



## ST ANDREWS GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

What a term it has been!

We ended Term 2 with a glimmer of hope that we would be returning to on campus learning. We had our procedures and policies in place ready to go for a Covid safe Greek school, only to find out towards the end of the Term 2 holidays that there was a second wave of Covid 19 and that further restrictions would be enforced in Melbourne.

For the teachers, it was back on Zoom meetings, brainstorming and planning both as a whole team, with our year levels and of course individually to adjust our lesson plans to suit online learning.

As both teachers and students had become more familiar and accustomed to on line learning, the hours of Zoom participation were increased and what amazing outcomes in Term 2 Greek learning!

In the junior years, the addition of the "Story time" (with K.Elsa) and "Word journey" (with K.Theolgia), to our online learning curriculum was a huge success and of course our aim always being to expand the vocabulary that students have at their disposal and to introduce words and themes outside of the traditional text book. It was an initiative that was to be part of the on campus collaborative learning every week, but nevertheless although executed slightly differently on line, has been an enormous success.

We are all very proud of the junior school programmes that we boldly implemented on line, and we have been praised by our peers and by many of you.

I must mention that during these classes several times, our dance teacher, Irini entered the meetings and of course had young and old up and dancing in the lounge rooms.

Whilst the junior school was involved in all that extra learning, the middle school too spent many more hours on Zoom time again with outstanding results. One of the highlights which I must mention, being the on going conversation of Years 3 & 4 Saturday students with their grandparents about the grandparents' migration story to Australia. Similarly, and at the other end of the school, Years 7&8 were doing the same but going more in depth, looking closely at Bonegilla and early post WW2 migration to Australia. Unfortunately our planned day trip to Bonegilla had to be cancelled but the students were shown many pictures and video clips and God willing we will go next year.

All in all it's been an outstanding term and I wish to thank you for persevering with your child's Greek education in these times, for your positive feedback and also for the many generous donations.

Lastly but not at all least, I want to acknowledge each and every single teacher from both our schools, for the amount of hours that have been put in on a weekly basis. Their extra time and effort in preparation for each lesson coupled with their dedication to their classes and to our Community school is exceptional, is very much appreciated and never goes unnoticed.

Teachers have been working on Progress Reports for the students and at some stage during this week and next, Progress Reports will be issued via email.

I pray that you all stay safe with your families over the school holidays.

At the moment, we have received word from Community Languages that only the VCE class will return to on campus learning in Term 4 and online learning will continue for all the other year levels, until otherwise advised.

Kind regards,  
Helen Lambris .