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PRESIDENTS REPORT

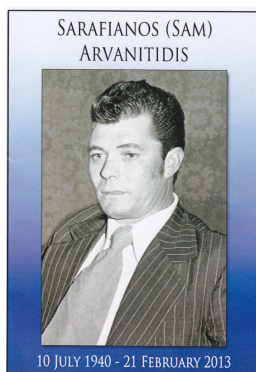
On the 22nd February 2013, our Community was pleased to have been selected as the venue to host Stelios Dionisiou, international singer from Greece. Mr Theo Kostoglou (Mad Greek Entertainment) was the promoter of the event and we thank him for his support of the Community and Function Venue. Proceeds from the service of food and drinks remained within the Community and church. A great deal of preparation and effort went towards this successful event. Many volunteers assisted prior, during and after the concert. Spiro Levanes, cooking maestro, worked tirelessly and we thank him very much for the great assistance he gives. The Ladies Auxiliary and Spiro make a very strong volunteer team. Thanks also goes to Peter Lekanis, another volunteer, who worked hard with cooking and manning the bar. Other valuable bar help was given by very generous volunteers, Jimmy Hronis and John Zakos. Thank you again to all who played a role in making the behind the scenes run smoothly. Stay tuned for more upcoming artists coming to our Community Centre.



Katherine (Ketty) Walker

On a sad note, we lost two of our much beloved, and long standing parishioners, Mrs Ketty Walker and Sam (Sarafianos) Arvanitidis. Ketty was much loved. She was a joy to all who knew her and met her. She had a passion for life and had loved to be with people. Ketty has left behind her loving husband, Dixie, and her devoted children, Con and Teresa, their spouses as well as their grandchildren. May her memory be eternal.

Mr Sam Arvanitidis, another much loved community member, sadly passed away on the 21st February 2013. Our very deepest sympathy goes to his cherished wife, Vera, their two children, George & Maria and their spouses and to Sam and Vera's grandchildren. May Sam's memory be eternal.



On the 6th March 2013, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, the Honorable Konstanti-

nos Tsiaras MP, visited Brisbane as part of his official visit to Australia. A reception was held in Brisbane to officially welcome him and his delegation of 5 including the newly appointed Ambassador of Greece to Australia, His Excellency, Mr Charalampos Dafaranos. The reception was hosted by Mr Jim Raptis OBE, Honorary Consul of Greece in Queensland. The event was wonderfully supported by many community members from the Gold Coast who travelled up to Brisbane for the reception.

On the 10th March 2013, the Senior Citizens and Friends Group celebrated their 15 Year Anniversary. A luncheon was held at our Community Centre with proceeds from the event going to the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation. Official guests included Mr Lex Bell, Councillor for Division 7, Mr Gary Baildon, Chairperson of the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation and his wife Cathy, and Mr Jim Raptis, Honorary consul of Greece in Qld. Congratulations go to Mrs Vaso Kyriakou, current President of the Senior Citizens and her hard working committee. Tribute was paid to all previous Senior Citizens' committees and to the late Mr Harry Demetriades, the Inaugural President of the group. Senior Citizens and Friends was established for people to get together socially to go on outings and to lessen any social isolation. For many members it's a welcome relief from their daily routine. Also some members are single, some have lost partners or are new to the Gold Coast, Senior Citizens and Friends assists in filling a void they may have socially. Many thanks once again to the Ladies Auxiliary who organised the event and Mr Spiro Levanes our master chef who was so helpful in the kitchen. Many thanks Spiro.

I wish to acknowledge the recent voluntary work carried out in our Community Centre by Perry Arathimos. Perry is a longstanding supporter of our Community including having served on the Committee. Perry works quietly in the background attending to many maintenance issues inside and outside our premises. Most recently, Perry refitted and brought up to date our EXIT signs in our hall. As you will all understand, it is very important that these lights are functioning perfectly. His labour was offered on a totally voluntary basis and we are very grateful for his generous efforts and for offering his skills for our benefit. We wish Perry, his wife Rita and his entire family all of the many blessings of St Anna. Thank you Perry.

