

ST SPYRIDON COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Yr 4 excursion to Cockatoo Island	2 nd
Careers Expo UNSW Yrs 11 & 12	3 rd
Parent Forum Year 11, 2009 7.00 pm, Technology Wing	4 th
Athletics Carnival JS	6 th
Queens Birthday Public Holiday School Closed	9 th
Athletics Carnival SS	12 th
Parish Trip to Greece departs	13 th
ICAS Writing SS	13 th
Pentecost	15 th
Work Experience begins	17 th
Yr 4 visit the Senior School	17 th
Yr 5 visit the Senior School	18 th
Divine Liturgy	19 th
Yr 3 excursion to the Zoo Reports to parents JS	20 th
Parent Teacher Interviews JS	23 rd
Parent Teacher Interviews JS	24 th
Parent Teacher Interviews JS	25 th
Year 6 visit the Senior School	25 th
Work Experience ends	26 th
Term ends for Staff and students	27 th

FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

Congratulations are extended to Mrs Faletas, Writer and Artistic Director of the Theatre Production "In this Strange Land – Exile and Refuge". Together with Mrs Ieroklis, Mrs Haskas and all teachers of Greek K-12, they inspired a cast of some 200 students to take audiences back to the early days of coming to Australia for our community. They made us laugh, cry and reminisce.



This tribute to the pioneers received praise from all, including His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos, who presented an Award to Mrs Faletas and Mrs Ieroklis for their outstanding contribution to the education of St Spyridon College students in this our 25th Anniversary year.

We thank Mr Peter Souleles for the original music composed for this play. We thank Mr Harley Economou for managing the technical support team. Congratulations to all actors, singers, backstage workers and technicians who worked on this memorable production.

Mrs E. Stefanou-Haag



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PHOTO GALLERY OF
"IN THIS STRANGE LAND – EXILE AND REFUGE"





DIVINE LITURGY

The next College Divine Liturgy will be held on Thursday, 19th June, 2008. All Orthodox staff and students are encouraged to prepare appropriately to receive Holy Communion.

PAST STUDENT NEWS



We congratulate Lianna Stamparidis on her recent graduation with a Bachelor of Architecture, Honours Class 1, from the University of New South Wales.

Lianna completed her H.S.C. at the College in 2002. She was the College Dux of her year.

Congratulations.

UNPAID FEES

Sports/co-curricular fees were due at the end of Term One. Anyone who has not paid sports/co-curricular fees, please pay immediately.

BATTLE OF CRETE COMMEMORATION ASSEMBLY



On Monday 19th May St Spyridon College Junior School was honored with a visit from Major General D. Sinanoglou and Lieutenant Commander E. Kyriakidis from the Greek Armed Forces.

Students from the primary held a special assembly with students from Year 3 welcoming our guests and presenting in Greek what they had learnt about the Battle of Crete and the significance of Greece's war effort in WWII.

Our students also read a newspaper article about Captain Angelo Piperakis (great grandfather of Michael Kotsophilis Year 1E) who rescued over 1000 Australian soldiers while fighting with the Resistance Army.



Year 6 students also read the poems and odes they had written in English about soldiers who had died in all wars but with a major focus on the ANZACS. Our

school captains Panayioti Kapodistrias and Natalie Michos presented our guests with a small gift so that they may remember their visit to our school. Our visitors also presented our school with a replica mini statue of an Ancient Olympic Discus Thrower.



Our guests were most impressed with our students' presentations in both Greek and English and the respect and understanding they displayed.



STAFF CHANGES

Mr Angelo Amditis our Greek Language Teacher has been seconded by the Greek Education Office to be the supervisor/administrator for the office until a replacement person is sent from Greece. We wish Mr Amditis all the best in this new role.

Mr Amditis is being replaced by Mr Alexandros Geladaris who will teach Kindergarten language and also singing (Greek) to primary classes. Miss Tsambica Argyrou will teach Mr Amditis Groups in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We welcome both teachers to our school and look forward to their special talents and enthusiasm becoming an integral part of our Greek Language and Cultural Program.

