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Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri"

# Gazette

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## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Federal Government Grant Success**

The list of successful schools for the final round of the Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PS21) element of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) has been officially announced by the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education.

I have received notification that Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri" has been successful in its application and will receive **\$2 million** for projects including the Primary School, College Assembly and Conference Centre and the Early Learning Centre.

This injection of funds gives us a fantastic opportunity to enhance our College's functionality and improve the learning environment for our students and staff. I am thrilled that we are now in a position where together we can achieve a great deal more for our College.

### **Annual Ball**

This Saturday our College is holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ball. The event is aimed at bringing together members of our school community, alumni of the College and members of the wider community while also using the event as a fundraising activity for our College.

We appreciate the incredible support for the event this year and are thrilled to announce that we have **SOLD OUT** due to an unprecedented demand for tickets. We hope you haven't missed out and are one of the 452 people who will be attending Princess Court Receptions this Saturday night.

The fundraising component of the evening will include an auction, silent auction and the sale of raffle tickets. Our organising committee has received incredible support from businesses and individuals who have donated a great range of goods and prizes.

See the back page of the newsletter for details about the auction and raffle items that will be available on the night

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday night for what promises to be a great event for our school community.

### **Greece Trip**

Our recent trip to Greece was a great success with the 24 students and 3 staff who attended enjoying the hospitality and camping program provided by our hosts at YUPPI Camp in Halkidiki.

It was heartening to see our children from Years 5 – 9, who may not have known each other very well, interact together and become friends. They showed a great deal of care for each other. The children made friends with children from America, Canada and Serbia.

When your chance comes, I strongly recommend that you give your children the opportunity to be part of this unique experience.



### **Doing the YUPPI Dance!**

### **Student Banking**

Our College and Community's relationship with the Bank of Cyprus has seen us work together to offer a Student Banking package for our students.

Included with this newsletter is the package with full details about this opportunity for your children to open a Junior Smart Saver account with the Bank of Cyprus. Children can deposit money into this account each week by simply returning their bank book to the College or you can make deposits at the Oakleigh branch of the bank.

### **COLES Incentive**

We have been approached by Coles - Oakleigh with an incentive program for families to support our College. Included with this newsletter is a voucher that can be presented to Coles in Oakleigh when you spend \$50 or more in one transaction and Coles will donate \$5 to Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College "Sts. Anargiri".

If you shop at Coles Oakleigh, please present this voucher to them, otherwise please return the voucher to the College or pass it on to someone else who can use it. For additional vouchers please contact our General Office. If all vouchers are presented, we can potentially receive \$5,000 that will be used to purchase additional Home reading and classroom reading material.

### **School Uniform Supplier**

I have been informed that our school uniform supplier, JJ's, will be closing at 5pm every day from the 26th August until the 8th October.

*Mr. Steve Charisis—College Principal*

## SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

As a follow-up to our well attended **Year 10** VCE Information Evening, students will be interviewed one by one by Ms Lewis, our Careers' Counsellor, in order to complete phase three of the process of subject selection and career orientation. Most students have organised and are ready for their work experience scheduled for the last week of the term. Those students who have not secured a work placement will be spoken to and they will be expected to attend school in that last week.

The **Year 9** City Cite Information Session was held to inform both parents and students of the program in place in the last week of term. Parents who attended were able to clarify any concerns they had with the Director of City Cite, Mr Harry Leather, and were excited by the prospect of their child attending the program. If any parents have any concerns please do not hesitate to ring either Mrs Frame or myself. **The Home-group teachers, Ms Papadakis and Mr Floros, or Mrs Frame and I will accompany the students in the morning (7.30 a.m.) to City Cite and come back to school with them in the afternoon (about 3.30 p.m.).**

Year 9 students will be preparing for their projects this week and groups will be worked out in their Homegroups. Their **projects will be assessed** and their result will be on the end of

year report. **If any students are not attending the program they will be expected to attend school and research the information from the library.** It will not be accepted by the College that they stay home during the week. Parents will be contacted to ensure that they understand this.

