Early Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Marie-Claire Hazzw

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation and I pray we can continue to work together for the learning and happiness of the Kindergarten students. The Easter Hat Parade was a huge success and congratulations on a fine effort in creating these catwalk masterpieces. Congratulations to the Coordinator Citizenship Award Winners:
KH: George Wakim, Vanessa Chidiac, KB: Jacob Azzi, Maria Esper, KS: Joseph El-Haddad, Chanel-Jay Boucharaaya.
I encourage all students to continue practising their letter sounds and sight words,rote counting and attempting to write and read throughout the holidays. Have a Blessed and safe Easter.

Stage 1 Coordinator
Ms Sue Durham

Term 1 has flown by but not without producing some pleasing results across Grades 1 and 2. Our Early Literacy program is in full swing as we strive to positively boost the standard of English in our students. One of the priorities in Term 1 was to focus on raising the reading levels of the students, especially in Year 1, and teachers are seeing some pleasing results as individual reading assessments are completed. The Reading Recovery program offers assistance to Year 1 and provides one on one teaching for those students who need assistance to increase their literacy levels. As the Reading Recovery teacher once again this year, I look forward to the challenge of working to better enable some students to learn effectively in the mainstream classroom. Most of our students are enthusiastic learners and we hope to reward them for their efforts as the year progresses and they take pride in their achievements. Congratulations to the following students who received Citizenship Awards earlier this term: Joseph Al-Allam 1A, Raafa Hadchiti 1A, Louie Alam 1C, Tiana Dagher 1C, Antonio Azzi 1M, Jennifer Ayoub 1M, Christopher Ters 2T, Ellaine Chidiac 2T, Christelle El-Akkiki 2S, Romeo Mitri 2S, James Abouharb 2C and Danielle El-Azzi 2C.
The holidays are a time for relaxation and fun but please remind children to be mindful of their safety. Also, there is no need for them to stop working on their schoolwork. Reading and revising Language and Maths concepts would certainly not be a waste of time.
Whatever you do in the holidays, try to do as much as you can as a family. I wish everyone a happy, safe and holy Easter!

Stage 2 Coordinator
Miss Charlotte Ahal

Thank you to the following Year 3 sheriffs: 3A: Petra Sadowska, Antonio El-Kazi, Celine Saidi, George Zatar, Vanessa Bechara and Ricardo Akkari. 3C: Charbel Azzi, Christline Assous, Rebecca Moubarak and Pamela Kazi. 3G: Tamiam Alam, Paloma Darjani, Danieli Azzi and Mark Khodiar.

Congratulations to the following stage 2 students, Citizenship Awards: 3A: Antonio El-Kazi, and Celine Saidi. 3C: Nicolas Nahmy and Sara-Lisa Bouchaaya. 3G: Tamiam Alam and Tia Azzi. 4A: Christopher Wakim and Shania Saad. 4B: John Eid and Selene Azzi. 4R: Justin Achi and Melissa Matar.

Stage 3 Coordinator
Miss Elizabeth Woodin

On Thursday 19th March, Year 5 visited the Wollongong Science Centre as a field trip for their Science unit, The Solar System. Students were able to explore hands-on experiments and gain a hands-on insight into the wondrous world of Science!
The Year 6s recently visited Kurnell and Botany Bay as part of their Science unit, Earth: An Ancient Land. Students witnessed first-hand the effects of weathering and erosion on landforms. Thank you to all students who participated in the SRC’s Easter colouring-in competition. Winners will be announced on the 2nd April.

Congratulations to the following students who received an award for Excellence in Citizenship: Christopher Chidiac, Peta-Maree Ayoub, Rita Chaaya, Kazem Halia, Vanessa El-Kazi, Patrick Gorisk, Nicole Ayoub, Kamil El-Azzi, James Abboud and Amanda Mitri, Cynthia Zaatar and Patrick Jawaro.

Primary REC Report
Mrs Mary Wells

Primary students are remembering the gospels of the Passion of Our Lord in a series of mini paraliturgies being held each morning at the Assembly of the last two weeks of school, with the exception of Mondays when the usual Flag Assembly is held. We attend these in an attitude of prayer, faith and thanksgiving.

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Principal’s Message
Rev Fr Joseph Sleiman

This is the last newsletter for Term 1, a very busy and productive term. I would like to congratulate the students for their application to their studies and participation in the different school activities held in Term 1.
It has been a really busy term with many parent information nights organised for different year groups. I would like to thank all the teachers who prepared those information evenings and the parents who attended. Your attendance and support of your children’s education is greatly appreciated.

During this term, the primary and secondary Swimming Carnivals were held. The students enjoyed the beautiful weather and warm sunshine on the day. Congratulations to the winning teams and thank you to the teachers, especially the Sports Department, for organising these fun-filled days.

During the last few days, our Year 12 students have sat their half-yearly examinations in preparation for their Higher School Examinations. We hope that they continue to work hard throughout this year so that they reap the rewards at the end with results that meet their expectations.

I would like to remind all the parents of our College that we are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2010. Please note that the deadline is the 15th of May 2009 and no late applications will be accepted. Please pick up an enrolment package from the front office as soon as you get the chance.

As we close for the Easter holidays with the end of Term 1, let us take the time to reflect on the meaning of the important feast coming up. In the story of Jesus Christ and His crucifixion, aggression is met with forgiveness, violence is borne without revenge and suffering is absorbed in self-giving. The aggression cycle is broken and new possibility, new life emerges from the place of death, the tomb. Easter tells us that peace comes when the cycle of violence is broken and that hatred ends, when hatred is absorbed by forgiveness. In this spirit, we pray for peace around the world. Let us not be afraid to open our hearts to Jesus and to become apostles of peace and messengers of the joy of the Resurrection. Let us always remember that our Christian faith is lively; Christ is now alive and He walks with us. What an immense mystery of love!

I wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter break and we will see you back on Tuesday 28 April.
Happy Reading!

Gabriel and Mrs Wakim for all their hard work and support. Many students and parents made comparisons with the performance of others or fail to acknowledge these things which means no one will be able to identify individual children. The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on children in their first year of school. This will involve teachers completing an online checklist – like a survey or questionnaire – for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children’s development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life. Parents will receive more information about our school’s involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the AEDI at www.aedi.org.au

School Fees

First instalment for school fees is now due. Payments may be paid in cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card. Hope to see you all soon in the Accounts Office.