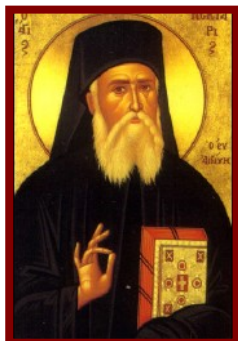


NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2011

11th February, 2011



Welcome back to St Nectarios Greek School for 2011. We hope the Christmas holiday break provided you all with some opportunities for recreation and relaxation and for spending some quality time with your children and families.

2011 TERM DATES

Term 1 Fri 11th February – Fri 15th April
Term 2 Fri 6th May– Fri 8th July
Term 3 Fri 29th July – Fri 30th September
Term 4 Fri 21st October – Fri 2nd December

SESSION TIMES

Sessions currently operate on:
Friday 4:30 – 7:00pm

DIARY DATES

Friday 25th February:
Fr Silouan will bless the school at 6.00pm

Friday 15th April:
End of term Easter Celebration at St Nectarios Hall at 4:30pm – 6:30pm

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students experience success if there is continuity of attendance. It is important that students attend Greek school frequently, as this will enhance their learning.

If a student misses a significant number of lessons it could prevent the student from advancing to the next level.

HOMEWORK POLICY

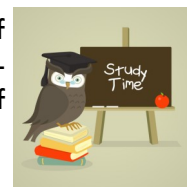
The teachers give homework on regular bases to their students. If your child needs to



leave early then they must discuss with their teacher what homework needs to be done prior to next lesson. If a student has been absent it is important to contact others as appropriate and obtain the homework. It is important that all of the homework is completed by the due date. This will help to build up the student's confidence and knowledge in the language. If any students fail to complete a significant amount of their homework, and as a result have not made sufficient progress, it would prevent them from advancing to the next level.

GRADUATION POLICY

Students will only graduate if they have demonstrated sufficient attendance, completion of schoolwork and homework.



CURRICULUM MATTERS

Most Primary students will be issued with a reading book and workbook. The cost of both books has increased to \$55.00. The following year levels will need to pay for books:

- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 4s on book level 2
- Year 5

The book fee needs to be paid by the 15th of April 2011. Payment after this date will incur an extra administration fee of \$10.00 per child. Payment can be made to Afroditi Devrelis.

Teaching staff request that parents/caregivers refrain from disrupting the classes by conducting discussions outside the classroom. If a parent wishes to talk to a teacher please do so

after the lesson or by appointment. Additionally, we would like parents to wait outside the classrooms, ie under the veranda to collect their children.



SCHOOL FEES

There has been an increase in the running expenses of the Greek School. To help cover this increase we have introduced a school fee which is \$50.00 per child for the year. If you have 3 or more children attending the Greek school the fee is \$40.00 per child. This money will go towards expenses such as teacher wages, photocopying etc. The fee needs to be paid by the 25th of February 2011. Payment after this date will incur an extra administration fee of \$10.00 per child. Payment can be made to Afroditi Devrelis.

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL



On the 25th February, Fr Silouan will bless the Greek School at 6:00pm. Everybody is welcome to attend. After the blessing there will be an opportunity to share some nibbles and for parents to meet the teachers. Can each family bring a plate of food (Boys sweets and girls savoury.) If you have two kids or more you can choose to bring sweets or savouries.

EASTER

Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and ticket books will be given to each student. Raffle books must be back by April 8th and handed to the class teacher. If you would like more raffle books see Afroditi.

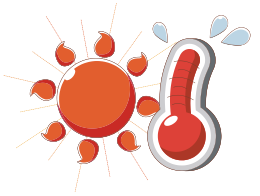
We are looking for DONATIONS from each family towards the raffle prizes, this does not necessary have to be chocolate eggs. There will be a clearly marked box at the Greek School for you to place them in. Donations must be in by 8th April.



Draw will be held at the hall on 15th April. We would be looking for parents or caregivers to help wrap up the prizes. If you can assist please see Afroditi Devrelis.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

If the Sunrise Show on Channel 7 predicts the weather for the day to reach 37°C and above there will be no Greek School.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder St Nectarios holds Sunday School immediately after Holy Communion every Sunday. The lesson continues until the end of the service whereby the children are returned back to the church in time to receive *antidoron* (church bread).

Although many children receive religious education in the daily schooling or attend our Orthodox Colleges, attending Sunday School will allow children to become a part of the parish life through learning about the Gospel message and participating in the celebrations of the feast days of the church.

“Train up a child the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it”.

Proverbs 22:6



CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

Please feel free to talk to any staff member if you have any concerns or problems.

Cheers from the staff.

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