Thursday, 26th of August 2010

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**Principal’s Message**

Hello, everyone. The term continues to move onwards at a frantic pace. Recent events include an overnight excursion for our Year 9-11 students, a Music Excursion to view the musical ‘Wicked’, Stage 3 visiting the city, inter-school debating and sporting gala days. Special mention goes to the primary staff for their contributions to book week celebrations. There will be many more events in the weeks to come. I congratulate the students for their exemplary behaviour when they represent the school. It is always pleasing to receive positive feedback from the venues we visit. I am proud of our students.

Our Year 12 students have completed their trial HSC examinations and now press on towards their HSC; please keep them in your prayers.

Pleasing progress is being made on both of our buildings, with the final floors underway on both projects and roofs appearing. As always, we are continuing to explore further funding options to continue the growth of the College. Please continue to 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. In the morning, please use the lower car park as a drop-off zone. If you must park, please park near the bottom gate. Always park rear to the kerb so that you drive out. This dramatically improves safety for our children. Your patience and understanding during the construction phase is appreciated.

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

Rob Stephenson
Principal

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

PLEASE NOTE: If your child will be absent on any day, parents/guardians MUST call the school office to notify the classroom teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.
AWARDS

Kindergarten: Marie-Ann Girgis, Simon Wanis, Fadi Hanna and Sarah Youssef

Year 1
Joy Boulos
Jonathan Sayegh
Rafe Stewart
Milania Abdelshahid

Year 2O
George Sidoros
Angelina Mikhail
Daniel Bishay
Monica Wasif

Year 2R
Mary Yassa
Kashana Nolan
Matthew Tadros
Nardine Mekhail

Year 3
Martina Philopos
Ezekiel Howard
Yustina Awad
Bishoy Bakhoum

Year 20
George Sidaros
Angelina Mikhail
Daniel Bishay
Monica Wasif

Year 5AW
Lydia Bishay
Yostina Boktor
Katrin Farag
Yasmin Girges

Year 5AG
Bishoy Boulos
Nagi Dimitri
Angela Sidoras
Monica Escandar

Year 6
Maryam Daoud
Mariam Morkos
Richard Habashy
Marina Hanna

Bronze: Infants
Simon Wanis (K)
Mina Milad (K)
John Kamal (2O)

Primary
Monica Escandar (5AG)
Annemarie Hanna (6P)
Marina Hanna (6P)

SILVER!!!!
What an amazing achievement!!! Well done to Alina Nissan (K), Mark Makram (K), Andrew Habashi (K), Sarah Youssef (K), Marie-Ann Girgis (K), Mahateme Solomon (K), Karmen Georgi (K), Demadious Bulis (1J), Antony Butros (1J), Ana-Maria Guirguis (1J), Nardine Mekhail (2R), Youhanna Yowakem (2R), Eliana Youssef (2R), Yostina Boktor (5AW), Yostina Medhat Hanna (5AG) and Natalie Saad (6P).

GOLD!!!!!!!
Congratulations to these people: Joseph Gobran (1J) and Martina Philopos (3S)

Pen Licence
Wow!! Well done to these students for receiving their Pen Licences. Well done to Abraam Boktor, Daniella Gobran and Veronica Pelipos 😊

FUNDRAISING
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.

BOOK WEEK
This week is Book Week!!
St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College will hold a variety of events this week to celebrate Book Week. It all begins with a special production held by the teachers and there is also a Book Fair being held in the library all this week to give you the opportunity to buy books of your own. We will be ending the week by dressing up as our favourite book character but make sure you remember to bring your gold coin donation.
We hope everyone has a great week 😊

WINTER DRAMA FESTIVAL DVD’S
Winter Drama Festival DVD’s are still available for purchase for $10 each. If you would like to purchase one, please speak to Mr Stoneburner or Mrs Kelly.
On Friday 13th of August, selected student from the years 5-8 were chosen to compete against St. Marks Coptic Orthodox College at Wattle grove. Marina Hanna, Abanoub Mikhail, Bishoy Bolous and Lydia Bishay were selected from the primary and Elary Mikhail, David Eskander, Mary Tanious, Jackline Habashy were selected from the high school. We arrived at St Marks Coptic Orthodox College about at 10:30am during their lunch and we started to play outside until 11:00am. We all went inside a classroom to compete against St. Marks Coptic Orthodox College. Everyone was seated and we were ready, so we started our debate very confidently, finished our debates and wishing our high school students good luck. The high school debate was finished and it was time to reveal the winners of the primary and high school debate. Primary won the debate but the high school lost the debate competition but tried very hard, we all ate after the debate and finished the sandwiches provided by the college. We all had fun at the end and experienced a lot of things by trying our best. We arrived at school 1:30pm and we were all very happy.

