Principal’s Message

Hello, everyone. It has proven to be a busy start to the term, as per usual. We have already had the College Liturgy (K-12) and the Athletics Carnival (3-12).

The behaviour and spirit of the children during the Liturgy deserves the highest commendation. Their singing, in particular, was most inspiring, appropriately reflecting the joys of the Season. As always, we thank Fr. Botros and Fr. Gabriel for their generous participation in the College’s spiritual program. We are truly blessed to have the involvement of the Coptic clergy and the Consecrated Sisters within our College, catering to the needs of our children and enriching their education.

The Athletics Carnival was a great success, with high levels of participation and some excellent individual performances. It was great to see a number of parents there to support their children. Many thanks go to the P and F for their assistance with the catering on the day. Miss Macri, as is always the case, did a tremendous job with the organisation and was ably assisted by all of the other staff in attendance. Mr. Chris Anschau, head of the Parramatta Diocese Secondary Schools Sports Council, once again generously volunteered his services to assist on the day. He has been a true friend of the College and his support and the support of the PDSSSC is most appreciated.

The continued delays with the new building are a source of frustration to all. We await funding from the government that was promised in December to complete the project. Hopefully we will receive this funding soon. Across the road, the Hall is progressing well and is expected to be in use some time this term. All funding for this building has been allocated, so there are no impediments to its progression to completion. Keep praying! The new facilities will transform our College, so we all await their opening anxiously.

The College Diary is an important tool for communication between the College and home. Please check your child’s diary on a regular basis and sign to indicate receipt of information. School uniform has significant impact on student behaviour. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed in school uniform – this includes the College bag. If this is not possible for legitimate reasons on any given day, please provide a note for your child explaining why they are not able to be in uniform. This greatly assists the teachers and can avoid embarrassment for the child.

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. It is most important that our children learn punctuality and responsibility. Assist your children to be appropriately organised so that they can arrive at school before 8:30am.

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! If a skivvy is worn under the uniform, it must be the same colour as the uniform being worn.

**P & F**

We would like to thank all who assisted in the running of the Mother's Day stall this year and of course a BIG thank you to all the parents and children who made the stall such a success.

Just a quick reminder to you all that the P and F will be present every Tuesday during school hours. Each of you are welcome to come and speak with us about any concerns or questions you may have during this time.

The update on our next fundraising project is, the P and F are proud to be working alongside the SRC regarding all fundraising efforts run within the school. We will be keeping you posted on any fundraising event via the newsletter.

Regarding our next project we are currently looking at hosting a chocolate drive whilst there is no fasting on at the moment, the best way you can help is to buy and sell as much yummy chocolate as possible. More information regarding the chocolate drive will be sent home with the children.

Please pray for us to raise as much money as possible to achieve more for our school and our community.

God Bless

**SPEECH**

Are you concerned about your child’s speech development?

If so, then Mt Druitt Community Health Centre can assist you. Mt Druitt Community Health will provide information workshops for parents of children who are in need of speech pathology. The workshops are approximately 2 hours, and will include information on normal development of speech and language, as well as games and strategies to help your child’s communication. Workshops take place at Mt Druitt Community Health Centre, Cnr Kelly and Buran Close, Mt Druitt.

Your will need to phone to book a place by contacting Speech Pathology: Ph: (02) 9881 1200. Childcare facilities are available at all workshops.

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PRIMARY AWARDS

Week 2 Awards
Pen Licence: Daniel Sewiha (4K)

Bronze: Andrew Youssif (KR), Timothy Michael (KR), Philopatir Khalil (KR), Elbrat Nissan (3AG), Mary Yassa (3AG), Nahren Mihkael (3AG), Philopater Shaker (3AG), Farah Yowakem (3G), Daniel Bishay (3G) and Michael Daoud (6P).

