Monday, 14th of November 2011

Important Dates

**November**
- Mon 21: Year 6 Graduation
- Tues 22: Year 12 formal

**December**
- Thur 1: Carols by Candlelight
- Wed 7: Primary Presentation Day
  - Last Day of Term 4

**2012 start dates**
- Mon 31 Jan: Year 1-Year 12 commence
- Tues 1 Feb: New 2012 Kindergarten
  - Students start school

What a great few weeks we have had! We have had a variety of events take place throughout the last couple of weeks. Book Week was a success! Thank you to the teachers who were involved and to all the students who participated in the organised activities. We would also like to thank the students who donated books to the school library, it is greatly appreciated.

The swim school has also been ongoing and the students have been wonderful. It is great to see how enthusiastic the students have been about swimming and see their swimming skills improve over the last few weeks.

We all consider the safety of our students. Part of that includes the car park. Please ensure you park in the lower end of the car park of an afternoon as it is safer. This is for the safety of all students. Also, when walking through the car park please ensure you have a firm hold of your children at all times. Do not walk behind reversing vehicles as they may not see you. Please inform your children that any ball games should not take place near any car park area. Again this is to emphasise the safety of our children.

If you need to discuss any matter with a teacher, please write it in the diary or make an appointment with the classroom teacher through the diary as it can sometimes it can be difficult to speak to the teachers after school. Teachers have a duty of care to the students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

God bless,
Miss Rezk
Acting K-2 Coordinator

**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

Please notify the school office of any changes of personal details including name changes, addresses, phone numbers or emergency contacts. This is to ensure that we can contact you in case of emergencies and so the school reports are sent to the correct addresses.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Take a look at our school website! The website has many links. There are photos, the year’s calendar as well as many other areas. Take a look [http://www.stbishoy.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stbishoy.nsw.edu.au), you may even see a picture of yourself on there 😊

**SICK**

Please note: If your son or daughter is sick, do not send them to school as other students may get sick or even the teachers! Please seek medical advice if your child is unwell. 😷 If your child is absent due to sickness, please provide a note the following day for your classroom teacher.
PRIMARY AWARDS

Term 4 Week 4- Merit Awards
Bronze: Sarah Marie Assaf (5S), Marc Del Pilar (3AG).
Silver: Elaine Massaquoi (2O), Joseph Gobran (2O), Daniel Abdelmaseih (2O), Emmanuel Cooper (2O), Maria Michael (2O), Eleanor Yassa (6AW), Ellyana Yassa (6AW), Daniel Wasif (6AW), Kirillos Nakhla (6AW).
Gold: Heaven Michael (KR), Marylin Nazir (KR), Phlipatir Khalil (KR), Swayam Kumar (KR), Mina Milad (KR), Parthenia Salama (KR), Andrew Youssef (KR), Kyrollos Habashi (KH), Christina Bolis (KH), Youliana Hanna (KH), Maximeus Bulis (KH), David Bulis (KH), Marina Daoud (KH), Binetta Binoy (KH), Philomena Daoud (3G), Mehraty Mechael (3G), Angelina Mikhail (3G), Phlipater Shaker (3AG), Jayson Ibrahim (3AG), Marina Rushdy (3AG), Youhanna Yowakem (3AG), Marina Guirguis (3AG), Nahrem Mikhael (3AG), Raafat Ibrahim (5S), Daniella Gobran (5S), Angela Popovic (5S), Olivia Daoud (5S), Veronica Pelipos (5S), Patrick Mankarious (5S), Bishoy Kamal (5S), Abraam Boktor (5S), Mathew Tawdrous (5S), Fibronia Abdelshahid (5S), Veronica Bakhkhoum (6AW), Monica Basta (6AW), Andrew Habashy (6AW).

