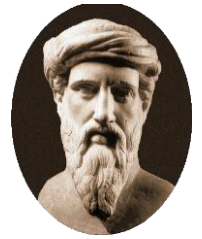


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The Virgin Mary's Death

The Virgin Mary who mothered and nurtured our Christ is considered the holiest of all our church saints. A traditional story that has been passed down, states that when the Virgin Mary was dying, the apostles were far away spreading the gospel. At the hour of her death, bright white clouds engulfed the apostles and transported them to the bedside of the Virgin Mary. When she saw them for the last time she drew her final breath and then died. The apostles buried her in a tomb in Gethsemene. When they went to the tomb three days later to pray, they found the tomb empty.



The Church commemorates her death every year on the 15th of August and Orthodox Christians prepare and honour her memory by fasting for 15 days.

At Pythagoras Greek School we held our little tradition of lighting the vigil lamp to commemorate the Dormition of the Theotokos at all the campuses. We also celebrated all the name days that were celebrated in the months of July and August.

SBS National Languages Competition

The SBS National Languages Competition 2017 is an exciting initiative to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. It's a nationwide competition to engage school children from aged four to 18 who are learning a language other than English, and reflect on the cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity of Australia's multicultural society.

To enter, students need to upload a video (maximum 30 seconds long) describing 'What learning a language means to you?' Remember, the video is to be in any language other than English and the more creative the better!

Competition entries must be uploaded to <http://www.sbs.com.au/radio/national-languages-competition-2017> by Midnight on **Friday 1 September 2017 (AEST)**.

The entrants are categorised into four groups:

- **Category A:** Junior Primary (Aged 4 – 7)
- **Category B:** Primary (Aged 8 – 12)
- **Category C:** Junior High School (Aged 13 – 15)
- **Category D:** Senior High School (Aged 16 – 18)

There will be four grand prize winners (one from each age category) who will receive:

- iPad Pro 12.9 inch 256GB for the winner and one for his/her school
- Full days pass to Luna Park in Sydney for two

Winners will also be invited to attend the SBS National Languages Competition award ceremony at SBS headquarters in Sydney in October 2017.

Selected winners who do not reside in NSW at the time of the above award ceremony will receive return airfares (for them and a parent/ guardian) from their capital city and one night's accommodation in Sydney to attend the ceremony.

One winner will be nominated from each age category, in total there will be four winners of the SBS National Languages Competition. Winners will be notified by email and phone in **September 2017**.

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For technical problems and general enquiries, please email us at queries.nlc@sbs.com.au

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You can also join our [National Languages Competition Facebook group](#) to follow updates and ask questions.

Saint Cosmas the Aetolian



On the 24th of August the Church commemorates the death of Saint Cosmas the Aetolian, who is also the patron saint of schools. Cosmas the Aetolian was a monk who spent his entire life preaching and educating the enslaved, rural populations of Greece during the 1700's. He also helped build hundreds of schools in the areas he visited. On the 24th of August in 1779 he was martyred by the Turks as they hung him on a tree. His message and teachings however had awoken the minds and had touched the hearts of the enslaved Greek people.

Term 3 Break

Campus	Day	Last Day of Term 3	First Day of Term 4
Preston	Monday	18/09/17	09/10/17
South Melbourne	Friday	22/09/17	13/10/17
Elwood	Saturday	23/09/17	14/10/17
Caulfield	Saturday	23/09/17	14/10/17

Happy Father's Day for all our Fathers and Grandfathers!
Χρόνια Πολλά σ' όλους τους Πατέρες και Παππούδες μας!

