Important Dates

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Principal's Message

Hello, everyone. This is a belated welcome back for Term 3. It has been an exceptionally busy start to the term.

On the academic front, our Year 12 students are in the middle of their trial HSC examinations; please keep them in your prayers. We have already had the mid-year Parent-Teacher meeting, which I hope was informative and helpful for all. On the whole, our children continue to produce high quality work and their efforts are of the highest order. They are a delightful cohort with which to work. My hope is that this will be a successful semester for all, that everyone will work to their potential and that everyone will be well rewarded for their efforts, particularly our Year 12 students as they move towards their HSC.

On the last Thursday of Term 2, the Winter Drama Festival was staged. Staff and students placed an extraordinary amount of effort into their respective performances. Thank you for your support of this endeavour – a tremendous crowd witnessed and rejoiced in the performances on display. Cultural enrichment is a most significant element in the growth of individuals. The skills acquired through participation in these events equip students for a wide range of activities both inside school and beyond into their careers. I was so proud to watch our talented students at work! Thank you to all the teachers who contributed to this exciting program of performances, in particular, Mr Stoneburner, Mrs Kelly, Mr Oen and Mrs Howard. We look forward to the next performances (I believe something is planned for the students in Book Week) and we especially look forward to these performances being held in our own school hall!

Pleasing progress is being made on both of our buildings, with the final floors underway on both projects. As always, we are continuing to explore further funding options to continue the growth of the College. Please pray for the College’s success with our current funding applications. The power of prayer should never be underestimated. We are hoping to receive sufficient funds to not only complete all the buildings, but also to remodel the playground as well, upon the removal of all of the portable classrooms.

During the construction phase, parking and drop-offs will continue to be an issue. I ask all parents to take particular care and follow the instructions of any teachers who may be on duty. Cars on school grounds at awkward times will always be a problem. Where ever possible, deliveries and movements will be restricted to times where students are not in the playground, but, where this is not an option, all vehicle movements are to be at walking pace, with a teacher leading the movement. The College handbook has been changed to reflect this procedure.

The up-coming Federal election looks as though it may be particularly close and it appears as if there is a significant amount of voter dissatisfaction with both of the major parties. While I would not normally comment on politics, I believe that it is important that I do so given the environment outlined above. Many dissatisfied voters may decide to vote Green. The Green platform is anti-private when it comes to schools and is particularly poor for Religious schools. If the Greens are to hold the balance of power in the Senate, the funding and operation of our College will be in jeopardy. We will prepare further information for parents, highlighting the educational platforms of the major parties, in the lead-up to the election.

As always, know that you and your families are in my prayers and I pray that God continues to bless our College Community.

We now have a resident school psychologist. If you would like to refer your child, please feel free to contact your family doctor for a referral to the school psychologist.

Rob Stephenson
Principal
AWARDS

Kindergarten: Maheteme Solomon, Martina Boktor, Mina Milad and Arsany Yassa

Year 1
Joanna Gergway
Noel Taktak
Barbara Said
Yustina Ragheb

Year 2O
Mehraty Michael
Beemnet Deresegn
Farah Yowakem
John Kamal

Year 2R
Nahrein Mikhael
Youhanna Yowakem
Marina Rushdy
Antony Butros

Year 3
Abanoub Bolis
Mariam Assaad
Randa Dimitri
Marebella Jabor
Stephen Atalla

Year 4
Bishoy Kamal
Patrick Mankarious
Pierre Elsabie
Martina Zaki

Year 5A
Stephanie Yousif
Meina Awad
Andrew Riad
Veronica Bakhoun

Year 5T
Phebie Haroun
Monica Basta
Yostina Medhat Hanna
Kirillos Nakhla

Year 6
Mina Matta
Maroula Gwairgi
Youssef Yowakem
Barbara Ayad

Bronze: Infants
Farah Yowakem (2O)

Primary
Augustinous Shenouda (5T)
Natalie Saad (6P)

SILVER!!!!
What an amazing achievement!!! Well done to Adraiana Khalil (K), Martina Boktor (K), Gerges Fouad (K), Yutina Ragheb (1J), Caroline Galdas (1J), Martina Botrous (1J), Milania Abdelshahid (1J), Maria Michael (1J), Jonathan Sayegh (1J), Stella Yousif (2O), George Sideros (2O), Kirolos Georgi (2O), Daniel Bishay (2O), Sarvpreet Singh (2O), Pavlee Butros (2R), Elbrat Nissan (2R), Mary Yassa (2R), Antony Fouad (2R), Nahrein Mikhael (2R), Haziem Fahmi (5T), Phebie Haroun (5T) and Monica Girgis (5A), Stephanie Yousif (5A), Yustina Metry (5A) and Monica Basta (5T).

