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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When does something begin to exist?

That's an interesting question that our ancestors, the Greek philosophers, would probably be keen to tackle. I can imagine them debating in the Ancient Agora of Athens. Some would claim that existence of an artefact starts when a project is completed. Others might argue that something starts to exist the moment its creator imagines it and believes that it is achievable to make.

In any case, the Greek Language and Culture Institute (GLCI) of Evangelismos did not exist in its current shape and form in late December 2021. But then I had a discussion with George Tsitiridis, with whom we shared the same vision for a Saturday Greek school. We imagined what our ideal Saturday Greek school could be like. What it would be like, if we could set it up in the way we dreamt of such a school for our children and the children of the wider Greek community in Perth.

George suggested that we should have a discussion with the Evangelismos community, who had been running a Saturday school for more than 50 years. We presented our vision to them – in that meeting we had the support of the tireless champion of the Greek language in Perth, Dr. Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, who is doing us the honour of serving as Education and Leadership Consultant and as Vice Chair of the School Board at the GLCI of Evangelismos.

The Evangelismos Committee was enormously supportive of our idea for a completely transformed school – especially Father Emmanuel Stamatiou and the President of the GOCWA, John Karakatsanakis, who are truly humbling us with their love for our language and culture and their passion to keep the Greek fire burning in Perth.

The rest is history, as the saying goes. The school has already exceeded our expectations for the first year in terms of the embrace of the Greek community and the number of enrolled students and is going from strength to strength.

A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers – this is an all-star team of which I am very happy to be the Principal because there is so little I need to advise them about.

A huge thank you to our school board. A huge thank you to John Stamatiou, who connected us with North Perth Primary school, in the premises of which we teach. A huge thank you to the parents, carers and friends who I believe feel the truth of our motto, which is that “your children are our children”.

The school is becoming all that George and I envisioned it to be, thanks to all of you.

Below you can find some photos of major events of our school in this first term of 2022. Many more events are being scheduled for the rest of the year and for next year, including collaborations with schools from Greece, excursions, teaching of the work of major Greek poets and writers.

Polychronis Koutsakis
July 2022





GLCI students reciting the poem "Νίκη" (Victory) by Kostis Palamas at the Kings Park War Memorial for the 25th of March National Day Celebration organised by the Greek Consulate in Perth.

25th of March Celebration at North Perth Primary School





CGL certificates for our students who successfully participated in last year's exams. The Certificate of Attainment in Greek is the only officially-recognised certificate by the Greek government that confirms a candidate's level of competency in the Greek language.



Our teachers also awarded some of the students with certificates of "Good Behaviour" and "Great Endeavour". Additionally, two students of the lower classes have received the "Μιλώ ελληνικά" teddy bears for their constant speaking of the Greek language on the school grounds.





Celebrating
Easter at the
Evangelismos'
premises



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to express our gratitude to all the parents that trusted us and enrolled their kids at the Greek Language and Culture Institute of Evangelismos (GLCI).

I would also like to commit that we will do our best to provide your children with the opportunity to be exposed not only to the Greek language but also to the Greek ethos and traditions that we will provide through our cultural activities!

The school is managed by experienced and renowned representatives of all stakeholders. These are management and education sector experts, an Evangelismos Committee representative, the school's principal and a P&F representative.

This school is not new, it is the school of the Evangelismos community that has been operating for the last 50 years. However, it is a renewed and re-named school in which all the necessary additions and improvements have been made to provide all the children of the broader Greek community with the opportunity to benefit from the high-level benefits that are offered.

This is an exciting and challenging year for the Greek Language and Culture Institute of Evangelismos!

We are proud that we have some of the best teachers in WA that have shown their dedication and passion for teaching the Greek language to our kids by using modern techniques, including technology and online applications.

I would encourage all parties to support our newly established P&F association, which is comprised of passionate and active parents already fundraising money to assist with the improvement of the learning experience of the students.

Finally, we thank the Greek Orthodox Community of WA Committee and its benefactors for their trust and support in this new journey!

If you are interested to know more about our school, please visit our website through the below link. Greek Lessons in Perth - Greek Language and Culture Institute (glci.com.au)

We lit a fire that will brighten the worldwide known Greek ethos and values, and we hope for everyone's interest and support to keep it lighting for many years in the future.

Georgios Tsitiridis
School Board Chair of the GLCI of Evangelismos



MESSAGE FROM DR ANGELA EVANGELINOY-YIANNAKIS

Presentation of Certificates of Attainment in Greek for CGL Examination Success

In October 2021, nine candidates sat for the Centre for the Greek Language (CGL) examinations; seven for Level A2, one for Level B1, and one for level B2. All nine candidates were successful; two with a grade of 'Very Good', and seven with a grade of 'Excellent'.

