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Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri"

# Gazette

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## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

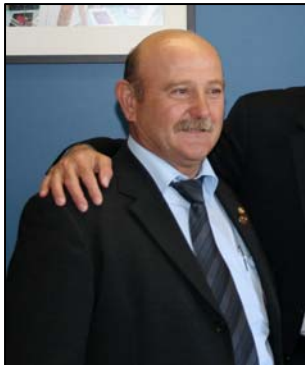
### Newly Elected Management Committee

On Tuesday 16th June 2009, the 2009 Election Committee handed over the results from the Elections and the new Management Committee of the Greek Orthodox Community of Oakleigh and District Inc. was formed. The Management Committee decided the following:

President	Mr Angelo Sardellis
Vice-President	Mr Achilleas Papadopoulos
Secretary	Mr Jim Kakavas
Treasurer	Mr Sam Vassos
Assistant Vice-President	Mr Chris Kontos
Assistant Secretary	Mr Jim Samarniotis
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs Des Christopoulos
Committee Member	Mr Jim Goutoglou
Committee Member	Mr Emmanuel Karandanis
Committee Member	Mr Zac Vlahandonis

The Management Committee also serves as the College Council, that is, the governing body of our College.

### Sad Loss



On Friday morning I received the sad news that Mr. Achilleas Papadopoulos, Vice-President of our newly elected Management Committee, passed away on Thursday night (18<sup>th</sup> June).

Mr. Papadopoulos was a loved and highly respected member of our community who provided incredible support to me personally and to our College and community. Many members of our school and wider community had the pleasure of working with or at least knowing him over the years.

Mr. Papadopoulos will be sadly missed by our College and community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. May God rest his soul

### Student Report Distribution

The Semester One Student Reports were distributed with Primary School students last Friday, while Secondary School students will receive their reports on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. In the past we have experienced some problems when asking parents to come and pick up their children's reports. Quite often we have been left with a large number of reports at the General Office. We believe it will assist everyone by having the students take home their reports. Please ensure that you ask your children for their report.

### BER - National School Pride Update

Last week we began work associated with the BER - National School Pride grant of \$200,000 that we received from the Federal Government. The extensive works that will be undertaken cannot be completed within the two-week holiday period so we began last week with the intention of having most of the works completed for the beginning of Term 3.

The works are extensive, focused almost exclusively in the Secondary

School but also the school grounds. There will be some disruption throughout the last two weeks of term related to the following work:

15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Surface preparation of all painted surfaces in the Secondary School
19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Installation of fencing and synthetic turf (futsal/hockey) on asphalt area between Arts/Graphics Wing and Sports Complex
22 <sup>nd</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Painting of classrooms – walls and ceilings
22 <sup>nd</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Painting of corridors and stairwells (Only the significant pieces in the range of artwork completed on the walls of the Secondary building by Mr. Dimitri Garas and students will remain)
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Painting of MPH and Yr 12 Study Room
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Not all student toilets inside Secondary building available due to electrical work
26 <sup>th</sup> June	All Secondary School toilets closed due to preliminary plumbing and joinery works (students will use the Primary School toilet blocks)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June (Saturday Greek School)	All Secondary School toilets closed due to preliminary plumbing and joinery works (students will use the Primary School toilet blocks)
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Renovation of all Secondary School toilet blocks
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	New carpet in 208, repairs to existing carpeted areas
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Removal of old basketball/netball goals. Installation of new basketball/netball goals and new line marking of basketball/netball court.

You can see from the outline of works above that we are striving to improve the school facilities for all students and staff. We hope this is appreciated and respected by all and that the improved look of our College will remain damage-free and retain its cleaner and fresher look for a long time to come. In the near future, new furniture will be purchased to ensure every room throughout the Secondary School is fitted out appropriately and the learning environment for our students is much-improved on what they currently have.

The College will also soon be applying for grants that will allow us to undertake extensive work in the Primary School, ELC, College Assembly & Conference Centre and school grounds. It is intended that Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College is almost fully refurbished by the early part of 2010.

### KEY COLLEGE DATES

Term Two 2009	
23 <sup>rd</sup> –24 <sup>th</sup> June	• Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (Primary School)
24 <sup>th</sup> –26 <sup>th</sup> June	• Year 12 Camp—Phillip Island
26 <sup>th</sup> June	• Term 2 Ends
13 <sup>th</sup> July	• Staff Professional Development Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	• Students Start Term 3

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### **Student Illness**

Last week we had a large number of children in Year 6 either at home or coming to school with general flu-like symptoms. We would like to ask that everyone work together to minimise any impact of spreading these symptoms to others.