INFORMATION MORNINGS AND TOURS

KINDERGARTEN 2009 INFORMATION MORNING

Last week parents of 2009 Kindergarten students came to visit our school. The parents received information about policies, procedures, expectations and what our school has to offer their children. The parents had an opportunity to view students work from across all grades K-6 as well as to tour the school. The parents viewed lessons in progress at that time. Kindergarten impressed with their knowledge of Spalding and maths Year 1 with their Greek language and Religion and Year 2 with their differentiated group maths lessons. The parents also visited the primary and again viewed lessons in progress and particularly the use of the interactive white boards.

The parents were delighted with what they saw. Quotes from some parents were:

“Why would you send your child anywhere else – this school does everything.”

“I have heard positive and negative about the school so I've come to see for myself – heaven help the next person who criticizes this school after what I've seen today.”

“I didn't know much about the school before but I know now I've made the right decision.”

“Most impressed with the academics but the atmosphere in the school is really special, it's obvious the staff really care and the kids are happy.”

There is little more I could say after those comments except how proud I am of our wonderful school and how encouraging it is to hear such positive comments.

OPEN MORNING AND TOURS

Similar responses were received from visitors who came to view the school on Open Day. Some were for future kindergartens and others who have their children in other grades in other schools and are now looking to enrol their children in St Spyridon Junior School.

My thanks to Mrs Katsogiannis who spoke to parents about the Senior School to Miss Cachia who spoke about our Prep Middle School, and to Mrs Synesios, who spoke about the Infants Program. All together showing a cohesive coordinated K-12 journey. My thanks also to Mr Arnott who prepared the power point presentation reflecting the many aspects of life at St

Spyridon and to Mrs Kerameas who in her quiet organized manner had all the information packages prepared and organized the registration process.

Mr Gikas as always had both the library and the hall ready for the two gatherings and of course our most sincerest appreciation to the P&F committee who prepared morning tea for our guests, Mr Tsounis represented the P&F at the Kindergarten Information morning and spoke passionately about our college and the importance of the P&F. Well done everyone for a most positive and rewarding two days.

YEAR THREE COOPERATIVE WORK

Last week, Year Three enjoyed their first group work project of the year. As an assessment for our HSIE unit on National Parks, the children were put into small groups of three to five children and allocated a National Park to research. An "Artistic Director" was appointed to each group to oversee the delegation of research and to have the final say on presentation of the projects.

The students were marked according to their contribution to the group's research, their cooperation and behaviour within the group, whether the set content was covered and the presentation of their project poster. A one minute oral presentation followed the cooperative group work, where the children had to concentrate on speaking with clarity, using their own words, maintaining eye contact, and not repeating other children in their group.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Some of their comments follow:

"We are working as a group, we find it challenging and it is very exciting." Jordan Stojkovic, Peter Giokas, Phoebe Dalakiaris.

"We have learnt so much! Did you know Fraser Island is the world's largest sand island?? There are dingoes there, and they can hurt people if you feed them. We have enjoyed this because we have teamwork and all help each other, so it's not as much work!" Kerryanne Syros, Johnny Mouratidis, Electra Athanasatos, Merissa Papadakis.

"It is way better than working alone because we get more done and everyone brings stuff in so we have more information and things to decorate our projects with to make them pretty." Markella Roditis, George Raptis, Constantinos Kollias.

"Group work is so much fun! We get to talk to each other to share our ideas. It is good to find out what other people have found out about the National Park." Jordan Makridopolus, Tina Ventoura, Mitchell Knight.



Mrs M. Hamer
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

PARENT FORUM – REMINDER **Transition to Year 11, 2009**

On Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. a meeting will be held for all students of Year 10 and their parents. The Board of Studies Liaison Officer (BOSLO) Ms Kim Owens, will be present to talk about the Preliminary and Higher School Certificate requirements. We will also distribute the Upper School Handbook to assist subject choice. It is expected that all students of Year 10 will attend with their parents 7.00 p.m., Technology Wing.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Ms Pringle, Visual Arts Teacher, and her family at the recent loss of her father-in-law. May God grant them strength during this difficult time.

I will be on long service leave for the last four weeks of Term 2.

Mrs A. Katsogiannis
Principal Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

It is not the answer that enlightens, but the question."
Decouvertes

When many of us started school we learnt very quickly that the pathway to acceptance was to not stand out but to play it safe and not ask too many questions. For some people the way they made it through school was to try and go unnoticed, to literally be invisible. "I don't want to ask a question just in case it's a silly one" is the mantra for those wishing to wear the cloak of invisibility.

