The Lord's Message

"Why are vigil lamps (kandylia) lit before icons? So that terror would strike the evil powers that sometimes assail us even at the time of prayer and lead away our thoughts from the Creator. The evil powers love the darkness and tremble at every light, especially at that which belongs to God and to those who please Him."

St Nikolai Velimirovich

Important Dates

Term 1
Wednesday 9 March
PA Meeting, 6.30pm
Friday 11 March
Athletics Carnival (at St John’s College) - Postponed
Week 8
Monday 14 March
Labour Day – Public Holiday – School Closed
Week 9
Monday 21 March
Parent Teacher Conversations F-12
Tuesday 22 March
Greek Independence Day, Whole School Assembly, 8.45am
Friday 25 March
Greek National Independence Day
Roman Catholic Good Friday – Public Holiday

Term 2
Week 1
Monday 11 April
Term 2 Commences for students
Wednesday 13 April
PA Meeting, 6.30pm
Thursday 14 April
School Photos F-12, Full Winter Uniform including blazer

From the Acting Principal

Dear students, staff, parents and friends of St John’s,

Yiasas and Da jia hao!

Thank you for Greek National Day

My sincere thanks to all parents, staff and students for your support of the Greek National Day March last Sunday. Our school marched with dignity and respect. I appreciate everyone’s efforts to be there to share this significant day on the Greek community calendar. Particular thanks to Mrs Papakonstantinou, Mr Tsiolas, and Mr Salmanidis for their efforts to coordinate our participation.

On leave next week

For your noting, I will be away next week presenting at a conference overseas. Mr. John Savopoulos will be the person in charge during my absence.

2016 Student Council

Today our Student Council met for the first time this year. Two particular items were considered – planning for casual clothes days and seeking views on homework. My thanks to the members of our Student Council for their contribution.

Parent/Teacher conversations/

Finally, just a reminder that Monday 21 March has been set aside for Term 1 parent/teacher conversations. This is an important opportunity for parents and teachers to enhance the learning partnership between home and school for our students. I would therefore encourage all parents to respond to the invitation to attend these conversations.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Don Walkley

Parent Teacher Conversations

Monday 21 March
2pm – 7pm

Please note that school will finish at 1.45pm. If you are unable to pick up your child/children, please return slip that was sent home to the Junior or Senior College Office by Wednesday 16 March.
Junior School News

Year Two
Year Two has had a great start to the 2016 school year. I am proud to say that they are turning into FABULOUS MATHEMATICIANS! Over the past week, Year Two has been introduced to “greater than and less than” number statements. They took part in an engaging hands-on activity where students were split up into groups. The Year Twos were provided with number cards and icy pole sticks, which they then created true number statements with. It was great to see them encouraging and assisting each other to complete this activity.

Senior School News

VCE: How to manage your time
The amount of work you get at school or university can seem unmanageable, but there are tools and tactics you can use to plan your time. If you set goals, make plans, write notes, limit distractions, make time to chill and get help when you need it, you can get everything done.

So little time...
If you’re studying, every teacher, tutor or lecturer you have will assume that you’ve got nothing better to do than study for their class, despite knowing you have other classes. It can sometimes seem like there’s not enough time to do it all, but there are tools you can use to plan your time effectively.

Make plans, score goals
Set out a list of what you want to achieve, and for each item, write down what you'll need to do. Make it manageable and achievable. The idea is not to freak yourself out, but to chart a course to where you want to be. As you work through the list, you'll see yourself approaching and reaching your goals.

Write it down
Write down appointments, notes and ideas in a diary or notebook, and use a wall planner so that important dates (or just planned fun times) don't pass you by.

Limit distractions
The internet is pretty great, right? We agree. But with instant messaging, social networks and email, it provides a heap of ways to procrastinate and distract you. Limit your time chatting and fooling about to your breaks, and shut down these distractions while you're studying. The same goes for talking and messaging on your phone. You'll get a lot more done.

Take breaks
If you plan study into every single minute you've got, you'll probably end up stressed and unhappy. Make sure you've got time to do things you like that relax you. Whether it's sports, video games, music or anything else, don't let it go just because you're studying.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Head of Senior School

Maths Help Club
Every Tuesday
Time: 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Location: Library

Mr J. Failla
Head of Maths and IT

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-school sports
The Year 5/6 students have continued to impress in their rounders and cricket competition. This week’s stand out performances go to Helena Petrou and Alex Savvinos in the cricket and Mia Tsalkos in the rounders. Well done and keep up the great work.

