



ST MARK'S COPTIC ORTHODOX COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Head of College

Dear Parents

Today is the final day of the 2009 Higher School Certificate examinations and yesterday was the final day of the School Certificate examinations, both significant events in the lives of those students involved and in the life of the school. We hope all of our students feel a sense of relief and accomplishment at the conclusion of these examinations and our thoughts and prayers remain with them as they await their results due later this year. HSC students will be able to access their Higher School Certificate results via the internet, SMS or telephone from 6.00am on Wednesday 16th December, 2009. Results will be mailed to students on Friday 18th December. School Certificate results will be available online from Monday, 7th December.

This week we had another significant event in the College with the kindergarten orientation day for 2010, this was a wonderful morning with the parents and children at the College for a *get to know session*. It is often a very difficult day for mums and dads when they see their babies in a classroom for the first time but they were very brave as were their children. We look forward to welcoming their sons and daughters into the College

community next year and promise we will love them as our own.

The College was represented at the Egyptian Festival on Sunday 8th November with a school booth. This was a very interesting and enjoyable day and certainly an event worth attending if you have not been there previously. The festival was held in Tumbalong Park at Darling Harbour and drew a very big crowd despite the changeable weather. I thank the teachers who gave up so much of their family time on Sunday to come along to help promote St Mark's College.

The school building project has gone to tender and six companies have qualified to tender on the project. The tender process closes on the 8th December and we hope and pray that work will be well and truly underway by the start of the 2010 academic year.

God be with you and your family

Mrs Janet Stewart

Head of College

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Careers Advisor

The Scientists in Schools program

Dear parents,

Currently the Science Faculty is considering participating in the CSIRO **Scientists in Schools program**, chaired by Dr Jim Peacock, the former Chief Scientist of Australian Government.

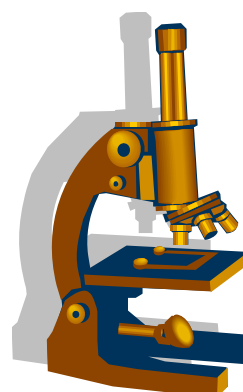
This program is designed to allow our students to work with a scientist in a flexible, professional partnership. The scientist can act as mentor, role model or inspiration for our students, providing them with access to new ideas and fresh perspectives in science. In turn, our students will help scientists see their work from a new angle and stay engaged with the public perception of their work.

The 'scientists' involved will come from a wide range of disciplines and will include research scientists, engineers and people involved in applied science (such as GPs, vets and park rangers). For more information see the attached flyer or visit www.scientistsinschools.edu.au

Any students from Year 6 to Year 12 interested in participating the program, please come to see Mr Zhang.

Mr Zhang

Head of Science



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
Monday 16th November (T4, Wk5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Work Experience Commence
Tuesday, 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWISSA Summer Competition Rd 5
Wednesday, 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPSSO Summer Competition FINALS
Thursday, 19th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liturgy –Year 6 Year 9 Mathematics Excursion – Darling Harbour
Friday, 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior School K-6 Swim School, Whitlam Centre Year 10 Work Experience concludes
Monday, 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Young Leadership Day Year 10 Spiritual Retreat (Mt Schoenstatt)
Tuesday, 24th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWISSA Summer Competition Rd 6 Year 10 “All My Own Work”
Wednesday, 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPSSO Summer Competition Finals (Backup) Year 10 “All My Own Work”
Thursday, 26th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 – Liturgy Year 7 9 (2010) - Orientation Day
Friday, 27th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior School K-6 Swim School, Whitlam Centre

NOTICE FROM P&F

An Annual General Meeting

Of P&F will be held in School Library

On

Monday 23rd November 2009 at 7:00pm

Election of some Office Bearers will take place

At this meeting

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are now in stock for Years 7 and 11 for 2010

Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 3:15pm

The last day the Uniform Shop will be open this year is Tuesday, 8th December, 2009

SPORTS CORNER

REBEL SPORT RUN 4 FUN

On Sunday the 8th of November, team St Marks competed in the last competitive race of the year, the 10km Rebel Sport run4fun, held at Olympic Park, Homebush.

In a race slightly less demanding than the half marathon, Mark Nashid (yr 10) put in an outstanding performance, to complete the race in 43 minutes and 38 seconds, which is a running pace of 4 minutes 21 seconds per kilometre.

Mark finished 273rd out of 4,727 finishers. In Mark's age group, he managed to finish 5th overall. An outstanding effort overall.

TERM 4 SWISSA

The senior boys Oz tag team is on a charge towards the finals this year, with some outstanding results throughout round matches giving them an excellent opportunity for a finals berth. Good luck to Mr Gardiner and all the boys involved.

MOVEMBER



Male staff at St Marks are growing moustache's this year for Movember. We decided to put down the razor for one month (November) and help raise awareness and funds for men's health – specifically prostate cancer and depression in men.

What many people don't appreciate is that close to 3,000 men die of prostate cancer each

year in Australia and one in eight men will experience depression in their lifetime - many of whom don't seek help. Facts like these have convinced me we should get involved and we are hoping that you will support us.

To sponsor the team, you can either:

- Click this link <http://au.movember.com/mospace/163901/> and donate online using your credit card or PayPal account
- Write a cheque payable to 'Movember Foundation', referencing our Registration Number **163901** and mailing it to: Movember Foundation, PO Box 292, Prahran, VIC, 3181

Remember, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Movember is now in its sixth year and, to date, has achieved some pretty amazing results by working alongside The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCFA) and *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*. Check out further details at:

<http://au.movemberfoundation.com/research-and-programs>.

If you are interested in following the progress of our Mos, click here

<http://au.movember.com/mospace/163901/>.

Also, <http://au.movember.com> has heaps of useful information.

Dom Helene

Head of PDHPE & Sport

