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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students
From The reading of Sunday Gospel (John 16:23-33)

Until now you have asked nothing in my Name

We actually ask for many things every day but until now we do not ask in the Name of our Saviour. In the Old Testament people used to ask for many things. Abraham asked for a son to inherit him. Abraham's servant prayed that the Lord guide him for a good wife for Isaac. Jacob asked for the privilege of the First Born. Joseph wanted his bones to be buried in Canaan with his fathers. All of them prayed for good causes, but it were all for things which is only a shadow of the real promises of Salvation. In the New Testament there is different type of prayers. St Paul expresses his wishes that he got a great desire to leave this world and be with Christ. While all the Church was asking for Peter he was there in the prison sleeping in peace. In the stories of saints we always read that they were eager for the ascetic monastic life or eager to be martyred in the name of Christ. What they really looking for? They are asking in the Name of the Lord Who died for them and resurrected and went to prepare a place for them. They are looking for this joyful eternal place. They accepted to be strangers in this world for their great love to Christ.

Fr. Tadros Sharobeam

Dear Parents

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward 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.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

**Susan Pitsas
Head of Primary**

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2008

All Year 10's are required to do at least one week's work experience during this year. The designated week set aside for this is the last week of Term 2 ie: June 23rd – 27th.

More than half of the Year 10's have organized their placement and have finalized the paperwork. They are going to work in very interesting situations ranging from banks, hospitals and the Army to offices and retail outlets.

The remainder of the Year 10's need to finalize their placements by the end of May to enable us to complete the paperwork and arrange for teachers to visit the students during their placements.

Good luck for job and career hunting to all students.

**Mr. Gavan Green
Year 10 Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**Held at St. Mary's Coptic
Orthodox College**

Expression of interest for term 3.
Do you need care for your children after
school from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
or during the school holidays.

A variety of activities are on offer
for more information call

'SHAC'
on **98967942**
(Schools, holidays & child care)

SPORTS LEGENDS: LITERATURE CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME

Over the past fortnight our Year 8 & 9 students have been busy foraging for information relating to Australian sporting heroes. As well as researching, students have also engaged in a variety of activities to enhance both their knowledge and skills in the sporting area. This also included students eagerly participating in a fast paced game of netball.

**Elaine Kulinski
Teacher Librarian**