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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The grass is always greener at Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri"



We have started Term 3 in a very impressive manner. We are thrilled by our students' positive attitude and appreciation of their renewed facilities. I hope you have taken the opportunity to come to the College. You will be impressed by the cleanliness, landscaping and greening of our grounds.

Principal's Mail out

During the school holiday period, all families were sent a letter from the College Principal, including several attachments that required your immediate attention. This is a reminder that you should immediately return:

- *2010 Confirmation of Enrolment form* - This will assist us with our planning for next year in relation to budgeting.
- *After School Care Survey* – If you require care for your children after school, then you must return this survey so that I can verify our College's needs to any potential future provider.

I also hope that you have given favourable consideration to attend our gala event this year – The Annual Ball. I am thrilled with the number of tickets already sold. This event will see a wide representation of our school community attending, including past students. Our main organisers for this event, George Giannaros and Pette Liacopoulos, have done a terrific job in generating huge support. We would love to see you there. It will be a great night. (Ticket Order forms were part of the mail out)



Outstanding Result in Enhancement Mathematics

Our College gives the opportunity to our high-achieving students in Year 12 to study a first year university Mathematics subject through the Monash University

Enhancement Program. The university study is included in the calculation of the Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER). In addition, students are eligible to receive credit for future university studies.

This year, one of our highly motivated and talented Mathematics students, Christopher Piperidis, decided to take this option with outstanding results. Not only did he receive a **High Distinction** that credits him with the highest increment (5.5) towards his ENTER aggregate, but he achieved an amazing **98%** for the first Year University Mathematics Unit (1055). We are proud of Chris and congratulate him on this outstanding achievement. I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work of one of our senior teachers, Mrs. Korlos, who has acted as Chris' Enhancement Mathematics Mentor.

Chocolate Drive

Thank you to all the families who have returned the money for the Cadbury Freddo Frog Fundraising Drive. Money and/or any unsold chocolates are now due back at the College. Would those families yet to return money or any unsold chocolates, please do so this week.

We do have extra boxes of Freddos if anyone is able to sell more.

Greece Trip

Our trip to YUPPI Camp in Halikidiki will be attended by 26 students and 3 staff. This year I am thrilled to have the opportunity to accompany the group with Ms. Adams and Ms. Patsaris. We are departing on Friday 31st July and returning on Friday 21st August.

During our absence, Mr. Roubos will oversee matters related to the Primary School and ELC, while for College-wide matters, Mrs. Theodore will be the point of contact.

Mr. Steve Charisis—College Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

Semester Two has begun with a renewed optimism. Students' curiosity to see their school's physical improvement was evident on the first day back. There was approval on all fronts; especially to the changes made to the outer yard. I stood back, watched, listened and rejoiced in their awe. The environment now clean, newly painted, restored, helped to engender some pride again in their school. We needed to start a fresh again. With many programs now consolidated in the curriculum as well as in student welfare, we are more than ready to address our progress as a school that is trying to respond to all aspects of its students' needs.

As teachers we have the profound responsibility of working with young people in ways that not only engage them with learning but also affirm and encourage them, to build resilience and positive self-esteem. We are continually building on our own knowledge and skills. We are engaged in on going professional development both within the College and from external providers. On Monday 13th July we had our second Professional Learning Day with an expert, David Moore. The focus was to further understand the restorative practices approach by adopting a common language when dealing with student issues.

As *The Age* newspaper reported (11/5/09) in the article titled "Respect is the new Discipline", the focus is on respect for oneself and others—fairness, tolerance, inclusiveness,

appropriate penalties and positive encouragement. The aim is to keep students engaged and in school, it stated. To work with the students and to get them to set goals, because if they don't know where they are heading then they don't know why they are at school. We encourage all parents to be in contact with the school and to openly discuss any concerns that they may have about their child's progress. A reminder that on the 11th and 12th of August we have our formal Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

I wish everyone a great term ahead.

Semester Two key dates:

31 July	Greece Trip departs
11-12 August	Parent /Teacher/ Student Interviews
13 August	Careers Expo
18 August	Inter-House Cross Country
19 August	Year 10 VCE Information Evening ICAS Maths Test
26 August	College Open Day
9 September	EISM Cross Country Carnival
14- 18 Sept.	Camp Week for Year 8, 9 and 11 Work Experience Week for Year 10 Normal classes for Year 12 Special Program for Year 7

Marina Theodore—Head of Senior Years Education

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Welcome back to another action packed term.

Spotlight on Careers:

Monday 3 rd August –	VTAC Applications Open for Year 12's
Thursday 13 th August-	2009 Careers Expo at College for all Year's 10, 11 & 12 students [Morning Only]
Wednesday 19 th August-	VCE Year 10 Information Evening for all students

Monday 14 th September – Friday 18 th September	2009 Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 30 th September –	VTAC Applications Close for Year 12's.
1 st August – 30 th August –	Open Days for all major Tertiary Institutions.

