

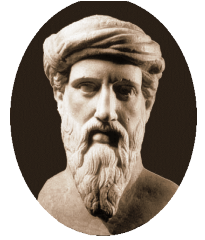
# PYTHAGORAS GREEK SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

## ‘Τα λέμε’

## February 2017

### Outstanding VCE Results

Congratulations to our Year 12s for their fantastic VCE results! All students passed and four out of our thirteen students received A's and A+'s in all areas of the study. These four students will end up with a 40 plus study score once the 5 point bonus is factored in. They are Felicia Mitsopoulos, Dean Baziotis Kalfas, Evdokia Ntaoula and Elias Poutselas. In fact, Felicia Mitsopoulos with her raw score of 40, ended up 10<sup>th</sup> in the state. We are very proud of all our students and wish them well for the future. **ΕΥΓΕ ΠΑΙΔΙΑ!**

### Registration Form

One form that will need to be completed and returned to the class teacher by the end of February is the Registration Form. This form does not need to be signed by the English School principal this year, however, please ensure that all the names of the students and day school are written correctly. If you have any queries regarding this form please contact the office or see the principal.

### Information Sessions and Holy Blessing of the School

All parents are invited to attend an important information session about the current issues regarding the VCE system. This session will be coordinated by the principal Mr Con Roubos. Following the session all parents will have the opportunity to remain for the Holy Blessing of our school.

Μονάδα Campus	Ημέρα Day	Ημερομηνία Date	Πληροφορική Συνάντηση VCE Information Session	Αγιασμός Blessing
South Melbourne	Παρασκευή / Friday	17/02/17	6.30 pm	7.30 pm
Elwood	Σάββατο / Saturday	18/02/17	11.15 pm	12.15 pm
Caulfield	Σάββατο / Saturday	18/02/17	4.15 pm	5.15 pm
Preston	Δευτέρα / Monday	20/02/17	6.30 pm	7.30 pm

### Apokries – Fancy Dress Day

Apokries is a festival celebrated all over the country with masquerades and parties. This festival dates back to Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine and fun and it was meant to worship him as well as to help the earth put forth shoots-hence the various leaping dances and the various kinds of disguises in order to please harmful spirits. In ancient Greece this festival took place in early spring, today it's celebrated 40 days before Easter, so we can see that this ceremony has been incorporated into the Christian religion. The name APOKRIES means "abstention from meat" as many worshipers begin fasting 40 days before Easter. So what does all this mean for us? Well, all students can come to school in their fancy dress costumes and/or masks on the following days to celebrate Apokries.



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Friday 3 March South Melbourne

Saturday 4 March Elwood

Saturday 4 March Caulfield

Monday 6 March Preston

Weather permitting, there will be a costume parade for the primary school students and performances held on the day. We will be sending invitations to parents soon. Keep checking for updates on our Facebook site!

### Keep the 26<sup>th</sup> of March free!

On the 25th of March, Greeks all around the world celebrate two events. We honour our forefathers who on this day in 1821 took up their arms and began the War of Independence. We also celebrate the annunciation of the Virgin Mary. This refers to the message which the Angel Gabriel passed on to her that she was to be the mother of Jesus Christ. Please take note: **This year we will be celebrating our National Day on Sunday 26 March.** All students will be required to attend the parade at the Shrine of Remembrance. We would especially love to see students proudly wearing their national costumes on the day. **All other** students are to wear the school polo top with blue pants or skirts for boys and girls respectively. Parents will have to bring and take their children from the parade. Polo tops cost \$18 and can be purchased from Mrs Alaveras.

### Campus Times

Campus	Day	Lesson Begins	Lesson Ends
Preston	Monday	4.30pm	8.00pm
South Melbourne	Friday	4.30pm	8.00pm
Elwood	Saturday	9.00am	12.45pm
Caulfield	Saturday	1.45pm	5.30pm