The College urges parents to keep sick children away from school and in the current circumstances to follow-up with their GP for medical advice. Children should be kept at home for at least 3 days if they show any flu-like symptoms. We would like to stress to you that none of the children who are currently ill have been diagnosed with H1N1 Influenza.

Please contact the school if your child is absent and experiencing

any of the following symptoms—fever, body aches, cough, sore throat, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhoea. If the school calls to report that your child has become sick while at school, please make timely arrangements to pick-up your child from school.

It should be remembered, however, that colds and flu are a part of the normal winter season. Good general hygiene remains the best defence against colds and flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly wash their hands and cover their nose/mouth when sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced while at school.

Enjoy a healthy and restful break with your family and friends.

**Mr. Steve Charisis—College Principal**

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT**

### **End of Semester One**

The examination period ends the formal assessment for work covered in Semester One. **Students will be receiving their reports on Tuesday** of this week, which will show their progress in all subjects with the assessment of major outcomes throughout the semester. Parents and students are asked to look at the reports carefully and discuss the results.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews** will be held within the first four weeks of **Term 3**. This gives teachers who will be having students for the first time, especially in elective subjects, the opportunity to get to know them and gauge their progress.

All students are expected to attend normal classes till the end of the week. Important excursions and the finalising of courses will take place during class time. Parents are reminded that they must ring the College if their son or daughter is ill and therefore absent from school for that day.

*I take this opportunity to wish all the students and teachers a wonderful term break and look forward to seeing you in Term 3 reinvigorated and rested.*

### **Long Service Leave**

We wish Mr Panagopoulos a well-earned break as he takes his six months long service leave. Mr Panagopoulos has been at the College for 21 years and has been a dedicated and committed teacher of the LOTE Faculty. He also headed the Saturday School for more than 10 years. We wish him an enjoyable break while he is planning to travel overseas, garden and generally rest.

### **Overseas Trips**

We have had an unprecedented number of students going overseas during this time of year. Any long-term absences must be discussed with the College Principal or myself so we can determine what affect this may have on the student's overall progress for the year. Whilst we understand that overseas trips to Greece are often important and beneficial for the family, they do impact on the continuity of learning for the student. Depending on the student's academic progress, they may or may not be able to achieve satisfactory results to pass the year. The length of the trip is recorded as an absence from school and it counts when we add the number of days that a student has missed for the year. There are cases where the student has not been recommended for promotion for the fol-

lowing year and this is particularly crucial for the senior levels of secondary school. Please consider this carefully when deciding to interrupt your child's schooling.

### **The Week Ahead**

**State Futsal Championhips** : We wish students attending the Futsal Competition in Bendigo the very best of luck. Mr Natsioulas, Mr Joyce and Ms Kennedy will be looking after them and supporting them during the games.

**Hellenic Museum:** Year 9 students will be attending the Hellenic Museum on Wednesday to view the ancient tablets on democracy that are here from Greece till the end of June. This is an amazing opportunity for all of us here in Australia to see these ancient treasures and we thank the Greek Government for allowing this exhibition to take place.

### **Victoria Police Program**

Letters have gone home informing parents of Year 9 and 10 students of this very important session on **Tuesday night at 6.30 p.m.** It is **compulsory for all Year 9 students and their parents** to attend and it completes a four-week program. It aims to empower parents through knowledge and awareness of how they can protect their children in the ever-increasing risks of the cyber-world, drugs and alcohol abuse, and general risks that exist with young adolescents.

There will be Hawthorn Football Club players presenting, Victoria Police Officers, Eastern Drug and Alcohol Services, Ambulance Victoria and representatives from the City of Monash Family Services. It promises to be an exceptionally informative evening.

### **Year 12 Camp**

I take this opportunity to wish the Year 12 students and their teachers Mr Rinkel, Mrs Korlos, Mr Zafiroopoulos and Ms Bean a safe and enjoyable camp on Phillip Island.

### **ICAS Spelling**

A select number of students will be sitting for this external competition from Years 7-10. It is always good practice for students to see how well they perform in reference to their peers from all over Australia.

