Hello everyone. It has been a busy, but productive, start to the new school year. I would like to highlight a number of recent events and their significance.

The Year 7 Camp was a great success and I would like to thank Mrs Narouz for her efforts and for her organisational skills, which ensured the smooth running of the event. Mrs Narouz was ably assisted by Mrs Helou, Miss Sampson and Mr Joseph, to whom we also express our gratitude. It was most unfortunate that all of Year 7 did not attend. I encourage all parents to let your children attend these events. They are a vital component of your children’s education. The children who did attend had a sensational time and learnt a lot from their experiences.

Miss Macri organised and ran a fantastic swimming carnival. Again, our thanks go to Miss Macri and the team of teachers from Years 3 to 12 who assisted her with this event.

I was especially proud of our senior students who willingly assisted and cared for the younger students on the day. There was a great sense of community evident, making it a wonderful celebration of the spirit of the College, whereby the support and appreciation of everyone’s efforts was truly appreciated. Everyone who competed was a winner! On a sadder note, it still disappoints me that a number of parents openly sanction their children’s non-participation in this and similar events organised by the College. Everyone is the poorer for their absence and I would ask parents who have this disposition to reconsider their attitude.

The orientation evening was well attended. It is our hope that the information presented on the evening helps all parents to be well informed about their children’s educational programs and about school policies and procedures. Thank you to all attendees. For those who were unable to attend, please ensure that you read any material that is disseminated to your child in subsequent days. A number of misperceptions about the relative performance of our College were addressed on the evening. Our school is doing very well. Please be active and vocal in your defence and promotion of our College.

Our secondary students attended the first term liturgy today. They were exceptionally well behaved and most reverent in their worship. The wonderful spirituality encouraged by the College should not be underestimated when considering the worth of your child’s total education. We are helping to shape the community of the future. I thank Fr Botros for the strength of his leadership and guidance. We are truly blessed with his presence and the presence of the ordained sisters within our college community.

The construction of our playground is still delayed because of rain. We need about 2 weeks of dry weather to complete this project. The Church and school have both suffered as a result of the torrential downpours we have experienced. The drainage associated with the playground project should help to alleviate many of the problems we are experiencing. Please pray for some dry weather!

The school is looking to reinvigorate the P and F, with many of the parents who have carried the load over recent years having moved on. If you are able to assist, please become involved. We thank the many parents and friends of the College who have given so much of their time and talents to help in so many areas. This is your school. Your involvement sends an important message to your children about the worth of their education. If you would like to become involved in this endeavour, please contact Mrs Awadalla.

We are in a position that now allows us to expand in numbers. Growth is critical for the College’s survival. This expansion can allow us to procure better resources for our children. If you are happy with the College tell your family and friends; if you are not happy tell us, so that we can respond to your concerns. We must work together to build up our College. Our children deserve no less.

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

Rob Stephenson
College Principal
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.

UNIFORM

😊 What a great start to the year! Thank you to all the students who are wearing their uniform with pride. It is great to see so many students wearing their uniforms correctly and representing the school in such a positive light. A reminder of the uniform requirements is shown below.

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Please ensure that hair is not dyed and hair extensions are not inserted during the school terms.

This is what the uniform should look like on the students 😊

If there is a uniform breach, the classroom teacher will notify you through the school diary.

SCHOOL DIARIES

You may have noticed that the students now have new school diaries. They have everything students need in them so please encourage your children to keep them in their school bags at all times.
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Joke

Why is it hard to play cards in the jungle?

‘There are too many cheetahs!’

3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday the 17th of February, the students participated in the annual College Swimming Carnival. The students had a great time and it was great to see so many people get into the spirit of the carnival and cheer for other students.
BUDDIES!!

We welcome the new Kindergarten students by giving them Year 6 buddies. It is great to see how much they help the Kindergarten students and guide them in their new school. There are more photos on the website 😊

PARENT TIPS

Filling Lunchboxes

The school day is a busy day, filled with learning and of course playing with friends in the playground at lunchtime.

It is important we give our kids sufficient food to fuel their minds and bodies.

We need to include a well balanced diet focusing mainly on protein and carbohydrates.

Here are some lunch suggestions:

* Wholegrain tuna and salad sandwich
* Ham, cheese and tomato sandwich
* Chicken and salad wrap
* Pasta with meat and cheese

Include a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or fruit yoghurt and a bottle of water and you have a complete meal. These types of food help our kids to concentrate and have the energy to complete a full school day.

Five New Ways to Praise Your Child......................

* Excellent
* Great
* Good
* Neat
* Well Done

* Remember, a smile is worth 1,000 words!

1K

Look what 1K is up to!

The students learn actions to represent punctuation marks and Mrs Kelly is wearing a cool reading hat! Year One look like they are having a lot of fun 😊
Thank you to all the families who attended the eight wonderful weeks at Vacation Care and Youth Club your support is appreciated.

We had 16 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.

**PARENT & CARERS MEETING**

**When:** Sunday 11th March 2012  
**Where:** Arabic Church  
**Time:** 12 noon

**Agenda:** To inform and discuss with parents and carers
- new National Regulations (effective 1.1.2012)
- Fee structure
- anything you want clarified

If you have anything you would like discussed please contact Annie (0416051487) or Father Gabriel (0411555195) so we can add it to the Agenda
email: stbishoyvc@gmail.com

**Diary Dates**

Friday 10th March 2011  
Registration Forms available for April 2011

Sunday 11th March 2011  
Parent & Carers Meeting in Arabic Church at 12 noon

Monday 19th March 2011  
Registration Forms due back with payment

**April 2011 VC Dates:**
- Week 1 = Tuesday 10th April 2012 to Thursday 12th April 2012
- Friday 13th April 2012 – Coptic Good Friday – CENTRE CLOSED
- Week 2 = Monday 16th April till Friday 20th April 2011
- Week 3 = Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April 2012 – St Bishoy Coptic College only

**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:** 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)
On Sunday 4th March at Penrith Panthers exhibition marquee, there will be a reptile and spider expo. There will be some really great displays and the chance to talk to experts who keep and breed reptiles and spiders. Natasha Shadie will have a large number of Australian tarantulas for sale. Family entry is $25 or individual children $5.
For more information go to www.hawkesburyherps.com.au

Mr A. Shadie

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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.
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For booking please ring Eva on 0405 180533 after 3.30pm