James Nides
President



Coming up

in Apr-May:

Apr 27 St Lazarus' Day
make palm crosses
& church cleaning
bee

Apr 28 Palm Sunday
luncheon

May 5 Easter Sunday
Souvla

May 24 Cancer Council
Biggest Morning Tea

CHURCH SERVICES

See Inside

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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

PSYCHOSAVATA – The Ladies Auxiliary warmly thanks all the volunteers who assisted us in the making and decorating of the plates of kolliva over the three Saturdays of Psychosavato. Many families availed themselves of this service provided by the Auxiliary ordering plates of kolliva to remember their loved ones no longer with us.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND FRIENDS FUNCTION – In early March, a very successful function was held to celebrate the 15 Year Milestone of our Seniors and Friends group. Special guests really gave the occasion depth. As many of our Community use the hospital when they are in ill health, at the suggestion of the Seniors Group, the proceeds are to be donated to the Gold Coast Hospital. The Ladies Auxiliary has a long Association with the hospital. The Auxiliary has previously donated a Laryngoscope to the Ear Nose and Throat Dept, a Vital Signs Monitor to the Ac-

cident and Emergency Department, a Rehabilitation Chair to the Rehabilitation Unit, a Weighing Chair to the Renal/Dialysis Unit as well as a large cheque. On this occasion a total of \$2500 was raised to buy a piece of equipment for the Hospital. The Hospital is presently preparing a list of needs and we will let you know in the future what is purchased. Thank you to Spiro Levanos and to others who assisted the Auxiliary on the day and we warmly thank all who came. Congratulations to all the Senior Citizens and their wonderful committees over the years. May your valuable gatherings keep going from strength to strength.

ST LAZARUS DAY – Saturday, 27 April – After the Divine Liturgy for St Lazarus, the community will once again gather to make the Palm Crosses needed for the next day, Palm Sunday. Do come and be part of this beautiful morning. You need not have any experience as the cross making is an easy skill to learn. If you are able to bring a pair of scissors, it would be very helpful.

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, 28 April (See the enclosed flyer) – Everyone is warmly invited to our traditional Fish Luncheon at Ashmore Steak and Seafood Restaurant to celebrate Palm Sunday. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children and it is a wonderful day of celebration just before we commence the rigours of Holy Week. We thank Jim Karkazis and his



Memorial Services

Memorial services are held as an act of love and remembrance towards the departed members of the Church. They are not, however, held on the following days:

- From the Saturday of Lazarus until the Sunday of St. Thomas.
- On the feast days of our Lord: **The Circumcision** (1st January), **Epiphany** (6th January) **The Presentation** (2nd February) **The Annunciation** (25th March) **The Ascension**, **Pentecost**, **The Transfiguration** (6th August) and **Christmas Day** (25th December).
- On the Feast of the Parish Church.
- On the 15 August, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary.

To arrange for Kollyva, contact Theo and Maria Asimopoulos 5578 2995 or 0408 500 382.

MNHMOΣYNA

Μνημόσυνα μετά κολλύβων δέν τελούνται:

- Από τοῦ Σαββάτου τοῦ Λαζάρου μέχρι καί τῆς Κυριακῆς τοῦ Θωμᾶ.
- Κατά τίς Δεσποτικῆς καί κύριες Θεομητορικῆς ἐορτές, ἤτοι: Τήν πρώτη τοῦ ἔτους, τῶν Θεοφανείων, τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς, τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τῆς Ἀναλήψεως, τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, τῆς Μεταμορφώσεως, τῆς Κοιμήσεως τῆς Θεοτόκου, τῆς Ὑψώσεως τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ, τῆς Χριστουγέννα καί τήν Δευτέρα τῶν Χριστουγέννων.

Τήν ἡμέρα κατά τήν ὁποία πανηγυρίζει ὁ Ναός τῆς Ἐνορίας-Κοινότητος.

Για να παραγγείλετε κόλλυβα τηλεφωνήστε στους Θεόδωρο και Μαρία Ασιμόπουλο 5578 2995 ή 0408 500 382

team who always look after us so well. Jim has been a long time friend of our Church and Community.

