Hello, everyone. It’s been a very busy term. I hope that the holidays, which are much needed in many cases, will be a time of great fun and relaxation for our children and that they will return ready for a solid term’s work to cap off what I hope will have been a most successful year.

Our Year 12 students begin their HSC examinations after the holidays (or should I say study break?) and we wish them well. We hope that the results obtained will reflect the hard work that has gone into preparation and that they will truly shine in their HSC examinations. Even now, significant improvements can be made and students are encouraged to redouble their efforts. As a community we should pray for their success and their futures beyond the sanctity of the College. We wish them well.

Over the coming week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will receive their NAPLAN results in the mail. This can be a stressful time for students and their parents. From the College’s perspective, the most important thing to be looking at is the effort that your child is making. If a child is making their best possible effort we should be pleased, irrespective of the results achieved. We can always work at improving results if a child is cooperative and motivated. By contrast, there will be a number of students achieving strong results who have not worked to their potential and we should encourage these students to strive to achieve results more commensurate with their ability. Parents are reminded that the NAPLAN results are simply a snapshot of results achieved in one test and are not necessarily reflective of the work done on a regular basis. I restate the College’s intention to not specifically train students to perform for the NAPLAN tests, but rather to focus on the teaching of the full curriculum, to best prepare students for their futures.

The students have enjoyed the extra recreational facilities available now that the playground is now operational. We are still hoping to have a wonderful open day to formally recognise the construction of the new buildings and the completion of the playground facilities and are awaiting news of the availability of the various politicians and dignitaries who need to attend the formal commissioning of the site.

Now that the playground is operational, the car park area has been returned to its intended use. It is a car park again! Some remodelling of the car park will take place to create a designated drop-off and pick-up zone to improve safety and ease of movement. In the interim, we appeal to your continued patience and vigilance to ensure the safety of our children. We once again ask that all learner drivers avoid the car park completely in the interest of safety.

Fr Botros is currently in China, overseeing the purchase of equipment to fit out the second science laboratory, the commercial kitchen and the workshops. This was made possible through a state government grant that we recently received. Depending on the success of the trip, and how much money is saved, we are hoping to make a number of other improvements to the College. We owe Fr Botros a great debt of gratitude for his tireless work on behalf of the College.

We were also able to recently access a significant grant for literacy and numeracy in a Federal partnership. This will allow us to purchase many valuable additional resources for the College that will further enhance our ability...
to deliver quality education to our children. Mrs Jørgensen does some amazing work in this area, helping the school to access these much needed funds to assist in these overarching curriculum needs, and we thank her for her efforts.

The canteen has proven to be a great success with students. We are in urgent need of volunteers to assist in the canteen. The canteen will be operating at recess and lunch times, for secondary and primary, Monday to Friday. Help is needed from approximately 10am to 3am. If you are able to volunteer some time on any days, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please leave your details in the office.

I would like to thank parents for their support of the College, in particular those who have taken the time to pass on suggestions for improvement. We try to act on the suggestions provided to continually improve our College. It is only through a strong partnership between the Church, the home and the College that we are able to appropriately respond to our children’s needs. The College needs to continue to grow and we ask that you encourage your family and friends to support the College.

It is pleasing to see that a number of families have returned to the College after stints elsewhere. A number of families have enrolled their children for the first time. Our numbers have grown steadily throughout the year. We wish our returning families and our new families every success at St Bishoy’s. We are here to assist all families. Please do not hesitate to seek our assistance whenever it is needed. Our families are our best advertisement. Once again I ask you to let your family and friends know about the College, so that we can continue to grow and offer even better educational outcomes for our children.

Change is always difficult, particularly when a teacher we respect and admire moves on to another school. We thank Mr Oen for nearly five years of outstanding service at the College and wish him every success in his new endeavours. While he will prove difficult to replace, we are confident that God will continue to provide for our College through the prayers of St Bishoy.

For the first three weeks of next term, I will be taking long service leave to assist my recovery from a number of the health issues that have plagued me for the past eighteen months. I am making a good recovery and I hope that this extra break will help me to get back to where I would like to be health-wise. My thanks go to the many community members who have enquired as to my health. During my absence, Mrs Awadalla will be acting Principal. Please support her in her role as you have so willingly supported me.

