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# MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL ŠKOLO ZA MAKEDONSKI JAZIK

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# Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Macedonian Community Language School Newsletter for 2013.

# Saints Kiril and Metodii



Many thanks go to students and parents who participated in and attended the Community's Saints Kiril and Metodij event on 26 May, 2013. Two very special items were chosen by our junior and middle classes to celebrate the contribution made by the Saints to the



Kirilica (Cyrillic) by Vlatko Stefanovski and the middle class recited T'ga za Jug (Longing for the South). Thanks also go to our teachers, Gordana Lukas and Natasha Naumovski for their organisation and effort in preparing the students for the day.

## **Attendance**

A recent review of our enrolment and attendance records shows that many of our students are achieving excellent attendance rates some as high as 100%. Research shows that it is important young people maintain good attendance. Young people who attend school regularly gain the most from their learning; they make excellent progress and develop good social relationships. Please support your child/children to attend regularly unless they are unwell or there is some family reason.

# **Open Classes**

Next term (Term 3), the Macedonian Community Language School will be holding Open Classes. The Open Classes will provide parents and prospective students for 2014 with an opportunity to experience what happens in our language classes. The class programs will be exactly the same as a normal lesson. This opportunity will provide students and parents with insight to our language school's teaching and learning in action. More information will be provided.

# **Developing Confidence and Independence**

It is pleasing to see so many young students become more and more confident in the expectations teachers have of them, particularly when they arrive to class and their lesson routines. Well Done. When taking your child/children to the classroom door please allow them to enter by themselves and get organised for their lesson. This will not only allow for the maximum possible teaching time, but will help your child to develop confidence and independence. Should you wish to speak to the teacher about your child's progress or any other matter please feel free to do so at the end of the lesson?

# Sundowner

Thank you to all senior students who attended our School Sundowner on 5 April 2013. What a great night and opportunity for the two senior classes to meet and come together. Another is planned for later this term. A date and venue is to be decided in consultation with students.

## **Easter Celebrations**



As part of the School's language program our course outline includes a cultural theme. Teachers recently lead class discussions on how Easter is celebrated in Macedonia and here in Australia by Macedonians. Students told stories about how their own families celebrate Easter. Teachers were able to introduce to students vocabulary relevant to the celebrations, such as foods and symbols.



Students assisted their teachers in colouring red dyed eggs. A display of the language school's Easter activities was erected at the entrance of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, St Nikola, during Orthodox Easter week. Parishioners were able to view the work coordinated by the Macedonian Community Language School and produced by students as part of their language learning.

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