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Grab a ticket to top night

You spik Grik? The stand up comedy by "Spiros Yearos" is back, following the trials and tribulations of being a Greek in modern day Australia.

With two young children of his own now, the "big bossena" - his wife - in control, and a family typical of the 21st Century, Tony Kassapakis takes this fantastic show to a new era.



"You spik Grik" displays the talent of a passionate Australian / Greek - 'Grozzi' comedian Tony, who has entertained many people over the years with memorable hits such as "Demosthenes Driving School", "Tha Fate Has-touki" and the play - "The Pappas bunch".

"You Spik Grik" manages to take everyone on a trip down memory lane.

It is a reflection of the stories, experiences and challenges that shape the Grozzi way of life.

Five sold out shows have been performed at the Elite Function Centre in the heart of Earlwood and with two shows left, get ready and set to "Spik Grik" professional.

This is a bi-lingual comedy you've never seen or heard before, be quick to grab a ticket to see the funniest show.

The night is not one to be missed, with dinner, and plenty of dancing.

The last two shows will be August 28, and November 6.

Book now. Visit spirosyearos.com.au or call Vivian on 0411 628 811.



Fillmakers ... (L-R) Dylan Lycari (10), Emma Gale (11), Michael Metters (12), Kiara Lloyd (6), Ava Atzemis (11) and Katherine Hakiim (9). Source: The Daily Telegraph

A story straight from the heart inspires award-winning video

LAST year, Kiara Lloyd was a timid five-year-old nursing a dying heart. Last night, Kiara's fight had proved so inspirational to her Sydney schoolmates that a video they made about her won a prestigious science award.

Kiara was suffering from cardiomyopathy and couldn't run or play. Speaking more than a few words turned her blue. Her parents were told when she was 2½ that she would die by age 5 without a heart transplant.

A heart was finally found and Kiara underwent a successful transplant late last year. "But when she came back to school she was still a very quiet, very withdrawn little girl," Mascot's St Therese Primary teacher Catherine Thomas said yesterday.

At the same time, five students at St Therese were deciding on a new science video subject.

"We wanted to explain the human body but that was too much for a three-minute video so we did the heart," student Emma Gale, 11, said.

"And we thought it would be great if we did it with Kiara because of her heart, so she joined our team."

Kiara's Gift won the primary division of the University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize.

Yesterday Kiara was a ball of energy, playing with the video team. Her mother Nicole said: "You wouldn't know it's the same girl." [Daily Telegraph]

Caretta caretta...

A newborn loggerhead (Caretta caretta) sea turtle edges toward the sea in the Gulf of Kyparissia in the Peloponnese. Some 50,000 of the endangered species are born in this area every year but only about 1,000 survive into adulthood.



The Wog Boys are back

It doesn't take long for the original Wog Boy, Nick Giannopoulos, to fall back into character.

"These are my original wog-boy jeans and leather jacket," he says with a smile.

"My mother has had them in plastic for the last 10 years. And look how good they fit."

Indeed, Giannopoulos and Vince Colosimo were also a good "fit" when they teamed in the 2000 film Wog Boy, one of Australia's most successful comedies which grossed \$13.4 million at the box office. After discussing a sequel for years, the pair has finally reunited, this time with Wog Boy 2: Kings of

Mykonos. The movie has Giannopoulos and Colosimo, as mates Steve and Frank, travelling from Melbourne to the Greek island of Mykonos to reclaim a family inheritance. The sequel picks up a few years after the original, with Giannopoulos' character losing his true love - a 1967 Valiant Pacer - and almost broke.

Written by Chris Anastassiades and Giannopoulos, the sequel began filming in Melbourne this week and will switch to Greece next week. The finished product is expected to be in cinemas from April next year.

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