

# ST. MARY'S COPTIC ORTHODOX COLLEGE



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Dear Parents and Students

### OLYMPIC DAY

Whilst the world was celebrating the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox College was holding its very own mini Olympics.

On 8 August 2008, the primary school participated in an event that marked the beginning of the games and rejoiced in the spirit of the occasion. The day commenced with an opening ceremony featuring the official creed, oaths and torch relay. It followed with the presentation of the Beijing mascots. Students of different ages donned costumes made by one of our college parents and truly looked the part.

The day continued with a variety of sports organized by Mr. Sam FitzGerald, our Primary Physical Education teacher and then ended with a closing ceremony. Every student received a ribbon and was hailed a winner. However, ribbons were not the only thing that they won on the day. More importantly each walked away with a greater appreciation of this year's Olympic motto, "One World, One Dream". The students understood that the games were not only about winning, but rather the coming together of nations to realize a universal dream of world peace and unity.

**Connie Pighin - Primary Science/Humanities Co-ordinator**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS MEKHIL FOR MAKING THE MASCOT COSTUMES**  
For any costume requirements please visit her store at  
Hollywood Costumes 801A Ballarat Road, Deer Park Phone 93900300  
**REMINDER: BOOK WEEK PARADE IS ON FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Dear Parents and Students

**At the end of the Coptic year the church readings concentrate on the Second Coming of our Lord and the signs of the end of the world. The Lord is warning everyone clearly: Take heed that no one deceives you.**

One of the clear signs of the last days is the great amount of deception around us. The devil will be struggling with full force to deceive even the elect. The book of Revelation tells us of great stars falling from heaven, which indicate prominent leaders falling. It is a very wild war as the devil at that time knows that only a short time left for him before his fatal end at the lake burning in fire so he is very aggressive in his war. The Lord warned us so that we do not get deceived. St Paul in his second epistle to the Thessalonians warns of those who show as brothers among us but live not according to the proper teachings the Lord has given to us through the apostles. St Paul also tells his disciple Timothy about Demas who left him as he loved the world and Iskander who did many evils to him and in other epistle he informs people about many of those whom he used to mention to them and they turned became enemies of the Cross of the Lord. No limit to the deception the devil spread in this world. So much that even disciples of the apostles and many other good people can be deceived. Be warned and keep watching.

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

## **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2009 CLOSE MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Enrolment form can be downloaded from the school website ([www.copticvic.org](http://www.copticvic.org)) or by contacting the school, on 93022788 during office hours (8am - 4pm)

On Monday 11 August, 2008, St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox College hosted another Chess Competition. Seven schools turned up and with our eleven chess players we had seventy students playing. Once again the library staff did a great job hosting the event in the library. Teachers from other schools commented that they enjoyed coming here – the morning tea was very much appreciated. St. Mary's College took out third place in the event with four of our "boys" receiving bronze medals. It would be so nice to see some girls getting involved. Well done to the chess team.

**Peter Richardson**

Parents are reminded to phone the school on 93022788 (during office hours 8am-4pm) if their child/children are not attending school or leaving early for any reason.

**Parents must also notify their bus driver. Ask your driver for his phone number.**

If students are arriving late or leaving early they are required to bring a written note in their diary signed by a parent.

### **National Asthma Week 2008**

National Asthma Week is from the 1st – 7th of September and this year the theme is "Asthma is Serious – You Can Take Control".

#### **Is it asthma?**

**Does your child have a wheeze, shortness of breath, cough or a tight chest:**

- With a cold or chest infection?
- Early in the morning or late at night?
- During or after exercise?
- During the winter season when it is cold?
- If the temperature suddenly changes?
- Near cats or other animals?
- Around cigarette smoke?
- Around pollens or moulds?
- During the burn-off season?

If your answer is "yes" to any one of these questions it could be a sign that your child may have asthma. For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit your GP.  
[www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)