



## St. Paraskevi Greek School

February 2021

### TERM 1, 2021 Up-coming events

**Week of 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
Classes begin

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Greek Dancing classes begin

**Week of 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
"Meet the Teacher"  
Information evening  
(Yrs. 4, 5 & 6)

**Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
"Meet the Teacher"  
Information evening  
(Yrs. 1, 2 & 3)

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Agiasmos for Greek School  
Sausage-Sizzle Fundraiser

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
Clean Monday (Lent begins)

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Sunday of Orthodoxy  
(bring an icon to Church)

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
Feast of the Annunciation  
Greek Independence Day

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Greek Independence Day -  
Doxology Service

**Week of 29<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Final classes for Term 1

**Week of 19<sup>th</sup> April - 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Term 2 classes begin

**Week of 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Holy Week

**W**elcome back to all our Greek School families. We hope that everyone had a relaxed and blessed holiday and we look forward to seeing you all at the various Parish and Community events throughout the year. We would also like to welcome our new families and wish you all the best for 2021.

This year, we are pleased to welcome to our staff Mrs. Katerina Katsioudi, who will be teaching Year 5 on Thursday. We look forward to working with Mrs. Katsioudi and wish her all the best for the school year.

### Meet the Teacher

The Greek School will be hosting "Meet the Teacher" evenings during the weeks of 15-19 February (Yrs. 4, 5 and 6) and 22-26 February (Yrs. 1, 2 and 3). These presentations will be taking place in the Cultural House at 6.30pm, and all parents are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for the teachers to explain their classroom expectations, homework procedures and reward system. The teachers look forward to seeing you all at this event.

### Greek School & Greek Dancing School - Blessing of the New School Year

On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021, all students and their families are asked to attend the special Blessing Service to mark the beginning of the school year. Students are to meet their class teacher at the church steps at 10:00 a.m., and are to wear their St. Paraskevi Greek School t-shirt (or a plain white shirt) and navy blue pants, skirt or culottes and black shoes and white socks. A sausage-sizzle fundraiser has been organised after the Service.

### 200th Anniversary Greek Independence Day Celebrations - 1821-2021

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greek Independence Day. On **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2021**, a Doxology Service will be conducted to commemorate Greek Independence Day. We kindly ask that the students meet their teachers at the church steps at 10.15am, straight after Holy Communion. After the service in the church, there will be light refreshments in the hall, followed by a special presentation by the students. Students are asked to wear their St. Paraskevi Greek School T-shirt (or a plain white shirt) with blue pants, skirt or culottes, with white socks and black shoes.

### Themes for Term 1

**All year levels will be focusing on Greek Independence Day as the Term 1 theme.**

We encourage all parents, grandparents and Greek speaking relatives and friends, to speak to their children in Greek as much as possible. There are many online resources and apps which can be accessed. In particular [www.greek123.com](http://www.greek123.com) who are the distributors of the texts used at our school. Greek movies, songs and children's programs can also be viewed via YouTube.

*Wishing you all the best for 2021*

Mr. Peter Kotrolas  
Greek School President