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WELCOME OUR NEW PREPS

We have welcomed the new Preps to our school community. It has been wonderful to see them settle into the routines of school. Here are some of their thoughts on their first day of school.

On the first day of school I liked playing with play dough. I liked meeting my friends and talking to them *Maria Moussa*

I felt embarrassed on my first day of school because I didn't know people's names.

Nathan Barsoum

I liked playing 'Duck, duck goose' with my friends and I played with my brother *Simon Rizkalla*

On the first day of school I asked my new friends what their names were *George Girgis*

We are pleased to announce our Primary School Captains for 2010 -

Mark Habib and Elsie Monina – School Captains

Marina Gawrguous & Mary Yosif - St Phoebe Captains

Mitchell Boulos & Aimee Morcos – St Philopeter Captains

Jeremy Boudoloh & Olivia Esho – St George Captain

Matthew Nissan & Gabriella Toghian – St Theodora Captains

We congratulate our captains and look forward to a productive year.

NEW STAFF AT THE COLLEGE

Warm welcome to the following new staff -

Primary: Cheryl Kairouz - Grade 2C, Athanasi Fouras Grade 1A, Tania Younan-Grade 2T and Sandra Mlikota Grade 2L/Music Teacher, Jarmin Kods and Marina Naguib.

Secondary: Justine Radford-P.E. Teacher and Khoshaba Dinkha Science Teacher.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 7 students have adjusted in secondary. They have now familiarised themselves with their new subjects and teachers. Students in Middle School are working steadily and we look forward to a very productive term.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION (24th February)

VCE Chemistry class Unit 3 travelled to Melbourne University and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) to study four types of technical instruments used in analytical laboratories. This was part of their internal assessment in this subject and all 18 students had a very industrious day.

UNIFORM SHOP

The operational hours of the Uniform Shop are Monday and Thursdays between 3:00-3:30 pm. Parents wishing to purchase Winter Uniforms please **organize an appointment by ringing the College**. Your assistance would be most appreciated.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students

I wish to extend my best wishes and prayers for all of you for the start of the new school year 2010. This is our 20th year since the school was officially opened by H H Pope Shenouda III on February 1991. We are also very blessed this year that the Holy Lent had started Monday 8th February. We are actually enjoying and gathering all the spiritual benefits of this wonderful season of the Lent.

This year started with many of our new projects are being completed or on the way to Completion. Here is a summary of the projects carried out so far through the generous support of both the Federal and State Governments:

- 1) **National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSF)** \$134,000 was granted to purchase an extra 134 computers. Two computer labs have been refurbished and also two mobile labs have been equipped. Extra funding of \$85,000 has been granted this year to provide more faculties for improving and extending the school network. The school also has signed a contract with Telstra to provide a Fiber optic cabling for super fast internet which should be operating within the next eight weeks.
- 2) **National Schools Pride Project (Hessian Project)** We received a grant of \$200,000 to refurbish our classrooms. All old Hessian walls were covered with wooden panels, plaster and pinnable material.
- 3) **Upgrade Needy Non-government Schools Program** The state Government has provided two grants (total \$322,000) for the school to upgrade facilities. Full shading pergolas have been erected around the school to offer shaded areas and cover play areas. Part of the fund is also used to remove old hazardous materials of some of the old buildings of the school and to buy urgently needed new furniture.
- 4) **Building the Education Revolution (BER) program** This is a major project funded by the Federal Government. Total grants of 4.7 Million Dollars were offered to build two new facilities for Primary School (P21: Library and Language Centre) and Secondary School (SLC: Science and Language Centre). Work is progressing. We expect the project to be completed September 2010.

We are very excited about all these projects and the way they impact on our ability to provide better educational environment which will assist us in achieving our goals of academic excellence.

Fr Tadros Sharobeam.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Immunisation for Year 7 & 10 on Friday 5th MARCH
- School Photos THURSDAY 18TH MARCH
- Last day of term for students ends on Thursday 25TH March.
- Term Two commences Monday 12th April.