The Certificates of Attainment in Greek, from Greece's Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs and the Centre for the Greek Language in Thessaloniki, were received in April of 2022 and I had the pleasure of handing the certificates to each of the candidates at their respective Saturday morning Greek School.

On Saturday 14 May, I attended the Centre for Hellenic Studies, WA at St. Andrew's Grammar to present the certificates to Apollonas Reisis (Level A2) and Kalliopi Paila (Level B2) in the presence of their parents and their teacher, Mrs Christina Panovrakou.

On Saturday 11 June, I attended the Greek Language and Culture Institute of Evangelismos at North Perth Primary School to present the certificates to the following Level A2 candidates: Athina Koutsakis, Athanasios Limnios, Virginia Roukounakis, Theodoros Smyrniotis, Odysseas Tritas and Alexandros Tsitiridis; and for Level B1: Konstantinos Smyrniotis. The special assembly that was held was attended by the GLCI Chair of the Board, Mr Georgios Tsitiridis; Principal, Mr Polychronis Koutsakis; teachers, and the parents of the candidates as well as of the other students, who will hopefully be inspired by the success of their peers to sit for the CGL examinations in the future.

This year, 12 candidates sat for the CGL examinations in May, with one candidate sitting for two levels. We expect the results to be sent from Greece in August/September. In the meantime, we wish all the candidates success in attaining their respective level/s!

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis
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THE GLCI P&F – WHO ARE WE?

The GLCI Parents and Friends (P&F) aims to support and help our children, teachers and the principal of GLCI in their efforts to keep alive and strengthen Greek language and culture; and to facilitate and enable a warm and supportive social environment and a sense of community for our children and the school's families. The P&F Committee aims to represent all parents and school families and in 2022 consists of the following committee members: President: Nikitas Reissis; Vice-President: Stratos Diamantidakis; Secretary: Iliana Magiati; Treasurer: Maria Rologas; Members: Chris Rologas, George Koutsoukos, Ghialy Yap-Koutsoukos, Anna Efthimiou, Konstantinos Servis, Eliza Tamouridou, Fotini Samlidis, George Tsitiridis, Foteini Diamantidaki. You can get in touch with us by email at glcipandf@gmail.com !

OUR NEWS

First fundraiser of the year/ first fundraiser event for our P&F!

We kicked off Term 2 in May with our first fundraiser event, a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Subiaco! We had a lot of fun getting ready and preparing yummy hot dogs for the many GLCI families and friends who came along after school and for all Bunnings' Subi customers. We would like to give many thanks to all the P&F committee members, GLCI parents and friends who helped and supported us before and on the day!

Very special thanks too to our sponsors:

Woolworths Subi, ClearShield Stainless Steel Security and Cup & Co!



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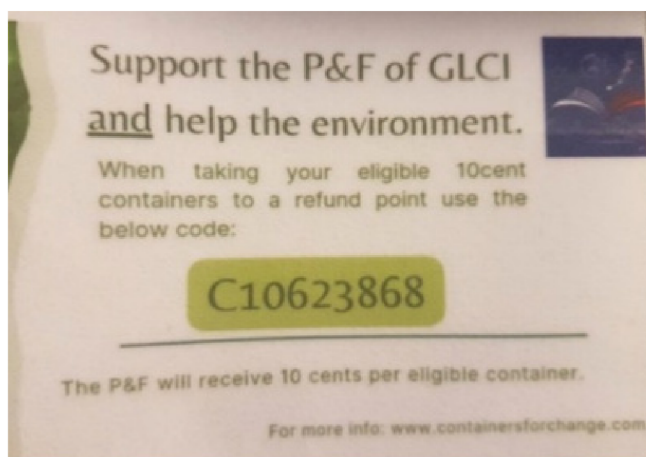
From the end of May 2022 onwards, we have started our Containers for Change fundraising initiative, and all earnings will go towards the P&F Committee's funds to support activities and events for our children and schools during the school year and to support the needs of our school.

On Saturday 28/05/22 we gave each child a recycling bag, a leaflet with information about this initiative and a card that states the containers for change code that is unique to the GLCI P&F.

Once you collect the recyclable items at home, you may drop them off to any depot that is most convenient for you and give the P&F's code **C10623868**

All earnings will automatically be credited to the P&F's account.

For those of you who may not be able to drop off your household's recyclable items at the depots, you may bring these to our school on Saturdays and P&F members will be there to collect and to then drop off to a depot.



OUR PLANS

Stay tuned for our Term 2 social and fundraising after-school Souvlaki event! It's been a slow start due to COVID, and we hope we can plan more, do more, and meet more in Terms 3 and 4! The P&F has also met with the Principal and Teachers in Term 2 to discuss ways in which we can support our school and children in 2022 – stay tuned!