We thank him for the many contributions which he has made to our college. The various projects he has put into place. We wish Rob all the very best and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

We bid Mr Darren Oen, our Year 5 teacher and Stage 3 and 4 Coordinator, a farewell on the last day of Term 3, as mentioned in the previous newsletter. We wish him all the best in his new position in another school. In his teaching position we have Miss Kim Stephenson for Term 4. The Acting Stage Co-ordinator position will be filled by Mrs Deborah Jorgensen. May God bless them in all they do.

Our HSC students will be commencing their examinations on Monday 15th October, we pray that our Lord gives them peace and calmness to finish the examinations according to His will and to the best of their abilities.

Please remember to always keep the college in your prayers.

Very Reverend Fr Botros Morkos
Director of College

**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](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.

**SPORT UNIFORM**

Please note: The yellow sport uniform will no longer be worn by students next year, 2013. Students must wear the new blue sport uniform.

**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 enquire 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.**

### KIDS CORNER

Sudoku

Joke

![Sudoku Puzzle](image1)

![Rhino Joke](image2)
HOLIDAY

Dear Parents and guardians,
If you intend on going on holidays before the school term ends, please put it in writing with the dates and reason for Principal approval. Thank you for your cooperation.

K-2 SWIM SCHOOL PROGRAM

Children in K-2 are going to a compulsory learn to swim program in Term 4 at Emerton Leisure Centre. This will give our students a swimming and water safety booster before the next summer season which is just around the corner. Classes will focus on water confidence and safety and the development of correct swimming techniques across all strokes.

Notes and money must be handed in by Monday 15th October 2012 to their classroom teacher. 
Swim school dates are Wednesdays:

- 17th October 2012
- 24th October 2012
- 31st October 2012
- 7th November 2012
- 14th November 2012
- 21st November 2012
- 28th November 2012

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS AND CEREMONY

On the 18th of September, we held a graduation mass and ceremony to farewell the Year 12 students of 2012. We also announced the Captain and Vice Captains for 2013. We wish all the Year 12 students the best through their HSC and we wish our new Captains and Vice Captains luck in the coming year.

MARKET DAY

On the 11th of September, the College held the annual Market Day. It was great to see everyone participate. Here are some photos from the day. Thank you to everyone who helped organise everything on the day.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need the help of 10 mums to help out with the College Canteen.

3 ½ hours weekly

From: 8.30am to 12noon
From: 12noon to 3.30pm

Please leave your name with Reception.

Thank you for supporting our College.
At the end of last term, we farewelled our graduating class of 2012 students during their graduation mass and lunch. We would like to wish all these students well in their upcoming HSC exams over the next 4 weeks. We saw the 2012 captains & vice captains hand over the school’s candle to our new leadership team for 2013. The College would like to congratulate the following students:

**Captain:**
Christina Shenouda

**Vice Captains:**
Andrew Eskander, Roula Sargious and Lidyia Boagle

These students will be under the guidance of Miss Hanna (Stage 6 Coordinator) and Miss Macri (SRC Coordinator). The leadership team are all on a trial period throughout Term 4. The Leadership team are responsible for a variety of duties throughout the school and some of these are listed below:

a) represent the school and student body
   - on School Council
   - on School management committees
   - at school and community events

b) communicate and liaise with
   - students in their year & the entire school
   - students and staff
   - school and community

c) organise, coordinate and participate in
   - school and student activities
   - fundraising and charity activities
   - decision making activities

d) assist in
   - chairing school assemblies and special ceremonies
   - school and community service
   - performing school duties

Once again congratulations to our new leadership team for 2013 and we keep in our prayers that the graduating class of 2012 endures every success in their HSC.

Miss Hanna & Miss Macri

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**LITERACY**

*Do you have an hour a week to spare?*

**Become a volunteer and help a local child to improve their literacy skills**

- No experience necessary
- Full training provided by St. John
- Training held locally at the St. John Branch at 86 Henry Street, Penrith, starting Wednesday September 6

For more information on becoming a volunteer, please call 02 9744 8798 or email community.care@stjohnw.com.au
FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics Competition results for 2012 for St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College have been released. The results were amazing if we compare them with any Grammar School in NSW. I congratulate the staff, the students who participated in the competition and their parents. Congratulations to the students who have achieved Proficiency and participated in the Competition.

From 59 students they were awarded the following certificates:

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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
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REBATE AVAILABLE  
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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

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**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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Friendly, patient and a fully qualified driving instructor, modern automatic car with dual controls, test success in as few lessons as possible, convenient pick-ups from home, work or school, flexible times, discount for school students.  
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Contact Mohsen at 0420 465 488  
E-mail: jcdrivingschool@yahoo.com.au
Increase good feelings at home

Family harmony is linked to good will and positive emotions. Here’s how to increase good feelings in your family and make your home a happy place.

Strong families thrive on good feelings.

They are not devoid of conflict or criticism, but generally strong families are pleasant environments to be part of.

One way to increase good feelings in your family is to increase the number of compliments.

As a general rule, the ratio of compliments to criticism should be around five to one. That is, there should be five times more positive, affirmative comments than negative comments.

In unhealthy families this ratio is reversed. When the ratio gets to around five negative comments for every one positive comment, families can be quite toxic.

How does your family rate on this scale?

If you use children only as a measure I suspect that the compliment to criticism ratio will be a little scary.

Some siblings can be unkind to each other, and find it hard to say a pleasant word. This skews the ratio a lot and can make family life awful for everyone. But this can change over time.

Here are five ideas to help you alter the compliments to criticisms ratio:

1. Increase your own number of affirmations, compliments, affectionate phrases and kind remarks in order to skew the ratio a bit. Aim for a seven to one ratio. Not only is this good modelling for your kids, but it will make family-life more harmonious.

2. Keep a check on your use of good feeling (and self-esteem) killers. Eradicate comments such as: “Typical boy!” “If I’ve told you once I’ve told you a thousand times, don’t...” “What a stupid thing to say to your brother/sister!” Bite your tongue rather than say what you may be thinking.

3. Make kids aware of their language and the potential harm to self-esteem, not to mention family harmony, that constant criticism can cause. Use “I” statements to let kids know the impact of their negative talk on you. “When you talk so aggressively I feel quite scared about what you are going to do next.” It’s impossible for kids to disagree with “I” statements.

4. Develop the habit of following up a negative with a positive. When I was teaching I always tried to follow up the disciplining of a student with a compliment or some positive feedback so that we could maintain a good relationship. Do the same in your family. Follow up discipline, a rebuke or a negative comment with a positive act or comment. TEACH YOUR KIDS TO DO THE SAME!

5. Let the bad feelings out. Sometimes there can be such a build-up of ill-will between siblings that you need to let the bad feelings out. One way to do this is let a child vent to you about their sibling. You may not like what you hear but a clearing of the air can work wonders in terms of improving the family atmosphere.

All these suggestions start with you.

Like everything in family life, whatever you want from your kids, you must do first. So to increase good feelings in your home aim to keep to the compliment to criticism ratio at five to one or more!