

Port Adelaide Greek School



Port Adelaide
GREEK SCHOOL
Established 1960

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all our families to Port Adelaide Greek School for 2017. We sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday with their families and are now recharged for another busy year. We are also delighted to welcome all our new children and their families to Port Adelaide Greek School and we hope they develop new and ongoing friendships within our community while immersing themselves in the Greek language and culture.

Our vision is to continue providing our students with Modern Greek language acquisition by developing their speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills, as well as by exposing them to the Hellenic culture, customs, history, and Orthodox traditions. Like every year, we aim to achieve this through fun and engaging activities.

BLESSING OF OUR SCHOOL

The blessing of our school will take place this **Saturday February 11**, at 9.00 am at Seaton High School and will be conducted by His Grace Bishop Nikandros assisted by Father Ioannis Choraitis. We invite all parents/caregivers and grandparents to attend.

After the blessing, students will return to their classes to commence their lessons. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for morning tea.



Dates to Remember

February 11

Blessing of our school 9.00 am

March 11

School AGM 9.00 am

March 25

25th March Independence Day Celebration 12.00 pm

March 26

Church attendance for 25th March

Staff for 2017

Principal	Helen Iliou
Deputy Principal	Irene Zinonos
Kindy Teacher	Georgina Markos
Reception Teacher	Antonia Papazaharoudakis
Year 1 Teacher	Kathy Xanthis
Year 2 Teacher	Vicky Staikopoulos
Year 3 Teacher	Irene Zinonos
Year 4 Teacher	Maria Placogiannakis
Year 5 Teacher	Vicky Bitzios
Year 6/7 Teacher	Angela Giagtzis
Year 8 Teacher	Maria Placogiannakis
Year 9/10 Teacher	Angela Giagtzis
Year 11/12 Teacher	Irene Zinonos
Religious Instruction	Father Ioannis Choraitis
Primary Dance teachers	Antonia Mihalopoulos Mary-Ann Iliou
H/S Dance Teacher	Mary-Ann Iliou

AGM OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to inform parents/caregivers that the AGM of the School Council will take place on Saturday **March 11, at 9.00 am**.

The AGM is open to all parents/caregivers and we encourage you to attend as this is an opportunity to learn about the progress of the school, including the School Council's and the Principal's reports. This is also your chance to ask questions, make suggestions and even join this wonderful team by becoming members of the School Council.



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATION

The school's celebration of the National Independence Day of Greece, will take place on Saturday **March 25 at 12.00 pm** in the school studio. We encourage all parents to attend this significant celebration and support the children who will be performing.

We ask that all children wear black and white on that day.

Students are also expected to attend church service on **Sunday 26 at 10.00 am** which will be followed by the Annual War Memorial Parade. More information will follow later.

SEMAPHORE GREEK FESTIVAL

We would like to congratulate our amazing students and their teachers (Maria Zissopoulos and Mary-Ann Iliou) for doing a great job with their performances at this year's Semaphore festival.

Also, sincere thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped over the two days at the school's frappe tent. They raised valuable funds to help with the running of our school.



COFFEE & FRAPPE



Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school while showing their kids the importance of participating in the wider community.

We are seeking volunteers to support our children's learning in the classroom.

If you can spare some time on Saturday mornings and have a police clearance, the teachers and children would love your help. If you are interested, please approach Helen Iliou.

NUT FREE POLICY / SCHOOL CANTEEN

As we have children with severe nut allergies could you please ensure that your child does not bring to school food that may contain nuts. Our school provides healthy snacks for purchase during the children's recess break. Prices are between \$1 and \$1.50.



During terms 1 and 4 we would like all the children to bring hats to Greek School. On extremely warm days, children will need to remain in the shade if they don't have their hat.

Our dance teacher, Maria Zissopoulos, is recovering from a foot injury and won't be teaching until further notice. We would like to thank Maria for all her hard work especially her preparation for the Semaphore Greek Festival. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return. Greek Dancing lessons will commence in week 3 and will be taught by Tonia Mihalopoulos and Mary-Ann Iliou whilst Maria is recovering. Tonia has taught dancing to both junior and senior students for over 24 years and brings an enormous amount of experience to our school. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

Please note.....

As of this year, hard copies of the newsletters will not be distributed unless requested. The newsletter will be available on the website and through the Skoolbag app.

We can also be found.....

 Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/portadelaidegreeschool



www.pagoc.com.au/greek-school.html



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In the Community

February 17

Semaphore Greek Festival –
Volunteers Thank you Dinner

7 pm Krystal Function Centre

Sunday School

Held at the Port Adelaide Greek Orthodox Church Nativity of Christ every Sunday after holy communion 10:40-11:20am. All children are welcome.

Teacher: Christina Douvartzidis

Just a reminder

We ask that all blue tops and costumes please be returned to school by Saturday Feb 11.

Car Park Policy

To ensure safety for all, we would like to remind everyone that no cars should be parked inside the school grounds during drop off and pick up



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