GOLD!!! Congratulations to our first Gold achievers, Olivia Latai (5A) and Elaria Hanna (5A).

Pen Licence
Wow!! Well done to these students for receiving their Pen Licences. Well done to Maria Philopos!

TERM 3 LIBRARY MONITORS

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WINTER DRAMA FESTIVAL

Last term, a great event took place! The Winter Drama Festival was a great success and a huge thank you goes out to all the people who participated. The students were amazing, the performances were great and the costumes were fabulous. Thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mr Oen, Mr Stoneburner and Mrs Howard. 😊

RECESS SNACKS

Every Thursday, the High School students will be fundraising during recess. A range of snack food will be for sale to all students (eg. cupcakes, jelly cups, popcorn etc…) All items will be priced between $0.50c and $1 each. Please support the students for their great contributions.
**TREAT ROSTER**

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Water and Juice will be available for sale on the Day for $1 each

*All food is made with quality ingredients and is freshly prepared on the day*

**PRIMARY PICK UP**

**PARENTS:** Please note: In order to ensure all students are safe at all times the following needs to be done:
From 3:00-3:10pm Primary students may be picked up from classrooms.
From 3:10-3:30pm All remaining primary students will be in the under cover area under teacher supervision.
From 3:30 onwards remaining students will be in the school office.

Please **DO NOT** ask your children to wait outside the gates as this is extremely unsafe.
Thank you for your cooperation.

**TAX TIME**

Lodging your 2009-10 tax return
The quickest and easiest way to lodge is online using e-tax – the ATO’s free tax preparation and lodgement service. E-tax is available to download free of charge from the ATO website at www.ato.gov.au. As well as built-in checks, calculators and guides, you can also download information form third parties directly into your tax return, including payment summaries, government payments such as pensions and allowances, bank interest and private health insurance details. Government and third party information to pre-fill your return is available progressively from 1 July, with most available by mid-August. You can subscribe to an alert service within e-tax which will let you know when your personal information becomes available.

Other ways to lodge
Lodging with TaxPack
People can still lodge via a paper form using TaxPack 2010 and copies are available form most newsagents, ATO shopfronts, and the ATO website www.ato.gov.au from 1 July.

Lodging over the phone
If you have simple tax affairs you may be eligible to lodge your return over the phone. Simply complete the Short tax return 2010 and then lodge it by calling 13 28 65.

Lodging through a tax agent
If you are using a tax agent for the first time or using a different one from last year you will need to contact them by 31 October 2010. Visit www.tpb.gov.au or call the Tax Practitioners Board on 1300 362 829 to check your agent is registered.

Help and assistance
Tax Help is a free community service available from July to October each year to assist low income earners including seniors, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and Indigenous Australians. Call 13 28 61 to see if you are eligible to use this service or to make an appointment at your nearest Tax Help centre.
If people have questions or need assistance they should visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au or phone the ATO on 13 28 61 between 8.00am and 6.00pm weekdays.
The ATO can provide you a more personalised service if you provide your tax file number when you call.
SPORTS SECTION

Sports Wrap Up

At the end of last term, we had our Junior Boys Soccer Team win their first game of soccer this season. I would like to congratulate all the boys who have been training and work hard to improve their skills. It just shows if you work hard at training, all your efforts pay off. Well Done Boys.

Season 2 competition has only 4 weeks remaining and I am sure all those students competition in this competition will finish the season well. Season 3 sporting trials will be conducted in Week 5 during Thursday sport. All students interested in representing our school are to be listening carefully during assemblies for any announcements made for these teams.

