات عيون باللغة العربية. ينبغي الاستعانة بالمختصات الجيدة في فحص العيون في أستراليا (بالنسبة إلى الرقم 96688903.03 (Optometrists Association Australia).

ويمكن أن تؤدي فحص العيون المساعد في الحصول على نظارات رخيصة الثمن لن تكون عبر

البرامج الحكومية للذوي الدخل المحدود.

ومن فوائد بعض الإرشادات المفيدة التي تساعد في حماية البصر الطفل:

- استخدام نظارات شمسية وقائية عريضة الألوار للمحافظة من أضرار الأشعة فوق البنفسجية.
- خاصة في الأماكن المكشوفة بين الساحة 10 صبحًا وواحدة تظهر،
- التدريب أو مراقبة نزول الكمبيوتر أو القيادة في غرفة من إمساك الإضاءة إعداد أقسام منتظمة من الراحة.
- تعديل ضعاف البصريات على مستوى البصر وتخفيف الضرر النظفي الصادم عن المصابين.

واللقاء
KIDS CORNER

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Joke

Why did the cockatoo sit on the clock?

So he would be on time.

ANGELOS CHILD CARE

Open 7am till 6pm
REBATE AVAILABLE
Fees start as low as $11.00 per day
Including ALL meals

53-59 Methven street Mount Druitt
PH: 96753320
Web site: www.angelosccc.vpweb.com.au
Email: angelosccc@stbishoy.org.au

PHILOSOPHY

We believe:
All people including children are unique regardless of cultural background or ability.
All people including children have the right to be respected and treated as equals and this is evident in the way that families and children see themselves reflected in the service daily.
That Early Childhood setting is an extension of the home life, where staff, families and children form a community to share visions and goals through active participation in the centre programme.
Developing links between centre, home and the local community provides valuable opportunities for young children to further question/theorise and engage with the world around them.
To play is to learn....to explore, experiment, create, challenge, question, fail, conquer, make sense of, discover.
The Early Childhood years are important. Children's experiences in the first years of life impact on their journey into adulthood.

MONASTERY

Peace and grace to you.
I would like to thank you, all the staff and the beautiful Kids of St.Bishoy Coptic College who visited us at the Monastery last Tuesday. We all enjoyed the presence of the Kids. They were very committed and very polite. We do appreciate your donations and your support to the Monastery.
You are always welcome to come to the Monastery even twice a year.
Please find attached few photos with the Kids.
Please acknowledge me upon receiving this email.
Thank you all and God bless you.
Bishop Anba Daniel
Bishop & Abbot of St Shenouda Monastery.
Sydney,Australia.
FIRST IN BEST DRESSED

There is a resort to rent at Forster 3.5 hour North of Sydney for a weekend $200.00 or the whole week for $600.00. Cleaning fees to be paid upon arrival ($39.00) flat rate.

This includes using all the facilities on site (tennis court, table tennis, lawn for a soccer games play area, giant trampoline swing for the kids) board games and balls also available, bike riding swimming pool, boat hiring for fishing or riding at a low rate half or full day.

The unit accommodates 6 people regardless of age. 2 bedroom fully equipped kitchen with microwave TV DVD BBQS in front of the units. All units are one story level. Close to shops beaches and parks.

Camp site also available with your own tent and use the same facilities. $20.00 per day. Cleaning fees to be paid upon arrival ($39.00) flat rate.
Available during the whole year excluding school holidays.
For booking please ring Eva on 0405 180533 after 3.30pm

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Mona’s Maths Tutoring

Years 7-10 (All Levels)
Years 11-12 (General, Mathematics & Ex 1)

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

$15 per hour (2 hr lessons)
VACATION CARE & Youth Club

New Weekend Office Hours for your convenience - read below!

**VC OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9.30am till 3.15pm [closed Thur 24/3 and Mon 28/3] Saturday 7pm-9pm and Sunday 11am-12.30pm for 3 weeks before/after VC Office hours may vary please phone for an appointment.

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.

April Vacation Care and Youth Club Program

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Prices based on CCB benefit of 70% or more. 2nd and 3rd child half cost of first child 4th child free.

April 2011 VC Dates:
- Week 1 = Monday 11th April till Friday 15th April 2011
- Week 2 = Monday 18th April till Thursday 21st April 2011 - Pascha
- Week 3 = Wednesday 27th April 2011

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.

Age Groups: The Vacation Care will follow the school academic year. Therefore in the April, July, Oct and Dec/Jan VC children will be in the same year as school for activities.

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)

Diary Dates
- Friday 11th March 2011  
  Registration Forms available for April 2011
- Monday 21st March 2011  
  Registration Forms due back
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