**Year 8 and Year 11** students are being briefed on their camps and I take this opportunity to wish them all a safe journey and a most enjoyable experience. For the students who are not attending, I remind them and their parents that they are expected to attend school where they will be given tasks to complete.

We are fast approaching the end of the semester and for our **VCE** students this is a crucial time as they finish off SAC work and prepare for holiday classes and practice exams. Their commitment to their studies is of paramount importance and they must not lose sight of their study regime. Parties should be of secondary importance and the time to celebrate should be reserved for when the exams are over. It concerns me when I see students trying to recover from the weekend activities and I urge parents to take notice and advise their children on what constitutes a good balance between study and going out.

*Marina Theodore—Head of Senior Years Education*

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

### ***Winding up Term 3***

SRC Activity – Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Theme Dress Up Day

Each year level will select a theme and dress accordingly.

\$2.00 donations with Ice-Cream Van on the day- bring loose change.

Team House Futsal and Volley Ball Round Robin Lunch till Period 6 for students in Years 7-10.

### ***Year 10 Work Experience***

Thanks for all the participating organisations – so many won-

derful placements have been secured.

### ***Year 12 students have completed VTAC Course Preferences for 2010***

There are so many wonderful and exciting courses to choose from and the students are well prepared and committed to continuing their education in 2010. At this stage the most popular course are, Commerce, Engineering and Biomedical Science.

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

## KEY COLLEGE DATES

### **Term Three 2009**

5th September	. College Annual Ball
11th September	. Primary School Assembly
13th September	. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (PFA)
14th-18th September	. Yr 8 Camp—Snowy Mountains . Yr 9 Camp—City Cite . Yr 10 Work Experience
15th—17th September	. Yr 11 Camp—Ski Trip
15th—18th September	. Yr 5 Camp—Baanya Biemi
15th—16th September	. Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (Primary School)
16th—18th September	. Yr 4 Camp—Lady Northcote
18th September	. Term 3 Ends

### **Sts. Anargiri Feast Day Celebration: Silent auction**

Dear parents,

As part of the community-wide celebrations planned for the Feast Day of Sts. Anargiri on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Year 11 Business Management class will be organising and administrating a Silent Auction on the day. The planning and organisation of the event will form a major component of the VCE assessment for the students. The auction will be selling items with an intangible value, along with various other goods and services.

Items that may be sold at the silent auction may include:

- Sporting memorabilia and equipment
- Beauty, hair and make-up services
- Book and cinema vouchers
- Mechanical services
- Weekend holiday house rental
- Jewellery
- Designer clothing and fashion
- A case of wine
- Any other items you are able to offer!

If you are able to donate any relevant items or know someone that can, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the College on 95696128 or email Mr. Harry Floros (on the students behalf) at [hfloros@ogoc.vic.edu.au](mailto:hfloros@ogoc.vic.edu.au).

We look forward to hearing from you in order to make this event as successful as possible.

Thank you.

*The Year 11 Business Management Class*

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## **PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

### ***Yuppi Camp***

Camp is so much more than just getting your children into nature; it represents what happens to children during their camp experience.

Camp makes children healthy! It enables children to grow to be caring, contributing, successful members of society. Children develop more social skills that help them make new friends. Children grow more independent and show more leadership qualities. Children become more adventurous and willing to try new things, Camp can be a powerfully positive experience (especially for children who have the most growth to do). Camp seems to be particularly good at helping children make friends and explore adventurous activities. Camp is an excellent environment to learn and practice positive risk taking.

It has been difficult returning home. Our dreams are of Greece; her beauty and her people are still with us. Yuppi Camp brought out a spirit in our children that you cannot find anywhere else. It was magical to walk through small villages and our children greeting and conversing with the locals sitting in 'kaffenia' and 'zacharoplastia'. It brought great joy to us but more to them who wanted to share their connection to Australia.

In taking part, we watched children's confidence, responsibility and communication skills improve. It also encouraged developing their independence and life experiences. Travel helps broaden horizons and introduce a better understanding of other cultures

We will all cherish these memories forever.



### ***Greece***

On the 31st July a group of students, Mr Charisis, Ms Adams and Mrs Patsaris left for a 3 week Summer Camp in Greece. We were all very excited when we met at Tullamarine Airport.

It was a very long and tiring trip but we finally arrived at Yuppi Camp in Halkidiki. We all settled in and had a tour around the camp. Some of the places that we visited were Marmara, Vergina, Thessaloniki, small villages and lovely shopping centres.

We met children from America, Canada, Greece, Serbia and Australia. The weather was lovely and we enjoyed all the activities at the campsite with our leaders. We really loved the beaches and canoeing was lots of fun.

We finished our holiday with a visit to the Acropolis in Athens which was great to see. Then we left Greece and came back home to see our families which was exciting. It was a trip that we will all remember.

***Victoria Balderanos***

### ***Congratulations Girls!!***

I would like to commend the wonderful fundraising initiative from Keely Nicopoulos and Mary Alabournos of 2P. They raised \$237.45 for the Ronald McDonald House. This money will go towards assisting the four families currently living in the House.

I would also like to thank the girls in 3M who did a wonderful job organizing a cake stall and raised \$151.00 for the African Mission. Congratulations to Katherine Ryan, Stephanie Arvanitakis, Sarah Dimitrokallis, Julia Paladino and Zoe Menelaou.

The students of Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College do not consider giving a seasonal thing and feel that it is something that we should do year round.

This supports the Christian doctrine that those who give ungrudgingly will receive more in return.

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

## ELC REPORT

What a busy time of year this is. So far this term we have explored and made a number of discoveries. The first was our exploration of space and our solar system. The 4 yr old students learned to recognise and name the main planets and to explore the wonder of constellations which led the children to create a variety of their own. Our excursion to Scienceworks further reinforced these concepts for the children with a visit to the planetarium as we viewed the evening and day time sky. This experience was a marvellous opportunity for the children to connect the concepts of day and night and telling the time using the 1 hour clock interval. Our pyjama days for both 3 & 4 yr old children were a great success with parents getting behind the idea by ensuring all children arrived at the ELC decked out in pyjamas, blankets, pillows, books and of course teddy bears. The children and teachers spent the days reading and exchanging picture books playing games of football and soccer in pyjamas and eating fresh fruit, chocolate “teddy bear muffins” and fairy bread. What a great way for children to gain enthusiasm for reading.

Speaking of reading, our 4 yr old’s reading program commenced several weeks ago with children taking home readers. The aim of the program is to encourage children to engage in the process of learning to read and to increase their vocabulary and comprehension. The program has also been designed to assist the children with their transition to school as they become familiar with the process of borrowing, reading and exchanging books. Already, the children are demonstrating their learning as they begin to read from memory, identify high frequency words and look for meaning in the story through the pictures and illustrations.

### *A Special Visit*

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August we had the pleasure of having ‘George Kalombaris’ from the TV show ‘Master Chef’ come and visit the ELC to speak to the children about healthy eating. George gave us some tips on how to make a healthy pizza, and encouraged us to eat more fruit and vegetables and not to eat junk food. He was also very impressed with Ms Cathy’s “Broccoli” playdough and we promised to give him the recipe. George was quite happy to assist with photos and autographs with staff, children and students from the College and we hope to see George back again in the near future to speak to our Primary and Secondary School students. We hope that George will also return to conduct a cooking demonstration on our “Saints Anargiri” Day to be held at the College on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thus another excellent reason for everyone to come along and lend their support to our College.

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



## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

### TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2009

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, seven L.E.A.P students from years 5 and 6 were selected to represent our College in the national competition TOM (Tournament of Minds) at Swinburne University - Hawthorn.

Tournament of Minds is a celebration of the talents and capabilities of our youth. Thousands of parents, educators and interested public flock annually to watch and enjoy the exhilarating spectacle of the presentations at the Tournament challenge.

The challenge involved our seven students to form one team and work together for six weeks on a Long Term Challenge without assistance teachers, parents or peers. The challenge chosen this year was 'Tell us a story' based on language literature.

The students had ten minutes to present their narrative to a panel of judges and parents.

The team also participated in an unseen, Spontaneous Challenge. This challenge required the students to think creatively and work cooperatively together to solve the challenge in minutes.

The students demonstrated the ability to initiate ideas, think creatively and present an intriguing narrative. An innovative and impressive performance.

The students who participated in the challenge:

Arsenios Zervides 6P      Tomas Theodore 6A  
Nicola Karris 6P      Peter Zoumboukos 5G  
Michaela Takos 5G      Danielle Kantarias 5G  
Zoe Zervides 5G

#### *Ms Kalliopi Tsavaris – P-8 L.E.A.P Organising Teacher*

On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August a group of Year 5 and 6 students went to Swinburne University in Hawthorn to take part in the Tournament of Minds. The team members were Danielle Kantarias, Michaela Takos, Zoe Zervides, Peter Zoumboukos, Nicola Karris, Tomas Theodore and Arsenios Zervides.

Our group chose the Language and Literature Challenge. The challenge was to present a play explaining how all the books in the world had disappeared. Over the last six weeks we prepared for the presentation by writing a script, painting a backdrop, creating the props and rehearsing.

On the day we performed our play in front of three judges, our parents and friends. We were all quite nervous, however, we did our very best and we were very satisfied with our performance. Now we wait to see how we fared against the hundreds of other schools that participated.

We also had to do a Spontaneous Challenge. There was a business card with the word BLEND on it. The card was the shape of a pentagon. We needed to figure out what it meant. We said, "Banana, Lemon, Enjoyable, Nutritious, Drinks which was for a fruit juice shop.

It was really fun doing the TOM. I would like to do it next year. The Tournament of Minds team we would like to thank Mrs Tsavaras for organising and assisting in our preparations. We would also like to thank all the parents, family members and friends who came on the day to support us.

#### *Tournament of the Minds Team 2009*

### Bullying & Restorative Practices

At Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College Restorative Practices are increasingly being used to manage bullying incidents. The term 'Restorative Practices' refers to a range of processes which are underpinned by the following concepts:

Misconduct is viewed as a violation of people and relationships  
These violations create obligations and liabilities

Problem-solving focuses on healing and making things right

These practices, ranging from proactive to reactive, involve the development and enhancement of relationships in schools and teaching of conflict resolution and other problem-solving skills. They also involve classroom management that is participatory and democratic and focuses on problem solving.

**These practices require a shift in philosophy from traditional**

Prep A	Zoe Pandelias	Aristea Triantafillou
Prep S	Sophia Philios	Lewis Arampatzis
1P	Hope Karakostas	Kosta Osianlis
1T	Michael Finfinis	Chrissy Kaniadakis
2P	Mary Alabournos	Keely Nicopoulos
2V	Theo Panagiotopoulos	Chris Giannaros
3K	Samantha Kagarakis	Nick Goumas
3M	Stephanie Arvanitakis	Christopher James Mertikas
4C	Alex Farmakis	Ellen Kanellos
4T	Sophia Gotsis	George Koltsidas
5G	Nicola Tsivoglou	Dimitri Psilos
5P	Alexia Tripidakis Michael Andrea	Costa Comninakis Nicolas Giannetakis
6A	Marina Mendrinou	Luke Zographos
6P	Anthony Derimboglou	Leah Chatgoglou

**punitive models of behaviour management to those relational models which, as well as holding wrong doers accountable for their behaviour, provide support for the community affected by the wrong doing.**

Specific Restorative Practices include:

#### **Community Conferences**

A community conference brings together, in the wake of a serious incident of harm, the wrongdoer and the student being bullied, along with their families and appropriate school personnel.

Conducted by a trained facilitator, a series of scripted questions is directed to participants in order to understand the incident and its antecedents and the effects of the incident on the community.

An agreement is reached whereby all participants feel that there has been some restitution and that relationships have been repaired. The agreement also reflects plans to meet identified needs of the participants, such as counselling, and to implement necessary changes to school policy and practice.

Follow-up is crucial for ongoing support and to ensure compliance with the agreement.

#### **Small Group Individual Conferences**

These are usually confined to a small group of students or an individual student and perhaps teacher(s) who have been involved in a less serious incident. Typically small group conferences might be used to deal with low-level bullying before matters escalate.

Parents, while not directly involved, are informed of the process and its outcomes.

Follow-up is crucial for ongoing support and to ensure compliance with the agreement.

#### **Classroom Conferences**

These involve the whole class in addressing issues which have affected teaching and learning in the classroom and student well-being, such as classroom bullying and more generally, classroom disruption.

If you have any concerns about how Restorative Practices are used throughout the college please contact me to discuss. Also you may wish to visit the webpage: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/healthwellbeing/safety/bullying>

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



## **PARENTS' FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### ***Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College Annual Ball***

#### **Auction Items**

Must be paid on the night via cash, cheque or creditcard

- \$1,000 Voucher for Kinisi Live
- Framed Hawthorn Football Jumper signed by 2008 Premier Team
- Hawthorn Football signed by 2008 Premier Team
- Framed Richmond Football Jumper signed by Matthew Richardson
- Framed Melbourne Victory poster signed by coach and captain 2009
- Autographed South Melbourne Soccer ball 2009
- Framed Oakleigh Cannons Jumper autographed by captain & coach 2009
- 2 Tickets to Michalis Hatzigiannis concert on Friday 9th Oct plus a meet & greet
- Cake and biscuit platter by Nikos Cakes
- Cake platter by Vanilla

#### **Silent Auction**

- iPod Docking Station
- Power drill
- Mens aftershave pack
- Smiggles hamper
- A dozen bottles of Pinor Noir Wine
- Enjo indoor window pack
- Carton of 12 x 500g Oasis Coffee
- Greek Alphabet canvas
- Necklace and bracelet by Trent Nathan

#### **Raffle Items**

\$10 for an envelope of 5 tickets

- Fully installed Selectv Greek Channel package for 24 months
- 2 tickets to Sydney return flight
- SONY Car Audio Pack—CD Player with speakers
- 2 nights accommodation at Hotel Sophia in a standard double room plus breakfast for up to 2 adults and a child.
- \$300 David Jones Voucher
- Dental services (check up, clean and x-ray) valued at \$270
- OJAY shopping voucher for \$250
- Pandora Huntingdale Store Voucher for \$250
- Car Service by Orrong Service Centre valued at \$200
- Tim & Terry Oyster Supply \$200 voucher
- Dinner for 2 at the Press Club
- 10 Dozen Oysters by Richmond Oysters
- Smiggles hamper
- Carton of 12 x 500g Oasis Coffee
- \$100 meal voucher to Piraeus Blues Restaurant
- \$100 meal voucher to Kyma Restaurant
- Cake and biscuit platter by Nikos Cakes
- Cake platter by Dreams
- Endota Hampton Facial Voucher
- Necklace and earrings by Angelique Jewellery
- Necklace and earrings by Lumiere Jewellery
- \$50 voucher for Le Von Lingerie
- \$50 voucher for Orexi

### ***Bunnings Sausage Sizzle***

Bunnings supports not-for-profit organisations by inviting them to secure a day during the year to hold a barbecue to sell to its customers. We have been lucky enough to secure two dates in 2009 at the Bunnings store on Centre Rd to run such a barbecue (sausages, bread and drinks only). The next one is scheduled for **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

We need to be in attendance all day, the barbecue is provided by Bunnings, and we do the rest – cook and sell, with all takings going to the school.

Would you please contact Georgina Turewicz (parent) on 0408 368 240 to volunteer your support for an hour or two during that day. Come on all you BBQ chefs out there, help us out please!