Principal's Message

Hello, everyone. I hope that everyone had a good break prior to Easter and a fulfilling and prayerful Passion Week and Easter. Many of our staff and students still appeared exhausted when they returned to school; it certainly is a demanding, but most rewarding time in the Christian calendar. For the past two years we have had the rather unusual occurrence of the Western and Eastern Easters coinciding. In the years ahead, the Easter dates will be widely separated, meaning that we will have to make special arrangements, differing from other schools in the independent sector. In our planning we will try to match all public school holidays, while trying to provide a break in Passion Week and the week after Easter.

Thanks go to all the parents, students and friends of the College who assisted with the movement of the desks, chairs and lockers on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the recent holiday. Once again, there was a fantastic spirit of community on these days. We managed to procure over three hundred near new chairs and desks, generously donated by Brigidine College. We also picked up 138 lockers from OLMC Parramatta as well as a number of computer benches and thank this College for their generosity. In the coming weeks we will continue to source additional furniture items for our students and staff, so that when we move into the new facilities they will be well stocked.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of delays with the completion of the new secondary building, most of them centred on Braille signage for disabled access. The signs have been ordered and we hope that the finishing touches can be applied to the building shortly. Then, we will be able to start the significant task of remodelling the playground. Across the road, the Hall is progressing well and is expected to be in use some time this term. Keep praying! The new facilities will transform our College, so we all await their opening anxiously.

The P and F have volunteered to run the new canteen, with a view to commencement of trading some time this term. We have been blessed with the 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 this 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 in coming weeks.

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 2:30-3:00pm 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!

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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.

**P & F**

We would like to welcome all the parents, teachers and students back from what we hope was a wonderful Easter break.

We have a lot happening this term, this coming week we have our Mother's Day stalls running Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As I'm sure you are all aware items do sell fast so get in quick.

Regarding the primary school bathrooms you will all now notice new soap and toilet paper dispensers and in the coming weeks the bathrooms will be re-painted bright and fun colours for the kids. On a sad note however the bathrooms continue to be open on the weekend and as a result these resources are not being cared for. I urge ALL parents to lock these facilities during the weekend to reduce the mess and amount of breakages occurring.

The canteen, I am sure you have all noticed is not ready to open. Father Botros assures me that as soon as the funds are available the fit out for the canteen will happen. Your prayers in this matter would be greatly appreciated. We also still require volunteers in the day to day running of the canteen.

Also a new change, every Tuesday a member from the P&F will be at the school if there is anything the parents wish to discuss.

God Bless
PRIMARY AWARDS

Pen Licences: 4K- Bishoy Bakhoum and Martina Philopos 5S- Timothy Latai, Peter Ayad, Riley Ferrett and Amanda Polus

Bronze
KH Joy Sayegh, Maxious Bulis, Rediet Deiedegn, Youliana Hanna, Christina Bolis, Marina Daoud and Rebecca Cooper
KR Katerina Said, Jasmin Kalifih, Michael Kamel, Swayam Kumar, Mina Milad, Heaven Michael
1J Gerges Fouad, Andrew Habashi, Mark Makram, Augustine Guirguis, Sarah Youssif, Martina Boktor
2O Mark Anthony Awadalla
3AG Matthew Tadros
6P Katrin Farag, Stephanie Yousif, Phebie Haroun

Silver
3G Stella Yousif

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WORK SAMPLE

WOW!! Look at this artwork. George Kamel from 6P created this artwork all in texta. What a talented young man.

![Artwork Image]
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

Great Advantages!

Secure premises with security system in place at all times, Close to schools, Close to shops, Close to public transport, The childcare centre is located on a no through road, We are not situated on a main road, Brand new equipment.

When hiring our staff we look at the following:

Qualifications, Experience in childcare, Caring attitude, Commitment to provide high quality developmental programs, Confidence and enthusiasm.

The centre is equipment to cater for the individual child’s needs. Our staff have experience working with children with additional needs. Staff regularly attend In-services to further develop their knowledge and creativity skills.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

At the end of last term, Kindergarten went to Featherdale Wildlife Park as part of their Science unit ‘Growing Up’. Thank you to Mrs Ferrett who came along and helped out with the students. The students learned a lot about animals and had the opportunity to touch the kangaroos. They also touched a variety of other animals in the Learning Area at the Park as well. Everyone had a great day!
ANZAC DAY

On Friday the 29th of April, the whole school participated in an ANZAC Day Ceremony to remember the soldiers who died for us. K-12 were all great during this time. We would like to thank all the teachers and students for participating.

CONDOLENCES

Unfortunately over the Easter break, Mrs George’s brother had passed away. The school sent representatives to offer their condolences as the funeral was on Friday the 29th of April. We pray that her and her family are well.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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)
What a wonderful two weeks of Vacation Care - the new activities included a very educational "Dog Safety" workshop, an action packed day at the "Sun Herald Family Show", Laser Tag combined with Bowling and the annual chicken hatchings. The children also participated in the Pascha as we celebrated Easter.

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.

New Weekend Office Hours for your convenience - read below!

VC OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9.30am till 3.15pm
Saturday 7pm-9pm and Sunday 11am-12.30pm for 3 weeks before VC
Office hours may vary please phone for an appointment.

VC OFFICE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2011 REOPENS MONDAY 16TH MAY 2011

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.

SPECIAL EVENT – DISNEY ON ICE – Wednesday July 13th 2011 - Please see Annie for details and bookings

Diary Dates

Friday 27th June 2011 Registration Forms available for July 2011
Monday 6th June 2011 Registration Forms due back

July 2011 VC Dates:
Week 1 = Monday 27th June till Friday 1st July 2011 St Bishoy and private schools
Week 2 = Monday 4th July till Friday 8th July 2011 Public schools start
Week 3 = Monday 11th July till Friday 15th July 2011
Week 4 = Monday 18th July 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/J an 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)
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:

- Canteen assistance
- Thursday afternoon fundraising
- Mother’s Day Stalls
- Classroom assistance
- Fete work (Friday, 3rd June)
- Other suggestions:

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Name: ___________________________
Phone: __________________________
Mobile: __________________________
Email: __________________________

Please return the completed form to your child’s roll teacher.