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Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri"

# Gazette

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

Everyone has arrived safe and sound in Greece albeit some unexpected delays at Tullamarine and Athens airports. Mr Charisis has confirmed that the weather is nothing less than perfect, the camp leaders are wonderful and the smiles on the children's faces confirms that all is as it should be on a summer camp next to the Aegean. We, from the heart of Melbourne's winter, wish them well. Photos no doubt will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks and we will share them with the school community.

Term 3 continues to be a busy term. Looking ahead please note the following Calendar Dates for the Secondary School:

**Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Appointment forms will be sent home tomorrow via the students and parents are reminded to indicate the times they require to see the individual subject teachers.

**Year 10 VCE Information Evening: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 6.30 p.m.**

The evening is a compulsory event for all Year 10 parents and students. Information will be disseminated on the VCE years and the subject selection process.

**Yr 9 City Cite Information Night: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 6.30 p.m.**

All parents and students of Year 9 are invited to attend the information session on the city experience week which is held on the last week of Term 3. Mr Harry Leather, Director of City Cite, will be the presenter who will inform every one on the merits of such experiential learning that is so much a part of the Year 9 curriculum. Mrs Frame will be sending a letter home with the students.

**Inter-House Cross Country Carnival: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

A fun filled, healthy exercise day awaits everyone with our Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. It is compulsory for all students to attend and selections will be made for the EISM competition.

**Camps: Year 8 Karoonda Park, Year 9 City Cite, Year 11 Skiing at Mt Buller**

Information has gone home informing parents of the camp and its associated costs. Please sign the forms and send the initial deposit for confirmation. The College sees camps as a compulsory co curricular activity for all students. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Year 10 Work Experience: Last week of term**

Each year has a focus program and so with Year 10 we believe that students should have the opportunity to experience the work place environment in order to prepare for their future in a more informed way. Students become more engaged with their learning when they are able to set specific goals for their future. Hopefully all students have secured work experience in the profession that they are most interested in pursuing post secondary schooling.

**ICAS English and Mathematics**

Students are given the opportunity to sit for the external competitions organized by the University of New South Wales in English and Mathematics this week. Respective students have been notified by their teachers.

**VCE Results**

Students who sat for the mid year examinations for Unit 3 received their results today. As the late Mr Alexiadis used to say hopefully they "received what they deserved". Unit 4 is well and truly under way and their focus is to prepare for end of year examinations and internal SACs.

**Year 10-12 Careers Expo Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

All students in Years 10-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the Career's Expo that Ms Lewis has organized. It promises to be a most informative and important day for all senior students as all major tertiary providers will be here to discuss the various courses on offer at their institutions. Please read Ms Lewis' entry about the day in the Gazette.

*Marina Theodore—Head of Senior Years Education*

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

**Bi Annual Careers Expo - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

Every two years the College showcases a Careers Expo for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The aim of the day is to support students to make informed vocational choices based on building better awareness of interests, values, abilities and skills. There are 4 sessions students can attend. Here is an outline of the sessions.

- 1. Introduction Session:** Each student will hear from 6-8 past students about what they have done since leaving Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College.
- 2. Session One & Session Two:** Students will hear from RMIT-Engineering & Medical Science, Deakin University- It , Film & Television & Commerce, Monash- General & Science, ACU-Exercise Science, Holmesglen- Apprenticeships, MIBT- Pathways to Deakin, Swinburne University – Creative Arts & Engi-

neering, Defence Force.

- 3. Session Three:** Students will hear from people working in the industries of: Science, Defence force, Engineering, Dietician, Police, Art, Hospitality, Public relations and marketing. This promises to be a day of insight and value for all concerned.

**SRC**

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July the SRC ran a casual and Crazy Hair Day. This was an outstanding event and thanks go to all SRC Member who showed initiative and advanced organisation skills. Thanks to all those students and staff who made a contribution, we raised \$860 for Paradise Kids 4 Africa.

