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On the 5th March, our Primary school held their swimming carnival. It was such an amazing day! Students were divided into their school house colours, indicated by zinc decorating their faces. Our Grades 3 – 6 students were involved in many water activities, including kick board races, noodle races, diving board bombs, backstroke relays, freestyle relays and of course the inflatable giant caterpillar which was a highlight of the day. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and team spirit. A fun day had by all!

“My favourite event was the diving board bombs, because it was fun jumping into deep water”.
Olivia Soliman 4M.

“I really enjoyed the nursery rhyme scramble event, because we had to look for cards in the water to complete the nursery rhyme and the first house to complete the rhyme wins”. Marianne Salib 4M.

“I always enjoy swimming and the relay races were my favourite, because I had the opportunity to swim plenty of races”.
Bianca Gawrgyous 4M.

Humanities/Arts/Physical Education Coordinator
Mrs. Mervet Boulos.



Year 7 will need to have their School Blazers purchased as it is compulsory to wear them during Terms 2 and Terms 3.

Students have been focusing on their studies this term and have worked consistently and productively to meet all the required work. *Mrs. P Melissinos*

World's Great Shave will take place on the 12th March. All students are welcome to participate towards this charitable cause.

Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, cultural, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

YEAR 11 CAMP

On the 1st of March the majority of our Year 11s went on a camp organized by Mrs Mona Nashed After the trip down to Torquay, the group arrived at the camp. There were two dormitories and a very large kitchen/dining/ activities room., a room which became the focus of many table-tennis battles. Without doubt the winner of most of the battles was Indiana Matti whose deceptive spin left most of his opponents swinging wildly at thin air.

Lights out was an alien concept to many of our intrepid Year 11s. After a late night a few of the girls decided serenade everyone at 5 o' clock in the morning. Thanks girls, but *Australia's Got Talent* won't be ringing any time soon.

However, the highlight of the camp had to be the surfing and kayaking. While initially it felt odd struggling into the tight neoprene wetsuits, one or two managing to put them on backwards or inside out, once we hit the waves any discomfort was soon forgotten. The group I was in, had a fantastic time paddling up and down the river on the first day, jumping in and out of the boats, off the bridge and one classic nosedive into the river from the bank. Surfing was tricky – how do they stay on those boards? Well, perhaps Samuel Beshai is the person to ask as he was riding the waves like a professional.

There was a wonderful community feeling in the camp with everyone following their designated duties. Breakfasts and dinners appeared from nowhere and dishes vanished from tables to arrive all clean again for the next meal. Well done to all the teams who did such a wonderful job. Thanks also to those who did so much more than was asked of them – Sara Boutros, Sylvia Gorgy, Tori Saad, Mirna Zaki, Jana Youssef, Michael Barsoum and many others.

The last day came and although many were looking forward to getting back home there were those who really wanted the week to continue, which is always a sign of having had a good time.

Just before we left the site we said thank you to all those who had done so much. Some I have mentioned but we also thanked Mr Farag for driving each group to their activity and for helping in the kitchen, to Sara and Sylvia who stayed up until the small hours preparing lunch for everyone, to the staff who were on constant call and for helping with all the organization and to Mrs Nashed who worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing food and for organizing what turned out to be a terrific and highly enjoyable camp.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students. *Mr P Shay*



CANTEEN NEWS

As from Monday 15th March vegetarian meals only until end of Term 1.
Non fasting students/staff require a lunch order by morning recess.

UNIFORM SHOP

Winter uniform is now available please organize an appointment by ringing the College.
Your assistance would be most appreciated.