By: Abanoub Mikhail, Year 6

Our Debate Team!

PRAYER MEETING FOR KEISHA ABRAHAMS

Prayer Meeting for Keisha Abrahams

Let us gather in the house of the Lord and Unite as One in Prayers of our beloved Angel Keisha. Where ever she may be, we will contain the faith and continue our Prayers, as well as in our Hearts. We ask you to please join us on this day as we ask our Lord to find us Peace.

DATE: 29th August 2010
TIME: 2.30pm – 3.00pm
ADDRESS: Archangel Michael & St, Bishop Coptic Orthodox Church
53-59 Methuen Street, Mount Druitt, 2770
Supporting through the Faith!
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Please note that all Premier’s Reading Challenge forms are due back at school by Wednesday the 1st of September.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK

Celebrate Book Week 2010

Come and join in the storytelling featuring short-listed books.

Fun for the whole family.

Parking is available underneath the library. Enter via Alpha Street.

Max Webber Library
Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Alpha St
Blacktown NSW 2148
Ph: 9839 6677    Fx: 9831 2690

Opening Times
Monday to Friday        9.30am - 7.45pm
Saturday                9.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday                  12.00pm - 4.00pm

CLOSED Public Holidays

www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au
The Vacation Care office will be closed from Friday 20th August 2010 and reopen on Tuesday 31st August 2010

October VC registration forms are available from school office from Thursday 19th August 2010 and are due back no later than Sunday 5th September 2010

VC OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Thursday 9.15am till 4.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am till 3pm Or by appointment

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

FATHER’S DAY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If any father’s are interested in attending our Father’s Day games day at school, please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible. A note will be sent home with further information.
**Australian Spelling Challenge!**

**2 September 2010**

**Why should your school take part?**

- Your students will love it!
- It’s about having fun whilst improving spelling skills
- A great event for Literacy & Numeracy Week
- Great for all ability levels.
- Simple to register and participate.
- Prizes available for students
  ...and it’s absolutely free!!

**Who can participate?**

This event is open to all schools throughout Australia.

**How will it work?**

- Students and schools have full access to Speddrome with the opportunity to win prizes and appear on the Hall of Fame.
- 1 day of competition:
  Thursday, 8:00am to 10:00pm AEST
- Registering for this Challenge gives you automatic access to the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths
- All you need is internet access, students can participate at school and/or home.

**Don’t Delay – Registrations close**
5pm Monday, 30 August 2010

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**Shout Out for Climate Change**

**Enter the competition before**
10 September 2010
**and you could win**
**some great prizes!**

Register your interest at
info@shoutoutforclimatechange.com.au

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**Shout Out for Climate Change** offers students the opportunity to share their views on climate change.

**Primary students** can submit a creative piece e.g. a song, poem, photograph or drawing.

**Secondary students** can produce a 60-second ad that stimulates action to combat climate change.

Encourage your students to enter and they could WIN some amazing prizes:

- Primary prizes include: a mountain bike or a Sony PSP
- Secondary prizes include: an Apple laptop or an Apple iPod Touch
- School Prize: $1000 book voucher

Competition entries close 5pm 10th September 2010.


To register your interest, email your details to
info@shoutoutforclimatechange.com.au
If you would like to advertise your business, the school will be more than happy to advertise it in the school newsletter each week. It will cost $25 per term or $100 for the year and we will provide a tax deductible receipt.

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**ADVERTISEMENTS**

There is a resort to rent at Forster 3.5 hour North of Sydney for a weekend $100.00 or the whole week for $250.00 cleaning fees to be paid upon arrival ($30.00) 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. $15.00 per day

Available during the month of Sep., Oct., Nov., Dec., Feb. excluding school holiday

For booking please ring Eva on 0405 180533 after 3.30pm

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Special offer: $30 per lesson for the first four, get the fifth lesson for Free

HURRY!!!!!!! Make sure you don’t miss it BOOK YOUR LESSON NOW!

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For more information don’t hesitate to contact Gehane on 0434 109 661