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

KEY COLLEGE DATES

Term Two 2009	
27th—31st July	. ELC Parent/Teacher Interviews
31st July	. Primary School Assembly . Greece Trip Departs
27th July—1st August	. ICT Week 2009 (Primary School)
11th & 12th August	. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (Secondary School)
13th August	. Careers Expo
18th August	. Inter-House Cross Country (Secondary School)
18th August	. Yr 10 VCE Information Evening
21st August	. Greece Trip Returns
26th August	. College Open Day
5th September	. College Annual Ball

Greek Studies Program for Adults

Commencing Semester 2, the Greek Orthodox Community of Oakleigh and Districts, with the support of the General Consulate of Greece and the Education Office in Melbourne, will continue to run an evening class for adults as a supplement to the Greek Studies Program offered at the Day Bilingual College "Sts Anargiri" and the Saturday School.

The evening Greek Studies Program for adults is aimed at people who wish to refresh or expand their knowledge of the Greek language, as well as be introduced to major periods of Greek history and be acquainted with aspects of Greek culture, which forms the bedrock of Western Civilization.

This decision was reached after the persistent demand from adults of Greek origin, but also of Australians of other ethnic backgrounds. The class will be held on Monday evenings, 6.30 to 8.30 pm, during the period 13 July to 14 September 2009, at the Sts Anargiri College Library, 77-81 Willesden Rd., Oakleigh. A small fee will be charged to cover running expenses.

The Greek Studies Program for Adults is offered under the auspices of the Consulate General of Greece in Melbourne and its Office for Education which provides the teacher.

Enrolments can be made by telephone (9569 6128), or in person at the Sts Anargiri College Office, 77-81 Willesden Rd., Oakleigh.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back to all our children, teachers and parents. Our first two weeks back at school went very smoothly. The new look of the playground has bought many smiles on the faces of parents, teachers and especially students. Thanks must go to all who worked hard over the holidays to complete the project just in time for the commencement of Term 3.

The school looks great and thank you to all those children who are endeavouring to keep our school beautiful by caring and assisting us to keep the litter in the litter bins. Well done everyone!

Learning by Doing

The Years 3 and 4 students are very excited about the inquiry topic they are studying this term '*Push and Pull*.' The students will have an opportunity to create an object or toy that include the movements of push and pull with the assistance of the Learning by Doing Programme on Tuesday 21 July.

Year 3 Camp

There is a Year 3 Camp Information Evening on Wednesday, July 22nd commencing at 6.30 in the Multi Purpose Hall. All Year 3 parents are invited to come and have all their queries answered.

Greece Trip 2009

It is with great pleasure and relief that I can confirm that there will be 23 students from the Primary School and 3 students from the Secondary School going to Yuppi Camp in Halkidiki this year. Mrs. Patsaris, Mr. Charisis and Ms. Adams will accompany the group. We fly out with Thai Airlines on Friday 31st of July at 4.15pm and return on Friday 21st August at approximately 8.00pm.

The next meeting will be called as soon as the airline tickets have been issued from Greece. All travel details will be discussed at that time.

Enrolments for 2010

Enrolments are now open for children who will start ELC and Prep in 2010. Interviews of existing families who have a child to start in 2010 have taken place in Week 1 and 2. The interviews run for 30 minutes and require the child to attend. Appointments are being organised for later in the term for those parents who have not had an interview as yet.

ICT Week 2009 - 27th July to 1st August

ICT Week is now in its third year and aims to build community awareness of the importance of ICT in today's technology rich age. The primary school students will celebrate the week by having a broad range of activities in ICT. The theme is '*Make IT Happen @ OGOC.*'

Ms. M. Adams—Head of Junior Years Education

Inquiry Learning in Term 3 - Primary Connections Programme

We will be implementing the Primary Connections Programme into our curriculum this term. Primary Connections is an innovative programme that links the teaching of science with the teaching of literacy in the primary years of schooling. It seeks to build on students' natural curiosity, to nurture their senses of wonder and develop their passion for exploring how their world works.

The Learning Outcomes in Primary Connections contribute to developing students' scientific literacy. Scientific literacy is considered the main purpose of school science education and has been described as the capacity for individuals to:

- Be interested in and understand the world around them

- Engage in the discourses of and about science
- Be sceptical and questioning of claims made by others about scientific matters
- Be able to identify questions, investigate and draw evidence-based conclusions, and
- Make informed decisions about the environment and their own health and well-being (Goodrum, Hackling and Rennie, 2001)

This term the Preps will be studying '*On the Move*', the Years 3 and 4 will be studying '*Push and Pull*' and the Years 5 and 6 will be studying '*Marvellous Micro-organisms*'. Years 1 and 2 have already completed the '*School Yard Safari*' component during Term 2 as part of the Mini Beasts unit.

