



## Greek Dance Performance @ Sydney FIFA Fan Fest

Performance in Tumbalong Park 14.30  
and on the floating soccer pitch stage  
at Cockle Bay 17.15.

**We represent Greece at the Festival.  
ON Saturday 12th of June 2010.**



## Football Fever in Petersham

Petersham restaurant patrons are the big winners this football World Cup during June and July.

Several restaurants are offering a unique dining experience - the opportunity to enjoy a meal while watching the World Cup.

Tournament matches will be shown on large screen televisions as diners enjoy their meals.

**Portuguese restaurants Costa Do Sol and Gloria's Cafe, and Perama Greek Restaurant will open at certain times for specific games and emphasise menu choices to complement the football atmosphere.**

**Perama Greek Restaurant** has created a special menu that lets fans savour the full flavour of the game. Special menus such as breakfast snags and sauerkraut when Germany and Australia play and a mix of baguettes and burritos for the France and Mexico game.

Other restaurants and cafes such as Casa Brasil will be screening game replays during their usual opening times. Primavera Deli Cafe will also screen replays, and open early for breakfast for the Australian and Brazilian games.

Group bookings are essential. For more information and how to book visit [www.petersham.biz](http://www.petersham.biz)

These activities are presented by the Petersham Urban Centre Committee supported by Marrickville Council.



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Mr Peter Theo OAM  
President  
NSW Intercommunities Council  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia  
242 Cleveland Street  
REDFERN NSW 2016

Dear Mr Theo.

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2010 to the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education, concerning the possible of Modern Greek in the Australian Curriculum. The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Australian Government is committed to languages education in Australian schools and recognises the importance of young people learning a language, including Greek. Greek is one of Australia's major community languages, a reflection of the significant contributions the Greek-Australian community has made to the cultural and social development of Australia.

Under the National Education Agreement (NEA) the government is providing significant funding to the states and territories for languages education in government schools and community language schools. The NEA allows state and territory education authorities the flexibility to target resources according to individual jurisdictional priorities and educational needs. Funding can be used to support Greek language programs.

The Government is also providing \$56.4 million over 2009 to 2012 through the Schools Assistance Act 2008, to support the teaching of languages, including European languages, in non-government schools.

As you are aware, the second stage of national curriculum development being overseen by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will include languages, along with geography and the arts. An initial shaping paper for languages will be released in mid 2010 for public consultation.

In its work to date to develop the Australian Curriculum, ACARA has drawn upon the considerable curriculum expertise in the states and Territories. ACARA has also engaged in extensive consultations with the education community, including parents, teachers, principals, professional organisations, academics and representatives from the business and industry sectors.

It is anticipated that public consultation about languages education may cover issues such as:

- which languages should be selected for the development of language specific curricula;
- how to cater for the diversity of language learners that their distinctive pathways (such as heritage and background speakers); and
- how to address transition and continuity of language learning

This consultation will assist in shaping the future direction of a national curriculum for languages.

I would encourage you and other members of the Greek-Australian community, to provide feedback on the Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Languages paper once it is released. You may wish to monitor the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au) to keep up to date on progress in the development of the language curriculum.

I would also encourage you to communicate your views on the importance of the inclusion of Greek in the Australian Curriculum to ACARA. For your information, ACARA's contact details are:

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority  
Level 10  
255 Pitt Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
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I trust this information is of assistance. I thank you for your commitment to languages education in Australia.

Yours sincerely

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