EASTER BAKING ORDERS – As in previous years we would love to help you with your Easter baking including Tsourekia and red eggs. Please see the enclosed flyer for the variety of sweets that we can bake for you. Our products are made with the best ingredients with tried and tested recipes. Fill in your order and send it back to the community. Don't forget to mark which day you wish to pick up your treats.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON—5th May - from 12.00pm (see enclosed flyer) Please join us for this very successful event. For booking details please refer to the flyer.

THE GOLD COAST GREEK FESTIVAL – The committee is hard at work organising to put together a great family day. The date for our Festival is Sunday, July 14 to be held at Evandale Park from 9.30am-5.00pm. As you know this is a mega day and we'd love your help again this year. Please mark this day in your diary. This major event really helps us to lift our profile within the city. Please help us to make it the success that we would love it to be.

CANCER COUNCIL'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA – Friday, 24 May- Do keep this date free to join us at our annual Biggest Morning Tea. We spend a very special morning gathered as one family to raise money for Cancer Research. We warmly invite you to bring your neighbours or friends. We would love to build on the great efforts of our previous years.

BRIBIE ISLAND FUNCTION – Date to be confirmed – Many of you have visited the Church of Panayia on Bribie Island. What you may not know is that the first stage of the Bribie Island Retreat and Recreational Centre is now being completed. This is a wonderful new facility in a beautiful pocket of natural bush near the beach. The Centre includes cabin accommodation for 50 people which can be used by Youth or Seniors. The Centre now needs to be furnished. We ask you to keep in your mind that the Ladies Auxiliary will be organising an event to fundraise for this very worthy cause. We will soon be able to give you details of this event.

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SPIRITUAL CORNER

Balancing physical and spiritual needs:

Saint Theophan raises this questions when he writes, *"I think many people do not live as they should, because they think that rules about the worthwhile life are outwardly imposed, and, not springing from man's very nature."*

The answer is that the relationship of the soul and the body is out of balance. The problem develops when the physical, carnal and sensual life of the body becomes our main focus. We tend to seek the gratification only of our physical needs forgetting our spiritual needs. We mix the basic needs we have for survival for the needs we have to reach for our spiritual needs - our salvation or union with God. We try to fulfill our spiritual needs mistakenly by over gratification of physical demands. We are overtaken, as Saint Theophan explains, *"by a one-sided relationship, which comes from a certain inner compulsion, which is found in it as a sort of instinct, creature-love, love for the body, the desire to maintain the comfort of the body and obtain all that is needed for it."*

We find we are not free because we are always chasing after physical needs to satisfy those which are not physical; at the same time those around us are doing exactly the same thing. The minds and spirits of these people are inevitably famished, if not completely deadened, stopped up, and immersed in sensuality.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
Church of St Anna, Gold Coast Qld

CHURCH SERVICES PROGRAM APRIL 2013

<u>Wednesday 3</u>	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy...5pm
<u>Thursday 4</u>	Great Compline...5pm
<u>Friday 5</u>	3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos...7pm
<u>Sunday 7</u>	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT (Veneration of the Holy Cross) Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30-10.30am
<u>Wednesday 10</u>	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy...5pm
<u>Thursday 11</u>	Great Compline...5pm
<u>Friday 12</u>	4 th Salutations to the Theotokos...7pm
<u>Sunday 14</u>	4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT (St John Klimakos) Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30-10.30am
<u>Wednesday 17</u>	Presanctified Liturgy...5pm
<u>Thursday 18</u>	The Great Canon...5pm
<u>Friday 19</u>	The Akathist Hymn...7pm
<u>Sunday 21</u>	5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT (St Mary of Egypt) Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30am - 10.30am
<u>Wednesday 24</u>	Presanctified Liturgy...5pm
<u>Thursday 25</u>	Great Compline...5pm
<u>Friday 26</u>	The Canon of St Lazarus...7pm
<u>Saturday 27</u>	Feast of St Lazarus Matins & Divine Liturgy 8-10am
<u>Sunday 28</u>	PALM SUNDAY Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30am - 10.30am Evening...Bridegroom Service...7pm-8.30pm
<u>Monday 29</u>	HOLY WEEK
<u>Tuesday 30</u>	Evening... Bridegroom Service...7-8.30pm Evening... Bridegroom Service...7-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday 1</u>	MAY Morning... Presanctified Liturgy...8.30-9.30am
<u>Thursday 2</u>	Evening... Holy Unction...5.30pm-7pm Morning... Vespers & Divine Liturgy 6.30am-8.00am
<u>Friday 3</u>	Evening... The Holy Passion Service (12 Gospels)...7pm-10pm Morning... Royal Hours ...7.30-9am & dressing Epitafios 9-11.30 am >> >> Apokathelosis (taking Christ down from Cross) ...12-1.30pm
<u>Saturday 4</u>	Evening... The Lamentations (Epitafios) ...7-10pm Morning... Vespers & Divine Liturgy...7.30-9.30 am Evening... Preparation...11pm-12am <i>Followed by the Pascha service</i>
<u>Sunday 5</u>	HOLY PASCHA Resurrection Matins & Liturgy ...12am - 2 am Morning... Vespers of Love...11am-12 pm

Γερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αυστραλίας
Γερός Ναός Αγίας Άννης, Χρυσή Άκρη

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΩΝ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ 2013

<u>Τετάρτη 3</u>	Προηγουασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία...5μμ
<u>Πέμπτη 4</u>	Μέγα Έσπερινός...5μμ
<u>Friday 5</u>	Γ' Χαριετισμοί...7μμ
<u>Κυριακή 7</u>	Γ' ΤΟΝ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΩΝ (Σταυροφοροσκηνησεως) Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ
<u>Τετάρτη 10</u>	Προηγουασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία...5μμ
<u>Πέμπτη 11</u>	Μέγα Απόδειπνον ...5μμ
<u>Friday 12</u>	Δ' Χαριετισμοί...7μμ
<u>Κυριακή 14</u>	Δ' ΝΗΣΤΕΙΩΝ (Ιωάννου της Κλίμακος) Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ
<u>Τετάρτη 17</u>	Προηγουασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία...5μμ
<u>Πέμπτη 18</u>	Ό Μέγας Κανών...5μμ
<u>Παρασκευή 19</u>	Ό Ακάθιστος Ύμνος...7μμ
<u>Κυριακή 21</u>	Ε' ΤΟΝ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΩΝ (Μαρίας Αιγυπτιας) Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ
<u>Τετάρτη 24</u>	Προηγουασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία...5μμ
<u>Πέμπτη 25</u>	Μέγα Απόδειπνον ...5μμ
<u>Παρασκευή 26</u>	Ό Κανών του Λαζάρου...7μμ
<u>Σάββατο 27</u>	Του Λαζάρου Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 8-10 πμ
<u>Κυριακή 28</u>	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ Βράδι...Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου...7-8.30μμ
<u>Δευτέρα 29</u>	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ
<u>Τρίτη 30</u>	Βράδι...Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου... 7-8.30μμ Βράδι...Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου... 7-8.30μμ
<u>Τετάρτη 1</u>	ΜΑΪΟΣ Πρωί...Προηγουασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία...8.30-9.30πμ Βράδι...Ιερον Ευχέλαιον...5.30-7.00μμ
<u>Πέμπτη 2</u>	Πρωί... Έσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία...6.30-8.00πμ Βράδι... Των Αγίων Παθών (12 Ευαγγέλια)...7-10μμ
<u>Παρασκευή 3</u>	Πρωί...Μεγ. Όρεσ.7.30-9πμ & Στολισμό Επιταφίου 9-11.30 πμ >> >> ...Έσπερινός της Αποκαθηλώσεως...12-1.30μμ Βράδι... Ό Επιτάφιος Θρήνος...7-10μμ
<u>Σάββατο 4</u>	Πρωί... Έσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία...7.30-9.30πμ Βράδι... Τελετή Αναστάσεως...11μμ-12πμ & έν συνέχεια το Αγ Πάσχα.
<u>Κυριακή 5</u>	ΠΑΣΧΑ Αναστάσιμος Όρθρος & Θ. Λειτ ...12 - 2 πμ Έσπερινός της Αγάπης...11πμ-12 μμ

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΜΑΪΟΥ 2013

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

Τετάρτη 1 Πρωί... Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία... 8.30-9.30πμ
Βράδι... Γερόν Ευχέλαιον... 5.30-7.00πμ
Πέμπτη 2 Πρωί... Εσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία... 6.30-8.00πμ
Βράδι... Τών Αγίων Παθών (12 Ευαγγέλια)... 7-10πμ
Παρασκευή 3 Πρωί... Μεγ. Ώρες... 7.30-9πμ & Στολισμό Επιταφίου 9-11.30
πμ
Σάββατο 4 >>... Εσπερινός της Αποκαθηλώσεως... 12-1.30πμ
Βράδι... Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος... 7-10πμ
Πρωί... Εσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία... 7.30-9.30πμ
Βράδι... Τελετή Αναστάσεως... 11πμ-12πμ & έν συνέχεια το Αγ

Πάσχα.

