



NEWSLETTER NO. 3 – 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

- Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who were able to attend the **Blessing of our school** on Saturday February 21st. It was a very successful day and our guests (Bishop, Consul General of Greece, representative from Ethnic Schools Board) were very impressed with our school.
- The **Annual General Meeting** took place on Saturday March 7th. It was attended by Father John, the President of our Port Adelaide Greek Community, the President and members of the Greek School Council and the Principal of our school, and a few parents/caregivers. Unfortunately, the number of parents/caregivers was below our expectation. We assume that it due to the long weekend and many parents were on holidays. If you would still like to be a part of this wonderful team of parents and were unable to attend the meeting, please approach your child's teacher. As the saying goes "*The more the merrier*"
- **The school's celebration of the National Day of Greece, will take place on Saturday March 28 at 11.30 am at the School. We ask that all children wear black and white on that day.**
- The **Inter-communal** (all schools and communities/parishes of Archdiocese) **celebration of National Day of Greece**, will take place on **Sunday March 22nd**. The schedule is as follows:
 - a. **10.00 am** - We will congregate at the front yard of the Port Adelaide Greek Orthodox church
 - b. **10.30 am** - Lining up behind the flags we will enter the church for Doxology
 - c. **11.15 am** - Students will be given a sandwich and a drink, donated by our School Council and the Ladies Auxiliary.

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- d. **11.30 am** - We will enter the bus and then travel to the War memorial service
- e. **12.30 pm** - We will congregate in front of War Memorial ready for the War Memorial Service and laying of the wreath
- f. **1.30 pm** - March along Kintore Avenue and then towards our bus ready to take us back to the church.

Please note that if you would like to use your own transport to and from the War Memorial, or if you would like to collect your children from Memorial please ensure that you let the teachers know.

- **Easter Activity Day, Saturday March 21.** To be held at the small hall of our Community, next to the Port Adelaide Greek Church. **We require that all children get dropped off (9am) and picked up (1pm) from the church. Could all children please bring a hardboiled egg so it can be dyed on the day.**

In addition to our Easter Activities, the teachers and the School Council have decided to have “**a wacky hair day.**” The children can come with "Wacky Hair" (crazy hair styles, wigs, hair spray) for a small donation. The purpose of this special fundraiser is to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation's "THE GREATEST SHAVE". Unfortunately one of our families, the Moutos family received some very difficult news in January. Their 6 year old daughter, Stephanie, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic leukemia. She is currently undergoing treatment and so far has been responding well. The treatment will initially be 7 months of intense chemo, followed by 1 1/2 years of maintenance chemo. Her prognosis is good, and this type of leukemia is curable. Please keep Stephanie and her family in your prayers and thoughts. Stephanie's dad is taking part in the greatest shave this year and shaving his hair off for this very worthy cause. All money raised on the Wacky Hair Day will go towards sponsoring him, as his employer will also match dollar for dollar.

- Please note that there will be lessons on Friday April 3 (Catholic Good Friday) and Saturday April 4.
- In Term 2 our school will resume on Friday May 1 (High School) and Saturday May 2 (Primary School).
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