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

Mr Stephenson
College Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2013 AND OTHER ENROLMENTS
The College has limited spots for new Kindergarten enrolments 2013 and other years. Please contact the school office for an application or visit the school website at http://www.stbishoy.nsw.edu.au for the downloadable application form.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP
The College Uniform Shop will be open on: Tuesday 8.30 am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm, Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm and Saturday 7pm to 8pm. Please note: The yellow sport uniform will no longer be worn by students next year, 2013. Students must wear the new blue sport uniform.
Dear parents,

We will be using a new SMS system to enquiry as to why your child is absent (away). We will be messaging you and asking why your child is away rather than calling, you can simply SMS your reply with the reason your child is away or you can still call the Office on 9675 7433.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE ABSENCE NOTE YOU MUST PROVIDE WHEN YOUR CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL.** (The note is a Board of Studies requirement).

**PAYMENTS**

**Instructions to Parents for All Payments (Photos, Excursions etc..) EXCEPT School Tuition Fees**

1. Please write your child’s full name on an envelope. (One envelope for each child).
2. Write your child’s Year and class (for example “4A” Year 4 Class A)
3. Please write the amount of money you will be placing in the envelope on the outside of the envelope.
4. Please include the permission note – without this, students are not permitted to attend excursions etc)
5. It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure the correct amount is placed in the envelope.
6. Please do not approach Reception to get change.

By doing this you are helping to contribute to the smooth running operations of the College.

We thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

**GREAT NEWS!**

The school now has an eftpos machine available to make school fee payments easier.

**PROCEDURES**

If you have a concern regarding your son/daughter, please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher first or write in your child’s diary. This is very important as the classroom teacher is the initial person who can assist you with your query. If then you feel that your issue has not been resolved, you must proceed to the appropriate coordinator. Following the coordinator you may make an appointment with the deputy, then the principal. If you still feel your matter has not been resolved, you may make an appointment with the college director. Please follow this procedure.

**CAR PARK**

As you are aware, parking is only permitted in the lower car park on the school premises. Please ensure you park in the appropriate areas and make sure you look out for children. Also, Learner drivers are not to enter the school car park under any circumstances due to the safety and well being of students, parents and guardians. Learner drivers are to park on the street. **Also, when you are dropping off students in the morning, park in the parking bay so other drivers can drive out safely.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The upper car park is reserved for the child care and school staff ONLY. Please make sure you park in the lower car park to ensure child safety.**

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**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL**

Thank you very much for the support you have given me over the last five years. It has truly been an honour working with all of you and your children.

I am going to miss the daily "Good morning, Mr. Oen" from all of you and especially the warm smiles on students' faces as I meet them in the morning.

Thank you to the awesome staff who have taught me so much over the years and made each day at work a memorable one.

I wish you all the best wishes and the greatest successes now and in the future.

Yours always in Christ,  
Mr. D. Oen

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**STAGE 2 EXCURSION**

On Monday 13th of August, stage 2 students went to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. The students had a great day and got the chance to feel what it was like in an olden day school. They had the chance to write using ink and learned about students getting the cane! Here are some pictures 😊
PUBLIC SPEAKING

Well done to all the students who participated in the public speaking. Congratulations to all the students involved.

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

On Thursday 16th August, the Fire Brigade came and educated K-6 students about fire safety and the equipment they wear. Also, students had the opportunity to sit in the fire truck and use the fire hose too! Well done to all the students who were listening so well to the firemen. Here are some photos from the day.

K-12 ST MARY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 21st August, K-12 students participated in an assembly to remember our Mother Mary. The assembly was beautiful and it was lovely to have so many students present great items to celebrate St Mary. Thank you to Mrs Mikhael and Mr Shenouda for organising this great gathering.

CHOIR

On Friday the 20th of August, the St Bishoy boys and girls Choir went to St. Mary’s & St. Mina’s Church to perform hymns for the blessed St. Mary on her Feast. The Church was really beautiful, and it was on honour to be there. Thanks to all the teachers who were involved in this blessed event. Special thanks to Mr Stephenson who showed up to support us.

Elaria R

GALA DAY

On the 23rd, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to an oval. We played soccer for the boys and netball for the girls. The schools were St Mark, St Mary and St Mina. St Bishoy came second in all games. I heard that the girls in all schools were really perfect plus the boys in soccer were perfect too. All the teams were cheering for each other and then we left the oval.

By Stephanous Escander

Gala Day was fun! We played netball and the boys played soccer. In netball, St Marks school came first, St Mary and St Mina came second and we came third. In soccer, St Marks came first, St Bishoy came second and St Mary and St Mina came third. I think it was really cool. The bad thing is that there was a sand storm. The netball games had to stop.