Silver: Elaria Hanna (6P)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

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HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students who have received KLA Awards
Marina Hanna Yr 7 Maths
Mina Yousif Yr 8 Maths
Gabriel Jabout Yr 9 Maths
Elary Mikhail Yr 9 Maths
Kirolos Farag Yr 9 Maths
Nadine Raffaell Yr 12 Maths
Ibram Saleeb Yr 2 Maths
Isaac Narouz Yr 12 Maths

Bronze Merit Award
Isaac Narouz

KIDS CORNER

Sudoku

Hint: Each of the four rows and columns of the large square must have one of each number: 1, 2, 3, and 4

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Joke

TEACHER: Where is South America?
PUPIL: I don't know.
TEACHER: Where is Greenland?
PUPIL: I don't know.
TEACHER: Where is Bulgaria?
PUPIL: I don't know.
TEACHER: Look them up in your textbook.
PUPIL: I don't know where that is, either.
SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school has a website! Check it out on http://www.stbishoy.nsw.edu.au. There are links to College photos of different events as well as a calendar and much more. New content is added including these newsletters so check it out 😊

3-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday the 13th of May, Year 3-12 participated in the School Athletics Carnival. The students travelled to Blacktown Olympic Park by bus and completed a variety of activities such as races of course as well as Tug-of-War and Long jump. Students had a great day and we were lucky that the weather was good too.

Thank you to Mr Stoneburner for taking these pictures 😊

YEAR 8 CAMP

On Monday, Year 8 went to Merroo Christian Centre for a camp. As soon as we arrived there, we unpacked, sat down and talked for a bit then prayed before we had morning tea. Right after that, we went outside. Some students played soccer and others played basketball. Then we went canoeing after having lunch. Almost everyone was disgusted at the water but we still went in. After a bit, we went on the water slides. The water was extremely cold but the slide itself was fun. Then we watched a movie after dinner at 6 o’clock. Then Mr Zaki and Mrs Narouz, ate dinner with us and Mr Stephenson came when we were playing ‘Who wants to be a christianaire’, something like ‘who wants to be a millionaire’. Mrs Narouz and Mr Zaki then left but Mr Stephenson slept at the camp site with us. After we finished, the boys went into their rooms and the girls went into theirs. It was pretty hard to put us to sleep but we slept for a few hours. The next day it was raining and it was cold so we couldn’t really go outside but we played in the indoor hall. Then we played for a few hours, packed our bags and then we came back to school around 3:15 pm.

BY MONICA M. HANNA

Thank you to Mr Shenouda for providing these pictures 😊
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

On Tuesday the 17th of May, the whole school participated in a blessed Mass. The Mass was a success! Students and teachers enjoyed the Holy Mass with the peaceful prayers of Father Botros, the College Director. Mr Stephenson, the College Principal also joined us and we were all so pleased that we were all united as one to pray to God. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holy Mass.

PARENT TIP

RESPECT: It is amazing to see how well mannered children can be. Saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ are all ways of showing respect to others. We are currently teaching students the value of ‘putting others before self” meaning putting others before ourselves. This is not only a form of respect but also a great teaching Jesus has demonstrated to us. Students are showing this on the playground by playing together and helping each other when in need. It is great to see the children live the value and showing adults alike how to care for each other and respect each other as respect isn’t just for ‘elders’ but everyone alike as we are all equal. As parents, when we demonstrate respect to others, our children also follow in our footsteps.

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

VACANCIES EVERY DAY FOR ALL AGES, ALL MEALS PROVIDED, FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED STAFF
OPEN 7AM TIL 6PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Upcoming events:
Healthy Harold 17th May
Teddy bears picnic/PJ day Tuesday 24th (may come dressed in your pj’s with your favourite teddy bear)
2 FREE DAYS ON ENROLLMENT
*CONDITIONS APPLY

ABSENCES

If your child is away for any reason, please call the school office so they can notify the class teacher. Following the absence of your child, please provide an absent note explaining why they were absent that day. This note is a legal requirement. Thank you for your cooperation.
VACATION CARE & Youth Club

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

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.

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.

Diary Dates
Friday 27th May 2011  Registration Forms available for June/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/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)
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
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
- Classroom assistance
- Fete work
- Other suggestions:
  ______________________________________
  ______________________________________
  ______________________________________

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

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