Κυριακή 5

ΠΑΣΧΑ Αναστάσιμος Όρθρος & Θ. Λειτουργία... 12 - 2 πμ
Εσπερινός της Αγάτης... 11πμ-12 πμ

Δευτέρα 6

παρά, λεωφορείο για το πανηγύρι στον Ναό μας, αναχωρεί στις 8.30 πμ
Αγ. Γεωργίου. Δέν θα τελεσθεί Θ. Λειτουργία στον Ναό μας,
Αγ. Γεωργίου. Δέν θα τελεσθεί Θ. Λειτουργία στον Ναό μας,

Παρασκευή 10

Μαΐου)
Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής & Αγ. Ιωάννου του Θεολόγου (8
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 8.00πμ. - 10πμ.

Κυριακή 12

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΩΜΑ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ

Κυριακή 19

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΤΡΟΦΩΡΩΝ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ

Τρίτη 21

Τών Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένης ίσαποστόλων
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 8-10 πμ

Κυριακή 26

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΑΛΥΤΟΥ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7.30-10.30 πμ

Τετάρτη 29

Της Μεσοπεντηκοστής
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 8-10 πμ

CHURCH SERVICES PROGRAM MAY 2013

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 1 Morning... Presanctified Liturgy... 8.30-9.30am
Evening... Holy Unction... 5.30pm-7pm
Thursday 2 Morning... Vespers & Divine Liturgy 6.30am-8.00am
Evening... The Holy Passion Service (12 Gospels)... 7pm-10pm
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Sunday 5

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Morning... Vespers of Love... 11am-12 pm

Monday 6

Today there will not be a Liturgy at St Anna, but a bus will be leaving for
the Church of St George Brisbane at 8.30 am for our participation in the celebrations there.

Friday 10

The Life-giving spring & St John the Theologian (8May)
Matins & Divine Liturgy 8.00am - 10.00am

Sunday 12

SUNDAY OF ST THOMAS
Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30am - 10.30am

Sunday 19

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN
Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30am - 10.30am

Tuesday 21

Saints Constantine & Helen
Matins & Divine Liturgy 8 - 10am

Sunday 26

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.30 - 10.30am

Wednesday 29

Mid-Pentecost
Matins & Divine Liturgy 8 - 10 am

GREEK SCHOOL REPORT / ΑΝΑΦΟΡΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟΥ

To all Parents Guardians and Friends

Greek National Day Celebrations

With national pride and festive pomp we gathered in our community hall to celebrate our Greek National Day of 25th March 1821. Students presented a wonderful, celebratory, national program consisting of speeches, songs and recitations even though their preparation time was limited. The audience consisting of parents, grandparents and friends were clearly delighted given their enthusiastic applause throughout the presentation. The gathering was attended by Mr. Evangelos Raptis, representing the Honorary Consul General of Greece in Queensland, Mr Dimitris Raptis.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to students for their excellent efforts, their teachers for their consistent hard work and their parents who provide the vital support which is essential for the success of these events. Well done to all.

It would be very remiss if we did not thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely lenten meal and our President Demetris Nides and his wife Anthoula who worked hard to decorate and prepare the room to create a festive, noticeably ethnic appearance. Thank you, Dimitri and Anthoula.