By Mary Yassa
FATHER’S DAY STALL AND FUNDRAISING

The Father's day stall was held on Thursday 30th August 2012. It was very successful, raising over $300 for the school. Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this event. I would like to thank Mrs Georgi and Mrs Salama for giving up their time to help our students purchase a gift for their Dad. God Bless you ladies!

Thank you to all the parents who kindly gave up their time to help sell water and juice at the mini Olympics last Friday (7.9.12). A special thank you to Mrs Georgi who donated the ice to keep the drinks cool. The school managed to raise just under $100, half of the money raised will go to the student welfare fund and the rest will go to the P & F.

Once again thank you all for your continued support.
God Bless,
Mrs Ferrett.

K-6 MINI OLYMPICS

On Friday 7th of September, 2012, K-6 students participated in the Mini Olympics. The day was great with lots of fun activities like the egg and spoon race, hoola hoops, skipping and even more! We even started with an opening ceremony where each class represented a country. Thank you to Miss Macri who organised the day and thank you to the High School students who also helped out on the day. It was also great to have some parents with us to support the students and assist us by selling drinks on the day.

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

The school was visited by the Japanese exchange students who were with us for two weeks. Most of the high school students were presented with a buddy and everyday, they would spend a period with us to exchange our country differences. I think we all learnt something different about each other. They were all really sweet and everybody welcomed them. It was really nice having them with us in class and at recess and lunch. Their visit was great and they left us with lots of great memories.

By Natalia Botrous

LITERACY

Do you have an hour a week to spare?

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Raising Mighty Boys
Understanding what makes boys tick helps to make parenting easier for the males in your life.

Boys under the age of ten can be challenging for parents. It’s behaviour, poor self-confidence and learning issues that keep parents of boys in this age group busy.

The straightforward nature of adolescent boys makes them easier and less complicated to raise compared to teenage girls so the pressure eases. However, personal relationships, school-life and being organised presents challenges for teenage boys.

Sometimes mothers I meet in parenting seminars get flummoxed by the in your face, direct nature of their sons. Loveable yes, but they can be hard work as well. It helps to appreciate what makes boys tick.

They are wired for activity
It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

They are slower maturers
The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years, seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace. Girls are often better placed to succeed, and many boys get lost once they leave school.

They want approval
Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; while others are kinesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged.

Make sure you match your relational style with theirs so that you can get on the same wavelength.

They want to blend in
Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to positive praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

They need a disciplined approach
Boys usually like limits and boundaries. They make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules. So don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.

They are pragmatic learners
Boys need a reason to learn. If you are having difficulty motivating your son then try linking learning to their interests. They may play a musical instrument when they know they can play in a band or practise their kicking if they can see it will help kick more goals. If they love skateboarding the chances are they want to know more about it, so use this as a lever to motivate them if reading is a problem.

They are single-minded
Boys have a specialist brain, which tends to be logical and rational. They don’t have the same connections between the right and left side of the brain that girls have. This can be a hindrance particularly when careful communication is needed. Or multiple viewpoints need to be considered. That’s why parents often have to coach boys of all ages in the finer points of communicating. However, it’s an advantage as it can help them focus hard on tasks, make quick decisions and get to the point when needed.

There is no doubt that raising boys can be a challenge for many parents. Those who do best understand and appreciate how they think, feel and behave and adjust their parenting accordingly. And they feel comfortable in their company as well.

For more information and great resources to help you raise mighty boys go to Parentingideas.com.au/parents.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Father Shenouda's Food Donation - High School 2012

The SRC in the High School have come up with a wonderful initiative to help assist Father Shenouda’s charity at Coco’s in the city.
We have made a timetable for a class, each week, to donate food and help Father Shenouda. There will be a box inside the High School Staffroom for students to place their donation. All we ask is for a small contribution during your classes designated week. All donations will be boxed up on a Friday afternoon and given to Mrs Helou, who helps Father Shenouda each week at Coco’s.

For those of you who are not familiar with Father Shenouda’s work at Coco’s – It is a non-profit organisation which has been running for over 20 years. There are 2 locations at Parramatta and in the City, all run on a Tuesday evening. He gets over 100 homeless people at each Tuesday night, serving them home cooked meals and providing them with clothing and blankets. He also supports them with medical assistance and job seeking opportunities.
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We encourage parents and students to help assist Father Shenouda with his charity. If you have any enquires please don’t hesitate to contact Miss Macri.

Sincerely,
Rob Stephenson                             Karina Macri