Truth is, there is no such thing as a silly question. For every question helps you see an issue from a different perspective.

Socrates, who was one of the world's greatest philosophers, used a form of questioning to empower his students with knowledge. It is called Socratic Method. These include:

1. Questions for clarification
2. Questions that probe assumptions
3. Questions that probe reason and evidence
4. Questions about viewpoints and perspectives
5. Questions that probe implications and consequences
6. Questions about the question

To think critically and process the information we are taught it is important to reflect. Asking questions helps us do this

This week make a commitment to ask at least one question in each class. **Remember the fool wonders, wise people ask.**

LATE COMERS AND ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A reminder to all parents about the procedures to be followed when a student is late to school or is absent from school. In the case of lateness, all students must sign in at the office on arrival where a late stamp will be placed in their planners. Failing to do so will result in the student being marked as absent for the entire day. If a student is absent, **a phone call to the office on the day of the absence would be appreciated.** When the student returns to school, **a note of explanation must be written on the first day of return** by a parent/caregiver and passed on to the Home Room teacher during Roll Call. Your

cooperation in supporting these procedures is important in helping the school meet its duty of care requirements.

STUDENTS TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

At this time of year a number of students and their families take advantage of the up coming extended holiday break to visit Europe during the summer months. Sometimes this also involves missing part of the school term. **To assist these students so that they do not fall behind in their studies, Year Advisers will be issuing a form to affected Middle School students, requiring them to speak with each of their teachers in order to record the work which they will be expected to have completed on their return.** Once this form is filled, **a copy must be made and returned to myself, Ms Kokinelis Dean of Middle School, before leaving** for the holiday.

PASTORAL CARE

Program Highlights

- Year 7 – 9: Examination Preparation Skills
Year 10: School Certificate Confirmations (Mrs Michalski – Dean of Upper School) & Careers Web Site Investigation (Mrs Skerman – Careers Adviser)
Year 11: Examination Preparation Skills
Year 12: Time Management Activities and UAI talk (Mrs Michalski - Dean of Upper School)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Up coming Events:

- **Step by Step Youth Forum**, Wesley Centre, Sydney. Tues 3 June. Years 7 -9 SRC, Wednesday 4 June, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders & selected Year 11 representatives

Ms G Kokinelis
Dean of Middle School

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Year 12

In the holidays the Elevate Program will be available for further focus on examination techniques.

Sessions for *English Paper 1*
Business Studies,
Chemistry

**Economics,
Maths 2 unit
Maths Ext 1
and Visual Arts**

have been confirmed for the middle week of the holidays. Watch this space for more information.

Year 11 and 10

Students are in the Half Yearly Examination period, for Year 11 this is the beginning of the HSC course formal exams, the Yearly Exams will be held next term, Term 3.

Students should have developed excellent examination habits:

Study skills
Well organized notes
Study notes (not lesson notes)
Well managed timetable
Healthy eating habits
Healthy sleeping habits

Each exam session should be a development of the next so the habits are well honed by October 2009 HSC.

Mrs J. Michalski
Dean of Upper School

GREEK COLUMN

Αγαπητοί γονείς και φίλοι,

Στην έκδοση αυτή δημοσιεύουμε το γραπτό μιας μαθήτριας της Γ΄ Λυκείου. Η τάξη αυτή ολοκλήρωσε πριν μια βδομάδα την ενότητα «Μετανάστευση και Μικρασιατική καταστροφή». Μέσα από την ενότητα αυτή οι μαθητές είχαν την ευκαιρία να γνωρίσουν τις δυσκολίες και τα προβλήματα των πρώτων μεταναστών στις διάφορες χώρες που μετανάστευσαν, τους λόγους που τους οδήγησαν στο δρόμο της μετανάστευσης, την εκμετάλλευσή τους στα εργοστάσια, όπως το σύστημα με μπόνους, τις συνέπειες της σκληρής δουλειάς στην υγεία τους, αλλά και μέσα από το θεατρικό μας έργο, είχαν την ευκαιρία να δουν και τα επιτεύγματα των πρώτων μεταναστών. Η Μικρασιατική καταστροφή και ο ξεριζωμός των Ελλήνων της περιοχής ήταν το δεύτερο σκέλος της μελέτης τους. Διδάχτηκαν την ιστορία της περιόδου αυτής και τις τρομερές συνέπειες της προσφυγιάς για το ελληνικό κράτος, αλλά περισσότερο για τους ίδιους τους πρόσφυγες. Στην εργασία που θα διαβάσετε, η μαθήτρια είναι ρεπόρτερ ραδιοφωνικού σταθμού και καλύπτει ζωντανά τις εικόνες της καταστροφής.