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

**PRIMARY SCHOOL VIPS AND STUDENT OF  
THE WEEK AWARDS—31st July, 2009**

Prep A	Nicole Bizilis	Iliana Gerantidis
Prep S	Victoria Turewicz	Rania Zafiroopoulos
1P	Vasoula Lagaras	Kosta Pliatsikas
1T	Telis Ioannou	Andrea Georgiou
2P	Michael Likopoulos	Sarah Burnett
2V	Paul Castan	Nasia Panopoulos
3K	Alexis Dalamagas	Nicola Zois
3M	Kosta Georgiou	Leah Rovatos
4C	Kristin Panopoulos	George Dagaras
4T	Kristen Yiannakakis	Pantelis Loupis
5G	Angel Maretis	Peter Zoumboukos
5P	Michael Tsiodras	Kathlea Tamvakis
6A	Tomas Theodore	Parys Drakopoulos
6P	Matthew Sarris	Dean Antos

**STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**

***Crazy Hair / Casual Clothes Day***

It was truly a ‘crazy’ Crazy Hair Day last Friday with all students experimenting and attending school with different hair colours, styles and shapes. We were deeply honoured by a special visit from a blast from the past, Joan Jett (aka Mrs Tzoumanekas) who performed the smash hit ‘I Love Rock & Roll’ at our assembly. That performance certainly raised many eyebrows and brought a tear to many of our teachers’ eyes, who could not stop laughing.

The day, though, was organised for a very serious reason. It was to raise funds for the African Mission. The Primary School students dug deep and managed to donate an incredible \$456. Well Done! The spirit of giving is truly alive at Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College.

***Halkidiki – Are we there yet???***

Our 27 students and three group leaders, Mr. Charisis, Ms. Adams and Mrs. Patsaris, have arrived safely at Yuppi Camp in Halkidiki. There was a mixed feeling of trepidation and excitement at Tullamarine Airport, but after a grueling hour long delay and a few tears, family and friends waved goodbye and watched the group depart for their amazing Mediterranean Voyage.

***It’s all Greek to me!!!***

We have had a lively first three weeks in Term 3. Our Year 3s & 4s have been busy preparing for their concert, fittingly titled ‘It’s all Greek to me!’ This event will be held in the Community Hall on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. We would recommend all parents purchase their tickets early so no-one misses out!!!

***Primary Inter-House Athletics Carnival***

Our Years 3 – 6 students are now training for the Inter-House Athletics Carnival which will be held on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. The successful athletes on the day will be participating in the Bentleigh District Inter-School Athletics Carnival.

***Epilepsy Trivia Challenge***

Our four top teams took part in the online Epilepsy Trivia Challenge semi final last Thursday. We now await the results of their efforts. I must at this point thank Mrs Sandra Nikolakakis, who organised the distribution of the Trivia Challenge prizes to the students who raised money for the Epilepsy Foundation. She does this every year and I truly appreciate her help.

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

**Education Maintenance Allowance -Instalment Two**

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on 7 August 2009. No late applications will be accepted.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option

will receive their payment from late August / early September. Further information can be obtained from: [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.

**Key Dates:**

Eligibility day - **13 July 2009**

Parent applications close - **7 August 2009**

Census day - **7 August 2009**

EFT payments - **Mid August 2009** onwards

Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2009**

**KEY COLLEGE DATES**

<b>Term Two 2009</b>	
11th & 12th August	. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (Secondary School)
13th August	. Careers Expo . Yr 3 & 4 performance—“It’s All Greek to Me”
18th August	. Inter-House Cross Country (Secondary School)
19th August	. Yr 10 VCE Information Evening
20th August	. Yr 9 City Cite Information Night
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 school of the Oakleigh Greek Orthodox 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 Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College “Sts Anargiri” Library, 77-81 Willesden Rd., Oakleigh. These classes will continue to run free for the remainder of the year and will be reviewed based on demand for next year.

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 Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College “Sts Anargiri” Office, 77-81 Willesden Rd., Oakleigh.

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