**Marina Theodore—Head of Senior Years Education**

## **STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**

### **Student Representative Council**

All members of the SRC attended Genazzano College on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, for the Youth Leadership Conference. Our College was well represented in all discussions and the day proved to be valuable with students being given a valuable format for **Navigating an Issue**- I am sure we can all learn from this logical way of tackling issues. The approach is based on:

**Defining the Issue: [What is the problem- who is affected?]**

1. Why does this happen? What is the cause?
2. Is any-one doing anything about it? Is it working? Why/Why not?

### **Imagining the Solution:**

3. How would we like things to be? What do we want to achieve?
4. What changes need to occur?

### **Action Plan**

All members of the SRC will receive their badges at the final Assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**Mary-Anne Lewis—Head of Student Services (Secondary)**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

*Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Fivaliotis on the birth of their son John on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June.*

What a busy term we have had and a myriad of activities that have recently taken place in the Primary School. To make reference to the Big Sing, the Big Morning Tea, the Year 6 Canberra trip, BDPSSA sports day, the Year 6 Newspaper, various excursions and educational visits that regularly take place makes me very proud. I do want to draw your attention to the wonderful opportunities we have for our students in all the areas of the curriculum.

It is important that we continue to create such opportunities, as I genuinely believe these experiences support and enhance what takes place in the classroom. Students writing and reading about their experiences gives them tangible examples that shape their development. Your continued support of such events is invaluable and contributes to their success.

### ***Music News***

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the Years Five and Six musical experience, The Big Sing, led by Mr. Perry. I was absolutely amazed by the standard of the performances. The musical was full of singing and dancing and the children did a brilliant job. The very talented Year 10 College Band who played with much enthusiasm and dedication enhanced the performance. Everyone had great fun on the evening. All the children were a credit to their school.

Special thanks must go to Mr Perry for his vision and working so hard practising and rehearsing with the children and the band. Thanks to David Ruljancich for coming on the evening to accompany the band on drums. His commitment to our school is always evident. Thanks to the Year 5 and 6 teachers for all their assistance and support. To all the parents who came, you were such a great audience joining in the singing and the dancing. Finally a special thanks to all our talented students and band for such a great evening.

### ***Fundraising Success***

The Big Morning Tea was a great success. The teachers and students of Year 6 did an extraordinary job of organising the Big Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Foundation. They raised \$614 – what a great effort! Well done to Mrs. Athanasopoulos, Mrs Procter and all our senior students.

### ***Sports Mania***

Credit must go to all our sports teams for their efforts to make the finals. They remained focussed throughout and never stopped encouraging each other. That's a job well done by all! A big thanks to Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Rabin, Mr. Natsioulis, Mrs Piotrowski, Mrs Procter, Mrs Athanasopoulos, Mrs Patsari and Mrs. Gamas for the many hours they put in to training and coaching the teams. I am especially proud of our children and their sportsmanship during the finals—Girls Soccer came 1st, Boys Soccer came 3rd, Mixed Netball came 3rd, T-ball came 4th and Sof-Crosse came 4th.

All were winners!

### ***Year Six Newspaper***

I would like to congratulate the Year 6 students for producing a wonderful Newspaper. Well done to all!

I would like to wish all the staff, students and parents a restful and happy break and look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

### ***Dates to remember.....***

#### **June**

**Tuesday 23** Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
**Wednesday 24** Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
**Thursday 25** Church for Preps to Year 4  
**Friday 26** End of Term 2

#### **July**

**Monday 13** Staff Professional Learning Day  
**Tuesday 14** Commencement of Term 3

*Ms. M. Adams—Head of Junior Years Education*

## **LOTE Report**

### ***Home Away from Home!***

In recent years the LOTE Department has been involved in a number of community projects and has had the privilege of being invited to perform for a number of special occasions at different venues. On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June a group of Year 4 students accompanied by Ms Ria Grivas and myself were invited to celebrate Culture Day at the Towergrange Bellview Aged Care Services in East Oakleigh. The resident at the home were given the opportunity to socialise with other people and celebrate together on this special day.

The students and teachers were overwhelmed with emotion. The happiness and joy the children give to the residents is equally emotional. As I looked around the room people were smiling, clapping and moving arms and legs in elation

as they watched our wonderful students perform. Some students dressed up in traditional Greek costumes and others in our school uniform. The year 4 children were outstanding in their performance as they sang traditional Greek songs and danced traditional Greek dances. I am very proud of our students' efforts and determination to please their audience.

As we near the end of another Term the LOTE Department would like to wish all students and parents of the College a restful and safe break. We look forward to Semester 2 as it promises to be full of more exciting learning experiences.