Θα ήθελα επίσης να ευχαριστήσω από τη στήλη αυτή, όλους τους μαθητές και τους συναδέλφους που βοήθησαν στο ανέβασμα της τελευταίας μας θεατρικής παράστασης.

κ. Μ. Φαλέτα
Υπεύθυνη Γλωσσών



Αγαπητοί ακροατές,

Βρίσκομαι στη Σμύρνη για να σας μεταδώσω τις τελευταίες ειδήσεις της καταστροφής της από τους Τούρκους.

Φλόγες! Καπνός! Χάος!
Μάνες τρέχουν να βρουν τα παιδιά τους. Πατέρες γυρεύουν την οικογένειά τους. Παιδιά κλαίνε μόνα τους, εδώ κι εκεί, δίχως τους γονείς τους, δίχως τα αδέρφια τους. Φόβος και πανικός παντού!

Στέκομαι εδώ, ανάμεσα στη φασαρία, βλέπω ανθρώπους να κλαίνε για τους αγαπημένους τους. Όλοι τρέχουν μήπως και καταφέρουν και σώσουν τη ζωή τους.

Μαζεύονται στην παραλία της Σμύρνης. Παρακαλούν για σωτηρία τους συμμάχους τους, που κάθονται με τα χέρια σταυρωμένα και παρακολουθούν το δράμα ενός λαού από τα καράβια τους. Αλλά ποιος τους τη δίνει; Κανείς!

Πουλάνε την περιουσία τους για μια θέση σε μια βάρκα, αλλά όταν πάνε να μουν, τους σπρώχνουν άλλοι, πιο χεροδύναμοι και αρπάζουν τη θέση τους. Οι βαρκάρηδες πάλι, παίρνουν πολύ περισσότερους από όσους χωράνε οι βάρκες τους κι αυτές αναποδογυρίζουν και πνίγεται ο κόσμος σαν τις μύγες στο λιμάνι!

Σε μια μεριά, βλέπω αυτή τη στιγμή, μια μάνα που κλαίει για το μωρό της, που το έχασε στον πανικό και την τρεχάλα. Σε μια άλλη μεριά είναι ένας άνδρας που έχασε τα πόδια του! Μπροστά μου είναι μια γιαγιά, που μαζεύει τα παιδιά της κόρης της. Και πού να βρεθεί η κόρη;

Οι Τούρκοι τους σπρώχνουν με όπλα! Δεν αφήνουν τις γυναίκες ή τα παιδιά ήσυχα. Σπρώχνουν τις γιαγιάδες, χτυπούν τους παππούδες, βάζουν φωτιά στα σπίτια και στα μαγαζιά των Ελλήνων, χωρίζουν τις οικογένειες!

Όλοι στον πανικό τους τρέχουν για να μην σκοτωθούν. Δεν τους βοηθάει κανείς! Χάνουν τη ζωή τους, τους αγαπημένους τους και τη Σμύρνη!

Maria Mavrolefteros

Year 12

Mrs M. Faletas

Curriculum Leader Greek

Συμμετοχή του δημοτικού σχολείου του Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος στη θεατρική παράσταση << Σ' αυτή την ξένη χώρα: Εξορία και Καταφυγή >>

Στα πλαίσια των εορταστικών εκδηλώσεων του Κολλεγίου μας για τα είκοσι πέντε χρόνια από της ιδρύσεώς του, τα παιδιά της πέμπτης και της έκτης τάξης του δημοτικού σχολείου συμμετείχαν στη σχολική θεατρική παράσταση << Σ' αυτή την ξένη χώρα: Εξορία και Καταφυγή >> που ήταν αφιερωμένη στη μετανάστευση και στους έλληνες μετανάστες. Η πέμπτη τάξη χόρευε με πολύ ενθουσιασμό ελληνικούς παραδοσιακούς χορούς.