End of Term

Upon reaching the end of first term we would like to inform/ remind you of the following:

- Enrolled and attending our school children total over 60 in number which is very pleasing. Enrolments are continuing.
- Children in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 are participating in programs accredited by the LOTE (Language Other Than English). They follow a curriculum that includes both Greek language and Greek culture. The teaching framework is centered on Reading Comprehension, Listening and Speaking and How to Communicate in Greek.
- The preparatory class is in full swing with an encouraging number of our youngest students.
- Four students are enrolled in our OP program and their results will be taken into account in their final year. (OP = the final grade is used as a criterion for admission to University). We wish them every success.
- Once a month (for 30 minutes), the children attend religious classes, which are taught by our priest, Rev. Fr. Father Romanos.
- Please remember that the school is open every Wednesday evening from 4.20-7.00pm with a short break between 5.50-6.00pm.
- Our professional teaching and administrative staff work with much zeal and enthusiasm to deliver an engaging core curriculum for the benefit of all students.

School Holidays

Our school will be closed Wednesday, April 3 and April 10 due to the Easter holidays. Lessons will resume Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

Happy Holidays

From **The School Administration**

Προς όλους τους Γονείς, Κηδεμόνες και Φίλους

Εορτασμός της Εθνικής μας Εορτής.

Με λαμπρότητα κι εθνική περηφάνια γιορτάσαμε την περασμένη Κυριακή, στην Αίθουσα της Κοινότητάς μας, την Εθνική μας Εορτή, την 25^η Μαρτίου 1821.

Τα παιδιά μας, αν και δεν είχαν αρκετό χρόνο στη διάθεσή τους, παρουσίασαν, όπως πάντα, ένα υπέροχο, εορταστικό, εθνικό πρόγραμμα, που αποτελείται από ομιλίες, τραγούδια και απαγγελίες και χειροκροτήθηκαν από τον πολύ ικανοποιητικό αριθμό γονέων, παππούδων, γιαγιάδων και φίλων που παρευρέθηκαν. Την συγκέντρωση τίμησε με την παρουσία του ο κ. Ευάγγελος Ράπτης, εκπροσωπώντας τον Επίτιμο Γενικό Πρόξενο της Ελλάδας στην Κουηνσλάνδη κ. Δημήτρη Ράπτη.

Συχαίρω κι ευχαριστώ, τόσο τα παιδιά για το εξαιρετικό πρόγραμμα που μας παρουσίασαν, όσο και τους συναδέλφους και τους γονείς που τα προετοίμασαν. Μπράβο, Παιδιά!. Για μια ακόμη φορά, μας βγάλατε ασπροπρόσωπους και μας κάνατε περήφανους.

Θα ήτο μεγάλη παράλειψη αν δεν ευχαριστούσα τις Κυρίες της Βοηθητικής Επιτροπής για το νηστίσιμο γεύμα που ετοίμασαν και τον Πρόεδρό μας κ. Δημήτρη Νίδες και την σύζυγό του Ανθούλα οι οποίοι δούλεψαν σκληρά για να ετοιμάσουν την Αίθουσα και να της δώσουν την εορταστική, εθνική, όψη που απολαύσαμε, την περασμένη Κυριακή. Σας ευχαριστούμε θερμά, Δημήτρη και Ανθούλα.



Τέλος Πρώτου Τριμήνου

Φθάνοντας στο τέλος του Πρώτου Τριμήνου θα θέλαμε να σας πληροφορήσουμε/ υπενθυμίσουμε τα ακόλουθα:

- Μέχρι της στιγμής έχουν εγγραφεί και φοιτούν στο σχολείο μας άνω των 60 παιδιών, αριθμός πολύ ικανοποιητικός. Οι εγγραφές βεβαίως συνεχίζονται.....

- Τα παιδιά των Τάξεων Δ', Ε', ΣΤ' Δημοτικού και Α' Γυμνασίου ακολουθούν προγράμματα, εγκριμένα από το LOTE (Γλώσσα Άλλη Από την Αγγλική). Ακολουθούν επίσης και ένα σχολικό πρόγραμμα το οποίο περιλαμβάνει την διδασκαλία τόσο της Ελληνικής γλώσσας, όσο και του Ελληνικού πολιτισμού. Η διδασκαλία βασίζεται περισσότερο στην Ανάγνωση και Κατανόηση, στην Γραφή, στην Ακρόαση και Ομιλία, με απώτερο σκοπό να μάθουν τα παιδιά να επικοινωνούν στα Νέα Ελληνικά.

