Upcoming Events:

TERM 2
Tuesday 21st April
First day of Term 2

Tuesday 12th May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 13th May
NAPLAN

Thursday 14th May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 27th May
Year 5 and 6 Excursion

Changes

Please notify the school office of any changes of personal details including name changes, address, phone numbers or emergency contacts. This is to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and so the school reports are sent to the correct address. Also, if your child’s medical condition has changed, please notify the office in writing. IMPORTANT: If you have become an Australian Citizen, please bring in the original Certificate to the office to update your child’s records.
When your child is absent
We are currently using an SMS system to enquire as to why your child is absent. You need to simply SMS your reply with the reason your child is absent or you can still call the office on 9675 7433. This does not replace the absent note you need to provide to the classroom teacher as it is a Board of Studies requirement.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8:30am-9:30am.

What is Crunch&Sip*
Crunch&Sip* is a break in class for students to refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water
Make sure your son or daughter has fruit or vegetables and a small bottle of water for Crunch&Sip* each day!

Gardening Group
A huge thank you to the Gardening group and to Mrs John who have taken the initiative to plant some beautiful plants in our College. May God bless Mrs John and all the students who have helped maintain the garden.
Dear Parents,

St Bishoy College is stepping into the digital age and we would like you to start connecting with us! We have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Our page names are:
- Facebook: St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College
- Instagram: stbishoycollege
- Twitter: @stbishoycollege

Please follow/like us on social media to receive updates on anything happening at the school in an instance, notifications and reminders of school activities and events and further, it provides an active platform for parents and the school to connect and share information, views, feedback, etc.

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**Awards**


**1J** Bishoy Nazzier, Bennett Binoy, Joice Ghaly, Vraj Bhatia, Saihajveer Singh, Dolagy Bakhoum, Oliver Shenouda, Julia Youssef, Emanuella Garas, Raphael Gobran, Maryam Kakush, Bennett Binoy, Priscilla Biar, Jeswin Abraham, Andrew Bolis

**2H** Abraham Welela, Veronia Yassa, Veronia Shenouda, Ann Sergious, Karoulin Gadalla, Adham Milad, Nicholas Kassis, Margaret Gerges, Mariam Matta, Karoleen Habeeb, Mina Takla

**3A** Maximous Girgis, Oluwatosin Thomas, Michael Wasif, Sandra Jabo, Tiana Read, Shady Gobrial, Mark Kamal, Katrina Mankarious, Amam Pakak Guot, Merone Bogale, Veronika Ragheb, Martin Zaki, Antony Youssef, August Latai

**4K** Salim Samuel Assaf, Marilyn Nazir, Mina Milad, Maximous Bulis, Binitta Binoy, Perpetua Thabet, Christina Bolis, Nataly Shenouda

**5H** Cassandra Bulis, Naomi Salib, Tatiana Salama, Arsany Yassa, Karmen Georgi, Gerges Fouad, Jovan Popovic, Marian Jabo, Abanoub Nasry, Ayomide Thomas, Simon Wani, Patrick Ayad, Steven Yousif, Marie-Ann Girgis, Abdelmasih Polus, Shahd Gobrial, Martin Kakush

**6P** Yustina Ragheb, Barbara Said, Chloe Atteya, Emmanuel Pelipos, Daniel Abdelmasieh, Abdelmasieh Fakri, Joy Boulos, Ana-Maria Guirguis, Carolyn Galdas, Bedaba Habeeb
CONGRATULATIONS ST BISHOY
2015 HONOUR ROLL

On behalf of the entire College community, I would like to congratulate St. Bishoy College on achieving excellent NAPLAN results and meeting the Honour Roll for 2015 for ‘High Gain’ Schools.

Again, St Bishoy has proved itself to be a centre for Academic Excellence in the Greater West of Sydney and this is just the beginning as we move from strength to strength!

Based on ACARA statistics, the College was found to demonstrate above average statistical gains in recent NAPLAN results and was featured in The Daily Telegraph on the 5 March 2015!! http://m.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/published-naplan-scores-here-to-stay-despite-objections/story-fni0cx4q-1227247971470


These results are a testament to the hard work of our teachers and to the diligence of our students in showing that we can compete with the best of them!

We pray for the on-going success of our College as we strive for perfection in Christ Jesus’ name.