***Mandy Zoumboukos***  
***Curriculum Leader LOTE Prep-Yr 6***  
***LOTE Department***

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

### PRIMARY SCHOOL VIPS AND STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS—12/6/09

Prep A	Zoe Pandelias	Tiah Menelaou
Prep S	Nina Ligidakis	Deana Giannaros
1P	Athan Korderas	Georgia Paboukis
1T	Christina Giovanis	Amanda Tsiagalos
2P	Alexandra Dimeo	Tim Atherinos
2V	Hanna Turewicz	John Lelekakis
3K	Alexia Kay	Nick Agiazis
3M	Katherine Ryan	Peter Argiropoulos
4C	Emily Pezos	John Christou
4T	Sophia Thomson	Liam Koutsioulis
5G	Gabriel Pilakis	Karly Tsivoglou
5P	Andrew Kassabian	Christine Nikolopoulos
6A	Nicholas Kazanidis	Luke Zographos
6P	Derek Garth	Elle Dages

#### School Holiday Ideas

It isn't easy to entertain kids on the school holidays, let alone take the time off work to spend it with the family. Some parents may also be battling tough times making it even harder to keep the kids amused over the break, especially when everything seems to cost a fortune! The last thing we, as a school, would want you to do is leave the children in front of the TV or computer monitor all day.

**Try a home-cooking class**, as the parent you can be the 'teacher' or even chose an older child to be the 'teacher.'

**Make-Your-Own-Pizza** makes meal times fun, spread out all the ingredients needed for pizzas and then let everyone make their own and watch their pizza cook. It makes meal times and eating dinner a lot more exciting!

Whilst traveling there are many games you can play to keep kids from becoming bored. **Number plate games** are great! When you see a number plate you have to create items using the letters on the plate, for example BMC could be 'Big Mean Chicken'.

Encourage your kids to **write a story**, and then later **turn it into a play**. Provide dress-ups, make-up and props, support lots of rehearsal time and then bring family and

friends together for their performance.

**Paper Mache** is one of the most versatile crafts around! You can make anything. You can cover balloons, cardboard, toilet rolls, cups, juice cartons, masking tape and shoeboxes with Paper Mache. The Mache recipe is fairly easy it just flour, water and some salt/sugar mixed together, then you dip your newspaper in the mixture and paste it onto your chosen object.

**Play dough** can easily be made at home, check out the internet or local craft shops for the best recipes then create a your house and community with play dough!

For many young kids **using public transport** is an adventure, going outside the house on a train or even a tram can be exciting! Venture into the CBD and enjoy the following:

**The State Library** is like a large free theme park for the thinking person. There you will find numbers of major displays, the [Stawell Gallery](#) which has art associated with the growth of Melbourne, the [Keith Murdoch Gallery](#) with changing displays around various topics, a significant chess section where you can sit down for a game, activity areas for children and , of course, books.

**Federation Square** contains the magnificent [Ian Potter Gallery of Australian Art](#), entry to which is free. The [Australian Centre for the Moving Image](#) also usually has numbers of free displays and film screenings, and the Atrium and [BMW Edge](#) spaces are often playing host to a display, market or performance.

**The Royal Botanic Gardens** are one of the glories of Melbourne and entry is free. If the weather is fine why not enjoy a picnic on the grass.

**Ride the City Circle Tram**. This service is free and runs every day. Stop off for a **free tour of the Parliament House, the Melbourne Town Hall or even the Hellenic Museum**.

For people with a bit more time up their sleeves and money under the mattress – **go to the snow!**

I do hope many parents can take some time off work to enjoy these holidays with their children. Have a safe and wonderful break!

*Con Roubos—Head of Student Services (Primary)*

## MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE

### *The Big Sing*

Congratulations to all Year 5, Year 6, Choir, and Year 10 Music students who contributed to such an historic event: **The Big Sing**. This is the first year level specific concert to be held at the College and, as I indicated at the end of the concert, let's hope it becomes part of a strong tradition. Year 5 and 6 and choir sang and danced a number of popular songs to the accompaniment of our talented Year 10 Music class and our drum teacher, David Ruljancich. Many thanks to all teachers who assisted in the concert, and to parents for their wonderful contribution.

As a result of the fundraising efforts from this night, we have been able to purchase a bass xylophone. This instrument is now located in the Primary Music room and

has already been used for a number of lessons. Thanks to all of you for your contribution to the program!

### *Semester 1 Soiree*

Please note that this semester's Soiree has been **postponed** to Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please disregard the given date in the calendar. If your child is intending to perform, make sure they have plenty of practice over the holidays! We hope to have yet another quality concert from our students.

*David Perry- Performing Arts Co-ordinator*