Φέτος, όπως και πέρσι λειτούργησε και Προδημοτική Τάξη (Prep), με πολύ ικανοποιητικό αριθμό εγγραφών.

-Τέσσερα παιδιά του Λυκείου παρακολουθούν τα Ελληνικά στο Σχολείο μας και τα αποτελέσματά τους θα ληφθούν υπ' όψη στο «ΟΡ» (ΟΡ= Ο τελικός βαθμός που χρησιμοποιείται σαν κριτήριο για εισδοχή στο Πανεπιστήμιο). Τους ευχόμαστε καλή επιτυχία.

-Μία φορά τον μήνα (για 30 λεπτά), τα παιδιά παρακολουθούν θρησκευτικά μαθήματα, τα οποία διδάσκει ο Ιερέας μας, Αιδ. Πατέρας Ρωμανός.

-Σας υπενθυμίζουμε πως το σχολείο μας λειτουργεί κάθε Τετάρτη απόγευμα από τις 4.20-7.00μ.μ. με ένα σύντομο διάλειμμα, (5.50-6.00μ.μ.).

-Το Διδ. Προσωπικό εργάζεται με ζήλο κι αινθουσιασμό για να φέρει σε πέρας το δύσκολο έργο του.

Σχολικές Διακοπές

Το Σχολείο μας θα παραμείνει κλειστό την Τετάρτη 3 και 10 Απριλίου, λόγω των εορτών του Πάσχα. (Πάσχα των Καθολικών- Διακοπές των Δημόσιων Σχολείων. Θα επαναλειτουργήσει την Τετάρτη 17 Απριλίου 2013.

Καλές Διακοπές

Εκ της Διευθύνσεως του Σχολείου

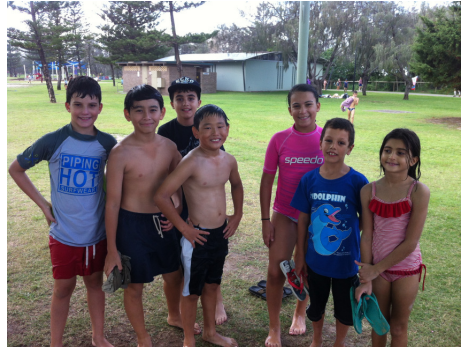
Photo Gallery from 25th March Celebrations



St Anna Kids & Teens!

On Monday 01 April, the annual St Anna Kids & Teens Aussie Easter Picnic took place at Broadbeach. This event was very well attended by families from the Gold Coast and Brisbane. It was great to see three generations represented with a number of grandparents enjoying the picnic with their families. We wish to also extend a big welcome to those new families who have come to call the Gold Coast home and came along and joined in the fun.

The weather held out for a relaxing day of ball games, playing in the nearby playground and going down to the beach for a swim. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



CORRECTION: An incorrect name was printed in the last edition of the Phos. Maria Politakis was the winner of the 2012 Greek Ethnic School of St Anna bursary. It was presented to her by Sam Koutsoukos of Ahepa. It was a wonderful effort and her parents, John & Sophie Politakis as well as the entire community are very proud of her achievement.



The Senior Citizens would like to offer their condolences to the family of Sophia Korianadis. She is sadly missed by all the members of the Seniors club.

We also offer our condolences to Vera Arvanitidis for the loss of her husband Sarafianos (Sam).

The Senior Citizens committee would like to express their gratitude to the Ladies Auxiliary for their time and effort in organising their 15th Anniversary luncheon and fundraiser for the Gold Coast Hospital which most of the Seniors have used at one time or another.

Senior Citizens

Dates and prices are subject to change without notice

2 Apr	Lunch at Benowa Tavern.	2 Απρ	Lunch at Benowa Tavern.
9 Apr	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	9 Απρ	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
16 Apr	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	16 Απρ	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
23 Apr	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	23 Απρ	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
30 Apr	Closed for Holy Tuesday	30 Απρ	Closed for Holy Tuesday
7 May	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	7 Μαί	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
14 May	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	14 Μαί	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
21 May	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	21 Μαί	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας
28 May	We meet at our Hall at 10.30 am. BYO Food	28 Μαί	Θά συναντηθούμε στο χώλ μας 10,30 π.μ. με τα φαγητά μας