Please note the St John’s College athletics has been postponed
Camp
A big thank you to all of the students in years 3-8, who attended camp. Your behaviour and attitude was outstanding with several camp instructors saying how well you participated. An even bigger thank you to all of the teachers and parent helpers for your support during the camps.

Teachers
Ms Hanos
Mr Snelling
Mrs Anamourlis
Miss Powell
Mr Armanopoulos
Ms Giannos
Mrs Pastorelli
Mrs Hodgson

Parent Helpers
Mr Tsaltas
Mrs Sarandis
Mrs Charisiou
Mr Teligioridis

Greek Orthodox Sports and Spoken Arts Event
Students attending the Greek Orthodox Sports Event, please note the balance of payment for the Greek Orthodox Sports event in Perth this May is due on the 18th March. The total cost per student is $700. Full details for the week have been sent home with students.

Mr D. Sherwood
Head of Health and PE

ART NEWS
Dear students, staff and parents of St John’s,

Thank you so much for my welcome to the school. I’ve enjoyed getting to know our school families and although I’m practising the pronunciation of the names of students, I still need a bit of help. I’m sure I’ll have it down pat by the end of term one.

Thank you to Christian’s mum for collecting materials for us to use in the art room. We will do a number of activities that use recycled and re-purposed materials. If you have anything you think might be useful and would like to donate them, I’d be more than grateful.

Due to children’s allergies in the school, please send only clean items that have not had nuts in them. Things we could use include; clean egg cartons, plastic cups, cardboard rolls (although we can't use toilet rolls), colourful yarn, buttons and small or medium glass jars.

Thank you
Miss C. Grbac
Art Teacher

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
1000 Steps, Kokoda Track Memorial Walk Day School
What an experience for the Greek class!!!
On Saturday 27th of February, I went along with the Saturday School Year 12 class and had the pleasure of going on an excursion to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk (1000 Steps) in Upper Ferntree Gully. We have been studying Greece’s involvement in World War II, in particular the conditions faced by Greek soldiers fighting tirelessly to protect the borders during the Greco-Italian wars. Going to the Kokoda Memorial Walk was enlightening, in that we were able to imagine how the soldiers would have felt and the conditions they would have faced. Although it was challenging, it was a very interesting and practical way of learning and it was a very memorable experience.

Vasilike Sgourakis,
Year 12 Saturday School

Thank You Note
The students and teacher of the Year 12 Greek class thank Mrs Fotina Karakoutos, Day school parent, and Mr Chris Sgourakis, Saturday school parent for the help and support during the Greek excursion. Your contribution to the success of this activity is greatly appreciated.

Mrs A. Papakonstantinou
Greek Teacher and Events Coordinator

EVENTS DURING TERM 1 BREAK

Important Notification:
✓ Drummers
✓ School Leaders
✓ and students
will need to represent our College to the wider community at the following events which coincide with Term 1 break.

Protaprilia Event : Sunday 3/4/16
St Andrew’s Church, 201 Mahoneys Rd, Forest Hill,
- 10.00am Church,
- 11.15am Marching with Drummers & Wreath laying ceremony

Battle of Crete Event: Sunday 10/4/16
- College Leaders at St Eustathios Church (at 10.00 am) for Doxology
- Drummers & students at the Shrine of Remembrance at 11.30am for Marching & Wreath laying Ceremony.

DRUMMERS
Are reminded that they will need to attend THREE out of the four events.
- Greek National Day.
- Protaprilia.
- Battle of Crete.
- Orthodox Good Friday.

* All Drummers need to wear clean, white gloves*

STUDENTS
Are reminded to wear clean summer uniform, including blazer, and have polished shoes. Girls need to wear yellow & light blue ribbons in their hair.

Parents and students please support the above Events

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΡΙΟ
Ευχαριστούμε θερμά την κυρία Φωτεινή Καρακούτου, γονέα του Υπερηφάνου σχολείου καθώς και τον κύριο Χρήστο Σγουράκη, γονέα του Σαββατιανού σχολείου, για όλη τη βοήθεια και συμπαράσταση κατά τη διάρκεια της εκδρομής της τάξης των Ελληνικών.

