



MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Macedonian Community Language School Newsletter for 2013 and the new academic year. The Macedonian Community of Western Australia Inc is delighted to be able to once again offer Macedonian language classes. Thank you for your continuing support.

Staffing News

Last year we said farewell to Ms Marika Krstevska. The Macedonian Community Language School would like to thank Marika for her contribution and wishes her all the very best in the future. This year we welcome a new teacher Ms Natasha Naumovski. Natasha has commenced as the teacher for the middle class. Mr John Ailakis and Ms Gordana Lukas have continued with their teaching roles this year. John is teaching the two senior classes and Gordana is teaching the junior class. The Macedonian Community of Western Australia Inc would like to thank the teachers for helping young people get the opportunity to learn and develop Macedonian language skills.

2013 Term Dates

Term dates for 2013 are:

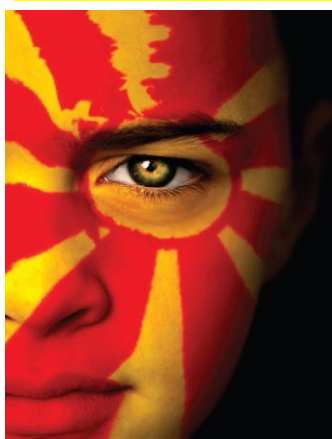
Term	Commencement Date	End Date
1	4 February 2013	20 April 2013
2	6 May 2013	6 July 2013
3	22 July 2013	28 September 2013
4	14 October 2013	20 December 2013

Classes will not be held during school term holidays, on public holidays or during long weekends when a public holiday falls on a Saturday or a Monday.

Diary Note

The Macedonian Community of Western Australia Inc will be holding its Sveti Kiril and Metodij celebrations on 26 May, 2013. The junior and middle classes will be performing on the day. Teachers have already commenced planning their class performances and students are learning their lines. The event will take place during lunch time at the Macedonian Community of WA Inc Centre, 51 Albert Street, North Perth. This will be a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their language learning and for parents to enjoy their achievements. More information will be provided to parents via email. Please put this important date in your diaries. Senior students are also invited to attend.

Second language research and teaching (Macedonian – English)



A wonderful article appeared recently in the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association Inc Journal, Babel, Volume 47, Number 2 on the writing strategies of children participating in a Macedonian – English bilingual program in Victoria. The study was conducted and article written by Michele de Courcy and Jovanka Smilevska. Many of you may remember Jovanka when she visited us in Perth for the official opening of our language school in September last year. The study indicated that development in a student's stronger language facilitates literacy development in the second language and that access to two languages from an early age facilitates literacy development. This study is a first involving children who are being educated in English and Macedonian in Australia under a bilingual program. Congratulations to Michele and Jovanka on undertaking such a study and raising the profile of the Macedonian language in the education sphere. Jovanka continues to maintain contact with our school and to provide ongoing professional support.

New Macedonian Textbook

This year new class sets have been distributed to students in the junior and middle classes. The textbook **Makedonski Jazik** has been generously donated by the Macedonian Government through the Agency for Emigration (Agencija Za Eselenitsivo). This new book has been distributed around the world to assist young students living outside Macedonia who are learning Macedonian as a second language. The Macedonian Community Language School of Western Australia would like to thank the Macedonian Government for this assistance.

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