Pen Licence: Kyrillos Matta, Jerome Yassa, Atkin Nissan and George Odeh

Week 4- Academic Awards

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LIBRARY BOOKS

It is nearly the end of the year and all library books are due back by Thursday 17th November. If your child is going on holidays before this date please make sure to return all books before leaving. No students will be able to borrow any books for the rest of this year as from Thursday 10th November.
Mrs Ishag

COLLEGE MASS

On Tuesday the 1st of November, K-11 students attended the Holy Mass led by Father Botros, the College Director. Well done to all the students who participated and prayed together in unity. It was a lovely service.
YEAR 5 POEMS

Love

Love is everywhere, it's after and before death. It's a part of us, and who we are today.

Veronica Pelipos

A Mate Can Do No Right

A mate can do no right whether drinking a coke or drinking a sprite.

They might be kind or they might start a fight, that's why a mate can do no right.

Even in London, Even in France, They can't do right with ants in their pants!

Timothy Latai

KIDS CORNER

Sudoku

Joke

What kind of hair do oceans have?

“Wavy”

SCIENCE ALIVE!

Dear Parent/caregiver,

As part of the Science program at St Bishoy, the use of Australian animals and plants occurs to a great extent. It is our belief that students should be aware of the organisms that occur in their “own backyard” and so the science teachers use the native species for biology topics.

In order to shift the focus from a bookwork approach, students deal with real and sometimes live animals. This generates excitement and a greater depth of learning and knowledge. Students become active learners at school and at home. At the same time safety awareness is taught. Learning to look after God’s creatures is most important to us and to our environment.

On Saturday November 19 Mr Shadie, Mrs Natasha Shadie (a renowned expert on Australian invertebrates) and Mr Jason Shadie will be at St Bishoy College giving all students a lesson on giant spiders, scorpions, giant Australian cockroaches, centipedes and giant stick insects. All of the animals are alive! So come along and see what part of St Bishoy Science education is all about.

Anthony Shadie

Head Teacher Science
You’re Invited!

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt 28:11)

When: 19th November 2011
Where: Arch Angel Michael & St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church at 59 Methven Street, Mount Druitt
Time: 10am-4pm

Outreach is a service used to serve communities ranging from different cultures, race, age and denominations. We seek sponsors to provide more help and comfort in homes that are less fortunate than we are.

The money raised will go towards things such as beds, clothing, food, fridges and so forth, the simple necessities that are everyday essentials. There will be a Sausage sizzle, drinks, jumping castle, face painting, Disney guests, Garage sale and much, much more!

Together we help and through God, we serve those in need!

CAR SAFETY

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have shown great care when entering the school grounds. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our children is of the utmost importance. Again, we please ask that you do not park in the top car park area for safety reasons. Also, if you are in your vehicle and another car is parking beside you, you must close your car door in order for the other vehicle to park with care.

If you are walking to your car, please have a firm hold of your children and do not walk behind moving vehicles. Please be very careful when you are around cars and ensure your children do not play with balls near the car park area.

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
40km/h school zones
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during the NSW Government-determined school terms.


Gazetted school term dates can be found on the RTA website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Western Division

A small number of schools in the Western Division of NSW commence the school year one week later than schools in the remainder of the state.

Non-standard 40km/h school zone times

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a $150 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points.

Overview of the 40km/h school zone:

- Red signs indicate the school zone.
- Minimum fine for speeding in a school zone is $150.
- Minimum loss of demerit points is 2.

Dragons' teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Laws and penalties for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone

- 10km/h or under: $150, 2 demerit points
- More than 10km/h but less than 20km/h: $271, 4 demerit points
- More than 20km/h but less than 30km/h: $451, 5 demerit points
- More than 30km/h but less than 45km/h: $672, 6 demerit points
- More than 45km/h: $1,987, 7 demerit points

These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

If you exceed 40km/h in a school zone, you may be charged with:

- $150 fine
- 2 demerit points

School Term Dates 2011 - 2014

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Minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone.