Fotini Geras

ITU/Inquiry Learning Curriculum Leader

Early Learning Centre - Programme News

Term 2 was an action packed term with lots of activities involving the exploration of the world of puppetry. Both 3 and 4 year old students were treated to a live puppet show



where they listened and participated in the much loved tale of "Sleeping Beauty. The show consisted of a variety of traditional hand made puppets. After the performance the students were able to learn about how the puppets were made and constructed and about the different sound effects and musical instruments involved in the show. The last few weeks of term 2 consisted of our study on the solar system and the introduction of science and technology in relation to robotics and machines. The students have already built a number of robots from recycled materials and our learning in this area will continue into term 3 when the 4 year olds will visit "Science Works" museum to further expand their knowledge and understanding. Currently we are in need of boxes and other recyclable materials for our robot building so if you have any items which you normally put in the recycling bin we would like to use them for our project. Just bring any boxes along to the ELC during the first 2 weeks of term 3.

A reminder to all ELC parents that reports will be distributed prior to Parent/Teacher interviews which will be held between 27th and 31st July.

Mrs. Elli Lithotomos— Teacher-In-Charge of ELC

**PRIMARY SCHOOL VIPS AND STUDENT OF
THE WEEK AWARDS—17th July, 2009**

Prep A	Andonis Kolokithas	Helen Hatziminas
Prep S	Paul Boussounis	Theodore Nianiakas
1P	Giorgia Kalogeropoulos	Michael Pegiou
1T	Stefany Anastassiou	Dallas Kogiannakis
2P	Aikaterini Boultradakis	Harry Iosifidis
2V	Mary Seriatos	Anthea Arampatzis
3K	Nicholas Petrakis	Alexia Kay
3M	Katherine Ryan	Christina Gougoussis
4C	Costas Nikolopoulos	Georgia Kontos
4T	Nicholas Gioulekas	Arion Giotopoulos
5G	Elena Stavrou	Sophie Kagarakis
5P	Zoe Zervides	Polina Nikolakakis
6A	Sophia Xanthis	Peter Zaharakis
6P	Elle Dages	Harry Mandravelos

grams such as the Compass Award and of course our Happy Face Raffle.

Happy Face Raffle??? ‘What’s that?’ I hear you ask.

Students who have maintained an unblemished record of good behaviour are rewarded at the end of each semester with a raffle ticket that goes into a draw. Seven winners are drawn, each of which receives a movie ticket.

Last semester’s winners were: Crystal Karakostas (Prep S), Cassandra Gonis (1P), Hanna Turewicz (2V), Terry Kalogiros (3M), Evan Panagiotou (4C), Argyris Dikeos (5P) and Elizabeth Goss (6A).

Congratulations to these students for winning the raffle, but to all who managed to receive a ticket!



Happy Face Raffle Winners



Term 3 Class Captains
Con Roubos—Head of Student Services (Primary)

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS CAPTAINS

Term 3

Prep A	Jenni Babatsias	Evangelia Starakis
Prep S	Floria Takos	Anna Palaskas
1P	Georgia Paboukis	Jordan Bizilis
1T	Demi Zafropoulos	Michael Andrianopoulos
2P	Stavroula Sideris	Tim Atherinos
2V	Billy Douvos	Denise Polymeropoulos
3K	Julia Paboukis	Vasilis Zafropoulos
3M	Electra Tsiros	Diana Zoumboukos
4C	Christos Tsourekas	Paras Gamas
4T	Sophia Thomson	Evangelia Loupis
5G	Christopher Alevizos	Danielle Kantarias
5P	Kacrina Roukas	Estelle Tsimbis
6A	George Pezos	Sophia Karras
6P	John Dimitrokallis	Dion Yiannakakis

Epilepsy Trivia Challenge 2009

We thank all the students, parents, relatives and friends who with their kind donations helped our college raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria. **Years 3 - 6 raised an incredible total of \$1750, almost matching last year’s record total of \$1888.** The money will be used by the Epilepsy Foundation to support those in research as well as those who suffer from this affliction.



Congratulations to all students who participated in the Epilepsy Trivia Challenge. The following students make up the winning teams from the Trivia Challenge from each year level. They will now compete in an online semi-final this month.

Year 3: Alex Dalamagas, Helena Manoussios, Christopher James Mertikas, Sophia Alexia Kay

Year 4: Ellen Kanellos, Phillip Dimeo, Sophia Koutsoulis, Liam Theodore

Year 5: Sophie Antonellis, Argyris Dikeos, Ioannis Tsourekas, Christine Nikolopoulos

Year 6: Tomas Theodore, George Pezos, Dean Nicopoulos and Alec Kumar

We wish them Good luck!

Happy Face Raffle

Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College has a focus on creating a positive, caring and safe environment. This has nurtured development of a number of programs that foster excellence, endeavour, harmony and collective school community spirit. These include Assembly Presentations, VIP and Student Spotlight Awards, Endeavour and Achievers Pro-

Education Maintenance Allowance

Parents are reminded that if they have not yet applied for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) in Semester One that they can apply for Semester Two.

- Application forms are available from the College office.
- Health Care Cards must be valid on the 13th of July to apply.
- All applications must be completed and handed in to the College office by the **30th of July.**

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.