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YEAR 12 VCE CHEMISTRY EXCURSION TO UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

On Thursday 14 February, 21 chemistry students from St. Mary's travelled to the Chemistry Department of the University of Melbourne with Ms. Peach and Mr Green. They gained valuable hands-on experience operating and viewing a number of expensive technical instruments including a Gas Chromatograph, High Performance Liquid Chromatograph, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrophotometer. They completed a VCE outcome in the process and have started the year brilliantly.

Mr. Green – Chemistry Teacher

Dear Parents

This year we asked the year 6 students to apply for positions of leadership. The students' applications were thoughtful and indeed some were very persuasive!

After some deliberation we are pleased to announce that Ramzy Tawil (6S) and Youliana Morcos (6G) have been named Primary School Captains. We congratulate Ramzy and Youliana and we are sure they will carry out their positions with pride and distinction.

The following students have been named sports captains; we also congratulate them and look forward to their involvement and leadership in our sporting endeavours. The Primary students have been divided into four sports houses:

St. Theodora House (yellow)	Captains - Ashorina Hanna (6G) & John Tawdros (6S)
St. Phoebe House (red)	Captains - Youliana Morcos (6G) & James Talya (6S)
St. Philopeter House (blue)	Captains - Ramzy Tawil (6S) & Miriam Tawadros (6G)
St George House (green)	Captains - Mary Kalandos (6S) & Steven Tawdros (6G)

Susan Pitsas - Head of Primary

**LAST DAY OF TERM ONE FOR STUDENTS WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2008
TERM TWO STARTS ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2008**

**Year 12 psychology students
enjoyed creating model brains.
You're never too old to have
fun with playdough!
Mrs. Bairstow - Psychology Teacher**

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" Mathew 4:4
Bread is important for the body and mind. Sound mind needs healthy body. But bread may nourish the body but not the soul. Healthy bodies do not necessarily carry sound minds. Body lust may deceive the human. Esau lost his blessing for a meal of lentils. He was a clever cook but he lusted for simple meal his brother Jacob had prepared and he did not mind to pay a very expensive price for it. The story of Amnon one of the sons of David (2Sa 13) shows how far the lust of the body can take you. He ended up raping his relative Tamar and causing a war in his father's family. Lust gives birth to death as the Bible taught us. Absalom, Tamar's father went on to kill his brother Amnon as a result of his sin. In the wilderness the Lord sent a daily meal of Manna to the people of Israel but they lusted for Egypt's food and for meat. They wanted the food they used to eat as slaves and murmured against the food the Lord gives to them. The Lord was angry and even He gave them the meat they asked for He struck them with a very great plague (Numbers 11). The first temptation the devil used was also about food. The human failed this first temptation. The devil tried his same trick with the Lord Who conquered him even in the weakness of a body who fasted forty days. All the three temptations on the mountain have one clear objective. The Lord is teaching us how to resist all our lusts whether it is about bodily needs or love of the world and its vain glory. What do we get of this world glory? A young man once wanted to boast himself in front of his friends that he can surf of fast train. The poor man was struck by an overpass bridge and was killed. It was unnecessary adventure. How much people go to far extremes to satisfy an inner ego or even sometimes to gain a sort of honour or fame or even some technological advantages which all do not worth the hefty price of such adventures. People can lose their future, health or even their own lives. Scientist may take calculated risks to reach to a breakthrough in medicine or treating diseases, but not merely to win human praise. The third type of lusts is about possessing materialistic things. What did Absalom gain of his endeavour to be a king? He betrayed his father and caused a great disturbance and war and at the end he lost his life. Love of worldly possessions may turn human to do horrible actions. Do not be deceived by such lusts. Learn to control yourself. The Lord has shown us the way and gave us an example and also is leading us to conquer the devil. Do not submit to the devil demands. You should only worship the Lord your God.

FR. TADROS SHAROBEAM

2008 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Learning to swim is a vital skill for all ages, especially children. It is of great importance that children learn to swim and are aware of the dangers that are associated with swimming. Feeling confident in the water will enable children to enjoy water activities in years to come. As well as the annual physical education swimming lessons, grades three to six will be participating in a swimming carnival. The students will rotate a variety of activities strengthening their water awareness and skills. It is sure to be a fun and exciting day.

Connie Pighin - Primary P.E. Co-Ordinator

THE VIKINGS ARE COMING TO ST MARY'S NEXT WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday the 19th of March, 2008 (next Wednesday) a Year 8 Viking exhibition and information evening will be held at school from 6 – 8 pm.. As part of their coursework the year 8 students have prepared work, activities and presentations across various subject areas relating to the Vikings. During the evening parents will have the opportunity to view and participate in various activities including – Viking sports and games, Viking food and navigation techniques, long boat races, art displays, rune writing, drama performances, etc..

PARENTS COMMITTEE

The Parents Committee has once again started for 2008; the committee meets the last Friday of the month and all parents are welcome. We meet in the conference room at the school from 7 pm and all are welcome as we need YOUR help.

THE SCHOOL WEB SITE (www.copticvic.org) is up and running – have a browse and see what is happening around the school.

SECOND HAND SHOP

There are excellent quality girls winter skirts and tunics available in sizes 6,8,10 & 18

**REMINDER TO PARENTS
PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY**