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College News

BATTLE OF CRETE

On Saturday 14th of May, a solemn memorial was served at the Martin Place Cenotaph by our Primate Archbishop Makarios of Australia, in honour of the memory of those who valiantly fought and heroically fell for faith and freedom during and after the Nazi invasion of Crete in May, 1941.

This annual commemoration is a reminder for Greek-Australians, and especially those of Cretan descent, that it is not only our ancient forebears who we can be proud of as a result of their heroic feats, but also our more recent forebears, men and women, young and old, who made us proud with their brave sacrifice.

His Eminence Archbishop Makarios led the memorial prayers while students from our school, together with their peers from our sister schools sang the National Anthems and laid wreaths in honour of the fallen.



PONTIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

The 19th of May has been established as the day of commemoration of the genocide committed by the Ottoman Turks against the indigenous Greek populations of the region of Pontus on the Black Sea.

Honouring the memory of the victims of genocide, a commemorative event was held at The Marana Auditorium (Hurstville Entertainment Centre) to raise

awareness of the genocides that were perpetrated by the Ottoman and Kemalist Turkish States in the Black Sea coastal region of Anatolia known as Pontus, as well as the neighbouring regions of Thrace and Asia Minor between 1914 and 1924.

This commemorative event also paid tribute to the Armenian and Assyrian victims of this holocaust, as it was named at the time, as well as the victims of the Holocaust of World War Two.

The event was attended by many dignitaries, including the Hon. Courtney Houssos MLC who spoke about the double tragedy of genocides – the deaths of countless innocent people, as well as the forced removal from ancestral lands, and the Hon. Reverend Fred Nile MLC, a long-time campaigner for the recognition of this genocide.

A key message from the commemoration is that impunity for perpetrators of such crimes and failure to learn from the past results in the perpetuation of such crimes, as was evident in World War Two, where the orchestrators of the genocides of the Christian populations of Asia Minor committed atrocities against the Jewish populations of Europe.

A representation of our students had the honour to serve as flag bearers, while others participated in the procession bearing candles. Our principal, Fr Peter Mavrommatis offered the closing prayer on behalf of all those who were senselessly slaughtered during these genocides.



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

There will be no school on Monday 13th of June as we honour the Queen's Birthday Holiday.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

To honour Saint Euphemia's miracle at the Fourth Ecumenical Council, Great Vespers will be celebrated on Sunday 10th July at 7:00pm and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday 11th July at 7:30am. Both services will be presided by a hierarch of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

TERM DATES

Term 2 ends on Friday, 24 June for all students Prep - Year 12.

Term 3 begins on Tuesday 19 July for all students Prep - Year 12.

CHANGEMAKERS PROJECT – AN EXCITING UPDATE

Witnessing our students thrive with passion and grit through the Changemakers project has been inspiring for our entire community. Building a library for Lismore and Gyan Ganga enables our students to have a significant impact on a local and global scale. Our students have demonstrated a great depth of empathy to research, discover and understand the inequalities in education in third world countries. They have used their voice and hand to reach out to businesses, peers, and politicians to promote awareness and support for the library project. More importantly, they have learnt how to make a difference in problems they see and hear in the world around them. We have seen the future event planners and entrepreneurs in both the lemonade stands and the bake sales. We have seen our future storytellers, authors, and politicians in persuasive letters, emails, and phone calls conducted by our students. We have seen our future graphic designers, marketing experts, and artists in their creative and persuasive designs and media campaigns. We have seen our future accountants as they have solved our budgeting issues. We have seen our future educators in the leadership they've shown to spread

awareness to their peers and inspire change. May God bless our students' work and the people in need.



Summary of recent and upcoming news and events:

- \$8,013.00/\$10,000 raised for library in Sambhal India.
- \$2,455.00 raised at our recent Bunnings BBQ. Thank you to all the families that supported and contributed to the success of the day.
- \$5,000 donated by Canterbury-Bankstown McDonalds for the Library for Lismore.
- VJB Group donating their time and expertise to mentor students with the Social Media Pages.
- John Holland committed to support the Building of the Library for Lismore in Term 4.
- Next BBQ 29th of May at Padstow Bunnings.
- Student Stall at the Greek Festival Carss Park 5th of June



Our BiteSize cookies fundraiser has been a hit across the school. Thank you for participating in this fundraising initiative. Every complete box sold gives your family the chance to win a delicious hamper valued at \$250. The funds raised will be shared between the Changemakers Project and our PBIS Whole School Initiative. For more information contact the school office.



Prize Box for the Top 4 sellers!

Primary News

Enrolling Now for Prep 2023

This year, our Prep class was full before the new year even commenced. With all the new enquiries and enrolments that we have already received, there are limited places available on certain days. To avoid disappointment of your child missing out on their desired days, we advise you to enrol as soon as possible. Enrolment forms may be dropped off at the School office or emailed to Mrs Xanthoudakis at xanthoudakise@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au

Primary News Vacancies

Applications are now open for Kindergarten 2023. If you are an existing parent and have a child ready to start school next year, please ensure that you fill out our application form and return it to an administration officer in Reception.

Children enrolling for Kindergarten 2023, must turn five years of age before 31 July 2023. Students enrolled in our Prep class, have automatic entry into Kindergarten and do not need to complete any additional forms. The School also has some vacancies in some of the other grades.

If you have any friends, neighbours or relatives interested in enrolling their children, please ask them to contact the school for an Enrolment Form or download it from our website.

School Fees

The end of the financial year is quickly approaching. Parents are asked to finalise any outstanding School fees before the end of the term. Please do not leave the payment of fees to the last week of June.

Greek Dancing – Prep to Year 6

Greek Dancing classes for Prep to Year 6 will recommence in Term 3. Greek Dancing fees are \$50 for each term and are payable to the Aristotelion Academy of Traditional Dance. The fees must be paid before the commencement of Week 3 of each term. For this

service to continue in the future, please ensure payments are made on time. All overdue payments must also be forwarded off as soon as possible.

Sick Leave

The School is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or for another valid reason. The Education Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Please notify the School Office or the class teacher via email on the day of the absence to inform the School that your child will be away. Upon their return to School, they must provide a note explaining their absence or a medical certificate if required. The School sends out an automated response if a child is away on the day. Occasionally, the staff are unable to respond to emails before this message goes out. If you receive this message and you have notified the office, please disregard this message.

Uniform

It has come to our attention that many students are not adhering to the school uniform guidelines as set out by the School. Our School prides itself on its quality education and with that the behaviour and appearance of our students. Students are to be wearing correct uniform every day, including appropriate haircuts. Step cuts, buzz cuts and side cuts are not permitted. Instead, we expect boys to have a short, tidy haircut and girls to have their hair back in one neat ponytail. Jewellery, nail polish and other accessories are not permitted either. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately at all times.

School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop will close for the first two weeks of the holidays and reopen in the last week of the holidays on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 July from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday 14 July from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday 16 July from 8:30-10:30am.

For any urgent enquiries, please contact Irene on: 0406 881 970.

Existing Bus Service

If you are interested in having your child use the School Bus Service, please contact the school office.

Homework Club

Homework Club will recommence in Term 3 and will begin on Tuesday 19 July.

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday 19 August. We hope that all students and in particular the students in Years 3 to 6 continue with their reading in the holidays.

IPSHA Debating Competition

The third debate will be held on Wednesday 22 June and the topic of debate is, 'That graffiti should be illegal'. This debate is against Amity College, Prestons and will be hosted at Amity College. We wish our Debate Team all the best for their debate.

Queen's Birthday - NO SCHOOL – Monday 13 June

The School will be closed on Monday 13 June for the Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 21 June

Kindergarten-Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 21 June between 3:10pm and 7:00pm. A note will be sent home for parents to indicate their preference for a phone interview or a face-to-face interview.

Interviews for KB will take place on Monday 20 June and Thursday 23 June.

End of Term 2—Friday 24 June

Term 2 concludes on Friday 24 June. A happy and safe holiday to all!

Commencement of Term 3 - Tuesday 19 July

Please note that students commence Term 3 on Tuesday 19 July. Staff will undertake a Staff Development Day on Monday 18 July. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, ready to take on another challenging and rewarding term.

Term 3 Sport Levy

The Term 3 Sport Levy of \$60 is due on Friday 22 July. Please ensure that all sport levy payments are made by the due date. The sport levy covers a variety of different items such as entry to fields, pools, buses and equipment.

Incursions

Year 5

On Thursday 23 June, Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Planetarium Space Incursion which will be held in the School Hall. Year 5 have been learning a lot about Space, as part of their Science unit and the Space Dome will give them the opportunity to experience an almost realistic look of the night sky. The students will have the opportunity to investigate and further consolidate their knowledge of The Solar System. The cost of the Incursion \$15. Please transfer the amount to the school office by Friday 17 June. We cannot wait to hear about the wonderful things Year 5 get to see.

Excursions

Year 2

On Wednesday 8 June, Year 2 will be attending an excursion to The Sydney Tramway Museum. Students are to wear their winter sports uniform, including their hats and bring their own packed recess, lunch and water bottle.

Year 4

On Wednesday 27 July, Year 4 will be attending an excursion to The Rocks, Circular Quay. The cost of the excursion is \$40. Please transfer the amount to the school office. Students will need to bring their own packed recess, lunch and water bottle. Students are to wear their full winter sports uniform. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will be cancelled.

Year 6

On Wednesday 15 June, Year 6 will be attending an excursion to the Chinese Garden of Friendship and Tumbalong Park. The cost of the excursion is \$40. Please transfer the amount to the school office. Students will need to bring their own packed recess, lunch (if they have not ordered dumplings) and water bottle. Students are to wear their full winter sports uniform. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will be cancelled.

Sports News**Gala Days**

The gala days for Term 2 will be held on:

Friday 3 June and Friday 17 June.

Boys Soccer will be held at The Crest.

Girls Soccer will be held at Jim Ring Reserve.

Netball will be held at Deverall Park.

The games will be running the entire day beginning from 9:30am and ending at 2:30pm. Students will be transported by buses to their venues and return to school by 3:10pm. Students who are not in the IPSHA competition, will be participating in Basketball coaching with Boomers, Cricket with Cricket NSW and school sport on these days.

High School News

Beginning of Byzantine Music Classes

Byzantine music is a tool used in bringing people together for them to express themselves to their Creator. When people chant with Byzantine music, they are connecting not only with those around them, but also with those of previous generations who partook in the handing down of this tradition. Learning Byzantine music is like learning a language. We will be facilitating classes every Wednesday in the High School Library from 3:15pm to 4:15pm.