Also our Year 9 and 10 Netball team will be competition in the PDSSSC Netball Gala Day on Tuesday 27th July at Jamison Park, Penrith. I would like to wish the girls the best of luck at that event.

Miss Macri

VACATION CARE & Youth Club

The Vacation Care office will be closed from Friday 20th August and reopen on Tuesday 31st August.

October VC registration forms are due back no later than Sunday 3rd September 2010

October 2010 VC Dates: Week 1 = Monday 27th September 2010 till Friday 1st October 2010
Week 2 = Tuesday 5th October 2010 till Friday 8th October 2010
Week 3 = Monday 11th October 2010

New Enrolments: Please contact me on 0416051487 to complete the necessary forms as soon as possible.

PAYMENT OF FEES: Prompt payment of fees is appreciated. Outstanding fees must be paid before we can process the current 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)
22 July 2010

School Psychologist

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the commencement of Term 3, St Bishoy's Coptic Orthodox College will have a School Psychologist. Maria Youssef has worked extensively with children, youth and families for over 10 years.

Mrs Youssef will be available to see all students and their family’s. In order to access this service, you will need to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan from your doctor. This will entitle you to six sessions under the Allied Health Initiative with Medicare. Your doctor will be able to provide you with further information.

Where children have been identified as having needs that may benefit from Mrs Youssef’s assistance families will be contacted directly. All families are welcome to take advantage of this service. Once you have obtained a Mental Health Care Plan, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Stephenson
Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been brought to our attention that your child________ would benefit from seeing our school psychologist.

We request that you take this letter and see your doctor to obtain a referral to see the school psychologist.

This referral needs to be returned by ______(date)_____ before 3pm.

Please note that it is in the best interest of your child, their education and their general well being that we request this. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Stephenson
Principal
Talking, Learning and Understanding Hepatitis

A project for Arabic speaking people

Hepatitis week (17-24 May) saw the launch of a project at Mt Druitt Community Health Centre, aimed to inform and empower people from Arabic speaking countries about Hepatitis. The project, funded by Hepatitis NSW is a partnership between Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency (MECA) and three SWAHS services, which are Mt Druitt Community Health Centre, HealthOne and WentWest.

“Hepatitis C is of particular concern to people who have arrived in Australia from Egypt,” said Louise Maher, Senior Hepatitis C Health Promotion Officer. “In the 70’s and ‘80’s many people in Egypt were inadvertently infected with the virus. Given the nature of the disease, it is often 20 to 30 years before people show symptoms, by which time many people have migrated to other countries.”

“It is important that the Arabic speaking community understands the issues and also their options for testing and treatment,” added Susan Holdaway, Hepatitis Clinical Nurse Consultant.

Hanaa Nosir a Multicultural Health Worker at Mt Druitt Community Health Centre has been working with a group of enthusiastic and motivated Arabic women for several years on a variety of health issues. This project was developed to help these women become ‘key influencers’ within their families and community, and to encourage them to be tested for the virus.

A series of workshops were held for the women’s group in the lead up to Hepatitis week. The project concluded with a community forum, which included guest speaker Dr Hani Bittar who addressed the audience in their own language.

The evening forum attracted 35 participants, and the overall program was considered a huge success with many people planning to be tested and taking information to share with their community.

“The success was also attributed to the great support we had from local Arabic radio stations. This helped to promote the event as well as get the key health messages out there. The radio program dedicated two 15-minute segments to an interview with Dr Hani Bittar. This was a fantastic way to reach many more Arabic people,” Hanaa Nosir said.

“While the initial project has now finished, the core group of Arabic women are still working with us to develop some strategies to educate the broader Arabic community. In a sense they have become our Hepatitis Champions” added Hanaa Nosir.

For details of the project or information about the issues, contact Louise Maher, Senior Hepatitis C Prevention Officer on (02) 4734 3853 or Hanaa Nosir, Multicultural Health Worker, Mt Druitt Community Health Centre on (02) 9881 1200.

Event Reminder!
Multicultural Health Week is being held at the end of July! Please contact the Multicultural Health Network on (02) 8838 2179 if you would like to know more about upcoming Multicultural Health Week events.