Riley Ferrett

On Saturday 14th March 2015, Riley competed in the N.S.W R.S.L Youth Clubs Swimming Championships in Dubbo, after gaining selection last year in December.

Riley was part of the 14 year boys 4 x 50m freestyle relay team and the 14 year boys 4 x 50m medley relay swimming freestyle winning a silver medal in both events.
Riley also achieved his fastest 50m freestyle time, giving him a new Personal Best (PB) time.

On the 24th March, Riley represented the College in the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival.
Riley swam in the 15 Years Boys 50m Freestyle placing 7th out of 14 swimmers with a new PB.
He also swam in the 15 Years Boys 100m Freestyle placing 4th with another PB.
Police Visit

This month, the Mount Druitt School Liaison Officer came to our school to speak to our K-6 students. It was great to have him with us and teach the students about Safety.
**Bandaged Bear Day**

On Wednesday, 11th March, K-2 students had a Teddy Bear’s picnic and K-6 entered a colouring in competition. Students participated in these activities for The Bandaged Bear Appeal. The Bandaged Bear Appeal raises essential funds to purchase the most advanced medical equipment, fund vital research into the causes and cures for childhood illness and maintain the total healing environment that is vital to the wellbeing of children and families.

Thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin to help this needy cause.
Crazy Hair Day

Crazy Hair Day is an annual fundraising event organised by Cystic Fibrosis Victoria (CFV) and a great way to raise awareness and funds for those living with cystic fibrosis. The students came to school with amazing hair styles. Thank you to everyone who participated on the day and donated a gold coin for such an important cause.

Stage 3 and 4 Projects

Term one, stage 2 students learned about Australia’s location and features. They created a poster to present about one famous natural or man-made feature of their choice.

Stage 3 students researched and designed a poster about one of the great characters from Australian history depicted on current banknotes.
Buddy Time

Better Buddies is a great program that our College has been using for many years. It involves Year 6 students being a buddy to a Kindergarten student. This helps Kindergarten students transition into school and gives the Year 6 students a sense of responsibility and leadership. This term, 6P and KR have had time to read together and work in the Computer Lab together as well. Thank you to 6P for being great role models.

Business Services

Congratulations to our students who received their Certificate II in Business Services. It is such a great achievement and the College would like to congratulate each and every student.
Liturgy
On Tuesday 17th March, K-12 students attended the College Mass. Thank you to Father Botros and Father Gabriel for praying the mass.

Japanese Percussion Spectacular!
This morning students in Years 7 and 8 had the privilege of attending a Japanese Percussion Spectacular with well-known percussionist Lloyd Gyi. The students were highly engaged as they watched performances and were given the opportunity to play on different percussion instruments including the bass drum, snare drum, floor toms, cymbals, maracas, and tambourines. Together, they created an ensemble in just one hour and performed it in front of their fellow peers. When it was all over, students were able to ask Mr Gyi questions about how he became so famous and the dedication and discipline needed to achieve success. Overall, the students had a wonderful time and would love to have Mr Gyi back again!
Year 9 & 10 Geography Excursion to Sydney Harbour

On Tuesday 3rd of March, Year 9 and 10 students went on a cruise over Sydney Harbour through ‘Lessons Afloat.’ Students took down notes on urban growth and decline in the area and discovered the ways the harbour environment has transformed over time and the impact it has on local residents. The field trip enabled students to put into practice their geography skills as they collected valuable primary data for their Research Action Plan and observed breath-taking scenery, historical sites and heritage locations. Students particularly enjoyed disembarking at Watson’s Bay for lunch and walking along the beach. Special thanks to Mrs Kleeborn and Mr Shenouda for all their help in attending and supervising the students on this trip.

Mrs McGuinness
**SRC Leadership Day**

Miss Hanna accompanied the Year 6 SRC students to the Leadership Day. *The National Young Leaders Day* is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves & others well.

**3-6 Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 27th March, 3-12 students went to the annual Cross Country. Students had a great time and participated in many races. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and well done to all the students.

**Lego Club**

Lego Club is run every Monday with Miss Hanna. Students have the opportunity to let their creativity run wild!
Solicitors & Attorney

At Restorative Law Practice, we are a boutique firm focused upon providing professional personal services in a cost effective fashion. We are specialists in providing individually tailored and strategic advice to ensure our clients have the best possible prospects of resolution to their needs.

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2014-2015
Family Energy Rebate
Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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