

# ST. MARY'S COPTIC ORTHODOX COLLEGE



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On Tuesday June 3, we went to a mini Olympics day with the Year 7's. There were four teams, St. Theodore (yellow), St. George (green), St. Phoebe (red), St. Philopeter (blue). We played four sports there and they were beach volleyball, soccer, European handball and basketball.

We were all separated in groups and opposed each other. At the end of a really fun but tiring day, St. Theodore's team won and I'm the Captain of that team and I held the cup in victory of my team.

**John Tawdros**

**Primary School Sports Captain – St. Theodore**

On 2nd June year 9 students organised and ran Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. We sold 320 muffins and 550 sausages and raised \$1824 for the cancer council.

Thank you to every one who bought food or donated money. Special thanks to all of year 9 for their hard work, The Cheesecake Shop in Sunbury for donating all the muffins and Bakers Delight Campbellfield for donating bread.

***Mrs Bairstow***

## DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students

Next Sunday Gospel (Mat 12:22-37) talks about healing a person who was possessed by demon, blind and mute. He was not physically sick but actually who was under the control of the devil. His sickness was sin. Sin can destroy the life a person as it turns him to a mad person with no logic in his behaviour and also he loses his inner sight and becomes unable to witness for truth. That is what sin can do to people. Just look at a person who is enslaved to one of the bad habits, like smoking, taking drugs or gambling and you can see that logic has disappeared from their life in complete disregard to any warnings about what can happen to them and even they may go on even further in a manner can be described as madness. They do not see the destruction they are leading to. Also if you follow the behaviour of a stubborn person who refuse repentance you can see how he justifies for himself every behaviour and fights against any advice and reverse every logic that he can see black as white and white as black ignoring any direction or advice to correct his ways, so he becomes even blind and mute. The Pharisees reached this state of blindness as they described the Lord as a sinner person when he healed the man born blind for He healed him on a Sabbath. And they even said that He casts out demons by Beelzebub the prince of demons. How many people are turned to such miserable state by the sin losing the right direction and reaching to a state when they do not even care what methods they use whatever evil and destructive they are to reach to their objectives

**Fr Tadros Sharobeam**  
**College Director**

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

*Scholastic Book Fair 2008*

A very successful book fair was recently held in the library. All Primary students were given the opportunity to come up and browse the special bookcases. It was great to see so many eager students selecting and purchasing a book to add to their private collection. This is all part of the process of contributing to the development of the child's love of reading. Thank you to all the parents and students for your wonderful support for this event. As a result of the money raised, we have now purchased additional titles for the school library's collections.

**Elaine Kulinski & Maureen Allen**  
**Teacher/Librarians**

The Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (AISV) is the service organisation for independent schools in Victoria. It represents more than 200 Member Schools, promoting the principle of choice in education, championing the values of independent schools and raising awareness of our significant role as education providers.

AISV has been very concerned with the concerted attack on independent schools by those opposing adequate funding for our schools. We have also seen the media unfairly highlighting independent schools when there are claims of bullying, alcohol and drug use and other issues that are common to all schools – government and non-government.

For these reasons, AISV has created the Parents' Website, which is designed to provide parents of children at independent schools with positive arguments in favour of balanced discussion about funding and other issues.

We believe that this is an initiative that parents will find useful and we recommend that you visit the website [www.independentschoolparents.com.au](http://www.independentschoolparents.com.au) so that you have facts and figures at your fingertips and the latest news and information about the independent school sector.

For your convenience, we have provided a link to the Parents' Website from our school's website.

### TERM DATES REMINDER

**Term Two finishes next Thursday 26 June**  
**School Resumes for Term 3**  
**on Monday 14 July**  
**Parent/Teacher Meetings held on**  
**Thursday 24 July and Friday 25 July**  
**Primary and Secondary Reports will be**  
**handed out at the Parent/Teacher Meetings.**

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

**Closing date for the Second Instalment of**  
**the Education Maintenance Allowance is**  
**on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008. Parents are**  
**reminded that only those who hold a**  
**Health Care or Pension Card or who did**  
**not apply at the beginning of the year can**  
**now apply.**