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For more information, visit the NSW RTA website.
ADVERTISEMENTS

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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VACATION CARE & Youth Club

VC OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9.30am till 3.15pm and some Fridays
Office hours may vary please phone for an appointment
www.stbishoy.nsw.edu.au to download registration and enrolment forms

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* New National Government Regulations come into effect on 1st January 2012, therefore the fee structure is under review.
* All activities will proceed as planned subject to minimum number of children attending.
* All Enrolment forms must be updated when Registration form is returned to VC office.
* Please contact Centrelink and register for Childcare Rebate (CCR)
  If you are eligible CCR enables you to claim 50% of the daily rate per child (capped at $7,000 per child per year)

VC Centre Day Fee is $50 per child per day plus Activity see information below regarding DISCOUNTS

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Families who are “UNREGISTERED” with Centrelink add $50 per child per day

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**Vacation Care & Youth Club - December 2011**

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| Week 5 | | Aqua Games (bring change of clothes) | In Centre | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Tues | 3rd Jan | Aqua Games (bring change of clothes) | In Centre | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Wed  | 4th Jan | K-Y4 Starkids & "Overflow" at Olympic Park (bring change of clothes/towel/plastic bag) | Out | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Thur | 5th Jan | "SANTA" & puzzles | In Centre | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Week 6 | | | | | | |
| Mon  | 9th Jan | K-Y4 Monkey Mania | Out | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Tues | 10th Jan | K-Y4 Go Carting | In Centre | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Wed  | 11th Jan | Sydney Aquarium & "Darling Quarter" | Out | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.
| Thurs| 12th Jan | Master chef (pizza) & Jewellery Making | In Centre | New National Government Regulations come into effect as of 1st January 2012 therefore fees for this period are under review. **NOTE:** We have been providing a significant discount to parents to date; we will do the best we can to keep costs down.

\[237x394] \& Youth Club

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\[36x738] Week 1

\[36x720] Thur

\[69x720] 8th Dec

\[237x394] Christmas Plaster Craft

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x702] Fri

\[69x702] 9th Dec

\[237x394] Soccer Workshop

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x685] Week 2

\[36x667] Mon

\[69x667] 12th Dec

\[237x394] Jewellery Making with Jeanette

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x650] Tues

\[69x650] 13th Dec

\[237x394] Wheels Day(Bring bike/scooter/blades/board)

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x632] Wed

\[69x632] 14th Dec

\[237x394] Calmsley City Farm

\[333x394] Out

\[36x614] Thur

\[69x614] 15th Dec

\[237x394] Christmas Pillowcase (Design & Make)

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x597] Fri

\[69x597] 16th Dec

\[237x394] AMF Bowling/Laser and Park

\[333x394] Out

\[36x585] Week 3

\[36x561] Mon

\[69x561] 19th Dec

\[237x394] "Tell Tales" Christmas Puppet show & workshop

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x544] Tue

\[69x544] 20th Dec

\[237x394] Christmas Pillowcase (Design & Make) or Cards

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x526] Wed

\[69x526] 21st Dec

\[237x394] Don Bosco Indoor Sports Centre

\[333x394] Out

\[36x509] Thurs

\[69x509] 22nd Dec

\[237x394] "Fishing Adventures" (catch & release)

\[333x394] Out

\[36x491] Fri

\[69x491] 23rd Dec

\[237x394] Sandtastic Art or Jewellery Making

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x473] Week 4

\[36x456] Wed

\[69x456] 28th Dec

\[237x394] Kites – design, make and fly

\[333x394] In Centre

\[36x438] Thur

\[69x438] 29th Dec

\[237x394] Aqua Golf

\[333x394] Out

\[36x421] Fri

\[69x421] 30th Dec

\[237x394] Jumping Castle (10.30am)

\[333x394] Out
Diary Dates

Friday 11th Nov 2011  Registration Forms available for December 2011 and January 2012
Monday 19th Dec 2011  Jan 2012 Registration Forms due back (if only attending January VC)
Fees to be paid weekly in advance.

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.
Children starting school in January 2012 can attend in VC in December 2011 – conditions apply.

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.

Friendly Reminders Regarding VC Policies:
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.

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

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