Η έκτη τάξη συμμετείχε με το δημοτικό ποίημα << Του Νεκρού Αδερφού >> που απέδωσαν οι μαθητές και οι μαθήτριες Μάρθα Σπηλιώτη, Ναταλία Μίχου, Χριστίνα Ανδρέου, Ευανθία Τζιβάκη, Παναγιώτης Καποδίστριας, Γεώργιος Μαλομύτης, Μιχαήλ Βλάχος και Στέφανος Τσορμπατζόγλου. Επίσης η έκτη τάξη τραγούδησε τραγούδια της ξενιτιάς.

Η όλη απόδοση του έργου ήταν φανταστική και συγκίνησε το ακροατήριο ειδικότερα τους παππούδες και γιαγιάδες των παιδιών. Θερμά συγχαρητήρια σε όλα τα παιδιά για τη συμμετοχή τους.

Επίσκεψη Αξιωματικών των Ενόπλων Ελληνικών Δυνάμεων

Στις 19 Μαΐου 2008 επισκέφτηκαν το Δημοτικό σχολείο του Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος οι στρατιωτικοί, Υποπτέραρχος Δανιήλ Σινάνογλου (Αεροπορία) και Πλωτάρχης Ευστάθιος Κυριακίδης (Ναυτικό), που

ήρθαν στην Αυστραλία για την 67^η επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης. Κατά την επίσκεψή τους οι μαθητές και μαθήτριες της τρίτης τάξης Μυρσίνη Παπαδάκη, Ηλίας Αθανασόπουλος, Λεοντής Κουζούκας, Γεώργιος Γκεμίσης, Παναγιώτης Γιόκας, Παναγιώτης Μήλιος, Σταυρούλα Παπαδοπούλου, Μιχαήλ Νάιτ, Ανδρέας Βεργίνης, Γεώργιος Ρόκος, Ιακωβία Μπέρλεϋ και Κωνσταντίνος Τσίγκος καλωσόρισαν τους υψηλούς επισκέπτες μας και τους είπαν τι έμαθαν για την Κρήτη και τους Κρητικούς μαχητές που πολέμησαν μαζί με Αυστραλούς και Νεοζηλανδούς στο δεύτερο παγκόσμιο πόλεμο.

Μαθητές και μαθήτριες της έκτης τάξης απήγγειλαν ποιήματα που έγραψαν με αφορμή την εθνική επέτειο της Αυστραλίας (ANZAC DAY) για τους Αυστραλούς και Νεοζηλανδούς νεκρούς ήρωες. Τα παιδιά μίλησαν ακόμα και για τον ηρωικό κρητικό αγωνιστή Ευάγγελο Πιπεράκη ο οποίος είχε πάρει μέρος σε πολλές μάχες και που με το καΐκι του έσωσε πάνω από χίλιους Αυστραλούς και Νεοζηλανδούς φυγαδεύοντάς τους στη Μέση Ανατολή. Ο Ευάγγελος Πιπεράκης είναι προπάππος του μαθητή της πρώτης τάξης του Κολλεγίου μας Μιχάλη Κοτσοχειλίη. Οι επισκέπτες μας ενθουσιάστηκαν ακούγοντας τα παιδιά, τα ευχαρίστησαν, και εκφράστηκαν με κολακευτικά λόγια για την ευχέρειά τους στη χρήση της Ελληνικής Γλώσσας.

Mrs Ieroklis

Junior School

Greek Language Teacher

SPORTS REPORT

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

On Monday 12th May, our college participated at the ASISSA Cross Country Carnival, which was held at Queens Park. This is always a very tough challenge. I would like to congratulate all the Teams for their great effort, sportsmanship and excellent conduct on the day and a big thank you to Mrs Sobbel for managing the Team and to Miss Cachia for helping us during the day!

We also extend our congratulations to these students who succeeded in proceeding to the next level as a member of the ASISSA Team and will participate the CIS Cross Country Championships on Friday 30th May 2008, which will be at Eastern Creek Raceway.

ASSISA CROSS COUNTRY - CIS SELECTION

Girls 12 Years

Martha Spilioti – 6M, Natalie Michos – 6M, Rena Lambos – 6M, Nansia Koukounaris – 6M

Boys 8/9 Years

Alexander Galatidis – 4T

Boys 10 Years

Michael Hatzon – 4T, Panos Armenakas – 4T

Girls 11 Years

Anna Roniotis – 5A

Boys 12 Years

Andrew Markantonatos – 6P

We wish them the best of luck!