Η συνδρομή σας προς την επιτυχία αυτής της δραστηριότητας, εκτιμάται ιδιαίτερα από όλους μας.
Η καμπάνια, «Μιλάμε Ελληνικά τον Μάρτιο» συνέλαβε την ιδέα αυτή, για να κεντρίσει το ενδιαφέρον της Ελληνικής Παροικίας, τα σχολεία και την Κυβέρνησή να δώσει περισσότερη αξία στον προφορικό λόγο, τη διδασκαλία και τη εκμάθηση της Ελληνικής Γλώσσας. Ξεκίνησε από άτομα και αντιπροσώπους λογοτεχνικών και πολιτιστικών οργανώσεων της παροικίας. Η οργανωτική επιτροπή απαρτίζεται από πρώτη γενιά μετανάστες, μαζί με δεύτερη και τρίτη γενιά Ελληνοαυστραλούς.

The “Speak Greek in March” (SGM) campaign was conceived in order to stimulate the Greek community, the school system and government to give greater priority to the speaking, learning and teaching of the Greek language.

The Speak Greek in March campaign started by individuals and representatives of literary and cultural organisations within the Greek community who have had an interest in the Greek language and culture. The organising Committee comprises volunteers of first generation migrants as well as second and third generation Greek Australians.

1η Εβδομάδα του Μάρτη - 1st WEEK of March 2016

Test yourself & each other – You know more Greek than you realise ... (one third of English is GREEK)

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LEXICON ΛΕΞΙΚΟΝ

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LEXICON Λεξικόν

A lexicon is the vocabulary of a person, language, or branch of knowledge (such as nautical or medical). In linguistics, a lexicon is a language’s inventory of lexemes. The word “lexicon” derives from the Greek λεξικόν (lexicon), neuter of λεξίκος (lexikos) meaning “of or for words”.

Linguistic theories generally regard human languages as consisting of two parts: a lexicon, essentially a catalogue of a language’s words (its wordstock); and a grammar, a system of rules which allow for the combination of those words into meaningful sentences. The lexicon is also thought to include bound morphemes, which cannot stand alone as words (such as most affixes). In some analyses, compound words and certain classes of idiomatic expressions and other collocations are also considered to be part of the lexicon. Dictionaries represent attempts at listing, in alphabetical order, the lexicon of a given language; usually, however, bound morphemes are not included. (Source: Wikipedia)

Modern Greek language dictionary – Λεξικό της κοινής νεοελληνικής Τριανταφυλλίδη

The Modern Greek Dictionary is a modern and comprehensive definitional, orthographic, and etymological dictionary of Modern Greek. It was published in December 1998 by the Institute for Modern Greek Studies of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and is the product of many years of methodical labor. It is the first dictionary of Modern Greek to set forth lexicographical principles. It includes phonetic transcriptions, a link from each entry to its inflectional model, and an attempt to list as large a number as possible of expressions and phrases of Modern Greek, and its greatest advantage is its etymological approach.

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Γ. Μπαμπινιώτης – Λεξικό της Νέας Ελληνικής Γλώσσας

Η διαρκής αγωνία μας για ενημέρωση και εμπλουτισμό του «Λεξικού της Νέας Ελληνικής Γλώσσας» μας υποχρεώνει να προβαίνουμε συνεχώς σε βελτιώσεις που στοιχίζουν στην εμπιστοσύνη των χιλιάδων αναγνωστών, οι οποίοι το συμβουλεύουν και παραπέμπουν σε αυτό. Έτσι, οδηγήθηκαμε και σε νέα, τέταρτη έκδοση, αξιοποιώντας όλο και περισσότερες πηγές λεξικογραφικής ύλης, ηλεκτρονικές κυρίως και συμβατικές (αποδελτιώσεις). Στο σημείο αυτό, μάλιστα, αισθανόμαστε την ανάγκη να ευχαριστήσουμε τους πολλούς φίλους του Λεξικού, οι οποίοι μας αποστέλλουν συνεχώς λεξικογραφικό υλικό που υποπίπτει στην αντίληψή τους από διάφορους χώρους. Και το υλικό αυτό αξιοποιείται δεόντως, εφόσον, βεβαιώς, εμπίπτει στους λεξικογραφικούς σκοπούς που υπηρετεί το παρόν έργο (δεν περιλαμβάνει διαλεκτικές λέξεις, πολύ εξειδικευμένους επιστημονικούς όρους κ.τ.ό.).

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Ηλεκτρονικό Λεξικό iHandy translator (iOS Version)

Translate any sentence or phrase into any destination language, and enjoy a full set of useful add-on features such as history tracking, search and integrated Twitter/Facebook/SMS/e-mail support.

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