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Spyridon College Athletics Carnival will be held on **Friday 6th June at ES Marks Stadium.**

Mr J. Volas

Sports Coordinator

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Niko Fotopoulos attended the All Schools Swimming Championships on Friday, 23rd May.

Niko came in:

8th in the 100m Breastroke

9th in the 50m Breastroke

He had done a 2.5 second PB in the 100m breastroke.

Well done Niko!

Mr A Condous

Boys Sport

NETBALL

The Open A's are developing into a very competitive netball team and this is becoming evident with each game. What is perhaps amazing about this team is that the players come from four different year groups yet when together they play like they have played together for years. Capably led by Angelica Meintanis and Sophia Stefadouras this team is still undefeated. In the last two weeks the girls have played and defeated both Barker College and Central Coast Grammar. In both games the girls have dominated from the start and have

never given their opponents the opportunity to believe that they may win. From a coach's perspective what is perhaps more pleasing than the wins is the way these girls have bonded and the camaraderie that they show.

To single out any player would be unfair but the accuracy of our shooters Connie Bouhoutsos, Stephanie Vardas and "new addition" Angelina Flokis was the highlight on the weekend.

Girls you are playing excellent netball keep up the good work remain focused and remember when you are winning - never relax.

Results: SSC 40 CCG 27
 SSC 54 Barker 29

Mr P. Meintanis

Opens Coach

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Amanda Horafios and Ivana Bojanovic on making the NSW CIS Girls Soccer team.

Well done.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

It has been a busy start for the football season. The inclusion of girls' football into the ISA competition for the first time this year has allowed the opportunity for our Open Girls Football Team to showcase their talents. They have failed to disappoint, with Round 5 around the corner our girls ranging from Year 7 – 12 along with their coach Miss Gambriel have dominated the ISA competition and are currently first on the ladder. However, they have a very tough match ahead of them this week. Good luck for the back end of the season.

Additional to the ISA competition, selected girls are currently competing in the CIS Independent Football Cup. The girls have had an excellent run, as they beat Emmanuel School last Thursday to qualify for the Quarter Finals. We now wait patiently for results to determine our next game.

Ms K. O'Shea

Girls Sport

CAREERS

Work Experience for Year 10 students will take place at the end of Term 2 for students who are not going to Greece on the Parish Tour. Some students still have not handed in their forms with the details of their placements. Late applications are not guaranteed to be approved because of the lengthy paperwork involved. Letters have been sent to the work placement supervisors involved in the program. They will need to read the information and sign the appropriate sections and return these to the school. These sections have to be copied and sent with other information about work experience to the parents. I would appreciate if these could be returned with the necessary signatures asap. With changes in Occupational Health and Safety and Child Protection, these extra precautions are required. Mr Meintanis and I will be presenting an OH&S and Work Experience Procedures talk to the Year 10 group soon. Thank you to those members of the school community who have agreed to help our students. I have been most impressed by the efforts of some students and the placements they have organised.

The **COURSES AND CAREERS EXPO** will be held at the Roundhouse at UNSW on Tuesday 3 June from 9am to 4pm. This Expo is organised by the eastern suburbs careers advisers. St Spyridon students from Year 12 and some from Year 11 will attend the Expo so that they can research their training and educational options post Year 12. Any Year 11 students who wish to attend must see me asap. Parents are also welcome to attend at any time between 9am and 4pm.

QANTM COLLEGE offers innovative creative digital media courses in the areas of games programming, animation, interactive media, graphic design, special effects and digital video production. An Open Day will be held on Saturday 23 August at the campus at 74 Wentworth Avenue, Surry Hills. Another program of 'Study with Qantm for a Day' will be held during the holidays on 12 July and 4 October. This is an opportunity to experience a full day of hands-on training in your chosen field for \$40.

Visit their website to register <http://www.qantm.com.au/events.cfm>

2009 KPMG Cadetship Program for Year 12 students interested in undertaking an Accounting major within a Business / Commerce degree. A cadetship program provides students with the opportunity to combine paid work and part time study (for 2 years) in the pursuit of their professional goal in accountancy. Two Information Evenings will be held on Tuesday 3 June and Wednesday 11 June at KPMG. See me for more details and visit the website www.kpmg.com.au for more information.

The University of Sydney will be holding some free Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evenings to assist students and parents with their decisions about subject selection for Year 11 and 12. The dates for these will be Monday 2, Wednesday 4, Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 June in the Footbridge Theatre, The University of Sydney at 6pm Tuesday 12 June. For further information, call 1300 362 006. Registration for these events will be available on the university website, www.usyd.edu.au/year10evening

Energy Australia is seeking almost 200 school leavers for 2009 to join their apprenticeship, cadetship and traineeship programs. An Apprenticeship Open Day will be held at Energy Australia depot at 2 Shaft St, Silverwater. Phone 8719 0228 to reserve your place. Please look at the quick reference table for further details.

QUICK REFERENCE

Program	Entry Level	Qualification level on completion			Closing Date	More information and to apply: Online	Telephone
Apprenticeship	Yr 10 & 12	Trade	TAFE	Certificate III	24/7/08	www.energy.com.au/apprenticeships	02 8878 5000
Traineeship	Yr 12	Para Professional	TAFE	Advanced Diploma	30/9/08	www.energy.com.au/traineeships	02 9394 6663
Cadetships	Yr 12	Professional	Uni	Degree	30/9/08	www.energy.com.au/cadetships	02 9394 6663

Mrs A Skerman
Careers Adviser

ST SPYRIDON VACATION CARE

The April Vacation Care period went very well and all children who attended had a fantastic time on our planned excursions and incursions, craft/sport activities and group games. Despite the fact that it rained everyday of the holidays, it definitely did not dampen our spirits!

Sophia Rizzo in 5I wrote a great account of what we got up to at vacation care that she would like to share with you all...

Patricia Doyle
Children's Services Supervisor

Vacation Care

By Sophia Rizzo

During the April school holidays my sister and I went to vacation care. It was lots of fun! On Monday 14th it was art and craft bonanza day. We painted plasters and some kids got their faces painted. It was a blast!



Stephanie Hatzis and Jennifer-Eve Contominas

On Tuesday vacation care was taken to Fox Studios to enjoy 'Nim's Island' with popcorn and drinks. On Friday it was pyjama and pizza day. We all came in with our pyjamas and played heaps of games. My day was fantastic!



Everyone looking very cool in their PJ's

On Monday 21st we were loaded with chocolate because we had an Easter Egg Hunt. We were given clues to find the eggs in groups. Lollipops Playland was also a blast. We were taken to the play centre and had so much fun on the equipment.



Alexia Rizzo @ Lollipops Playland

Over all the fancy dress party was my favourite. We all brought in party food and enjoyed it with our friends. We were all in fancy costumes. We also played heaps of games and had a dancing show. My holidays were the best!!



Alexander Frazis, Anthony Theofanidis, Stephanie Hatzis and Sophia Rizzo

Helping children with homework and learning



Parents are expected to create a home environment that will support their children's education.

If you are keen to have your child become successful at school then homework is an opportunity for students to learn and for parents to be involved in their children's education.

Children need to know that parents think homework is important. If they know their parents care, children have a good reason to try hard and succeed at education.

Homework also shows parents what their children are being taught at school.

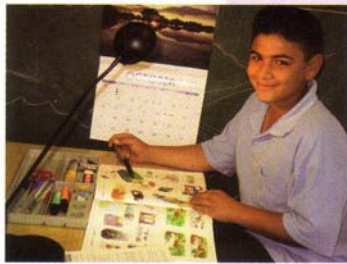


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How parents can help in learning

at home



- Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Try to avoid distractions such as television and people coming and going.
- Provide the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary. If special materials are needed for some projects, get them in advance.
- Set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Use weekend mornings or afternoons for big projects.
- Set up a homework calendar. Put a large wall calendar in the homework area and write in due dates for homework and for class tests.
- When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that learning skills are related to things you do as an adult. Take this time to read, do grocery lists or check your finances.
- Look at, talk about and show interest in work your child has done at school.
- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not the answers. Your child needs to understand the material and can usually find the answers themselves.
- If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Homework is a great way for your child to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- Reward progress in homework. If your child is successful at completing homework, celebrate with a special treat such as a movie. Display their work and share it with others.