

ekosmos

Hellenic News, Culture & Lifestyle



ALL SAINTS GRAMMAR

A strong pastoral perspective

The Pastoral Program at All Saints Grammar Secondary Campus places great importance in strengthening its contacts with the wider community in order to reap the benefits for its students. Academic Speaker, Mrs. Jan Chisholm, from the Schools' Engagement Unit, the University of Western Sydney recently visited the picturesque 'Towers Campus' and addressed the parents and students of Years 5 - 8 about supporting young teenagers and assisting them to achieve personal bests.

'Our parent body, dedicated to empowering and progressing their children, enjoyed hearing about strategies they could employ in attaining this goal. The discussion focused on individual learning styles, generational differences and developing motivation and confidence in our teenagers', said Mrs. Helene Baillie, Welfare Administrator. 'It is never too early to plant the seed for achievement and success'.

Recently, Mrs. Denise Wright, Board of Studies Liaison

Officer, also visited the school and addressed a large audience of parents and students of Years 11 and 12 on the intricacies of the Higher School Certificate and the rights and responsibilities of these senior students. The evening was enlightening for Staff, parents and students.

Also planned for next term is a session aimed at the parents and students of Years 9 and 10. 'Technology and Your Teenager' will be presented by Senior Constable Kim Handcock, Police Youth Officer, from Campsie Police and this too will draw on the expertise of the community to directly benefit our students and keep them safe in the cyber-world.

'The success of our Pastoral Program at All Saints Grammar Secondary Campus lies in its common-sense approach to inspiring our beloved young people. This step-by-step process of assisting the secondary school student to develop to their full potential is well-reflected in the three-tiered structure of our pastoral care and welfare system- Nurture... Grow... Blossom.'

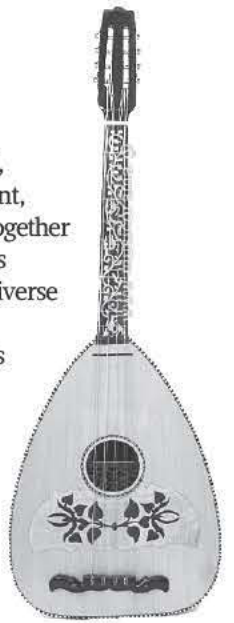


The 31st Greek Festival of Sydney in conjunction with Kogarah City Council proudly presents

CRETE: 4000 YEARS IN ART AND MUSIC

The history of the Great Island, told through music from ancient, medieval and modern Crete, together with short readings and images representing Crete's rich and diverse artistic and literary traditions.

Musicians: Kiriaki and Dimitris Koubaroulis (ancient and medieval music), Andonis Petrandonakis and Angelo Goutzios (traditional and modern melodies and songs). Reader: Christine Kanellakis. Co-ordinator and narrator: Dr Alfred Vincent.



INFO

Date: Wednesday 3 April

TIME: 7pm

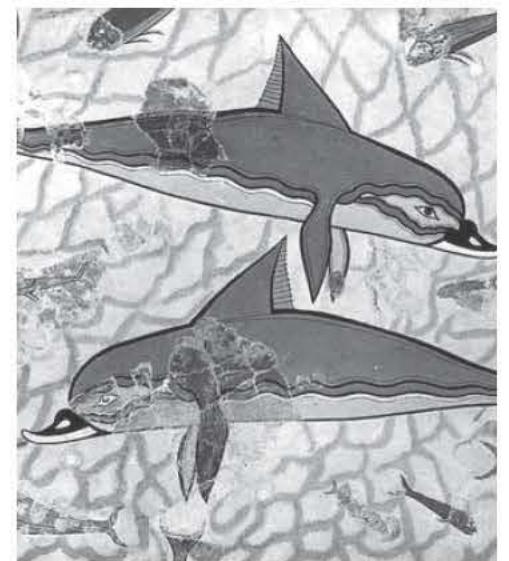
VENUE: St George Auditorium, 4-16 Montgomery St, Kogarah

ENTRY COST: \$15

CONTACT: 02 9750 0440

or email greekfestival2@goc.com.au

LANGUAGE: Narration in English, readings in Greek and in English translation



Minister says Greek civil service reform a 'titanic task' that needs time



Administrative Reform Minister Antonis Manitakis (photo) described on Monday the process of reforming Greece's public sector as a "titanic task" that would take time.

In a speech a few days before the troika was due to return to Greece, Manitakis appeared to be pleading for more time to complete a staff evaluation and implement a mobility scheme that would transfer employees from overstuffed departments to ones where there is a shortage of personnel.

"Administrative reform is a titanic task, it cannot happen from one day to the next or by magic," he said during a conference in Athens. "It needs a lot of time because along with the reform, a lot of the deeply-rooted practices and attitudes need to change."

Manitakis said Greece was entering the second phase of its administrative reform, which meant overhauling departments, devising new organizational structures and assessing personnel.

The reduction of civil servant numbers is to be one of the main topics of discussion when the troika returns to Athens this week.

Greece's lenders are pressing for the disciplinary process for several thousand civil servants accused of offenses to be completed and for them to be removed from their jobs this year.

SAMARAS AND FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSS TURKEY, CYPRUS

Less than a week after Ankara

said it was ready to negotiate a two-state solution to the Cyprus problem if no deal were reached for a joint exploitation of the island's natural gas reserves, Prime Minister Antonis Samaras on Monday met with Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos to discuss what is perceived as growing Turkish assertiveness in the region.

Athens is concerned that Turkey's Cyprus comments may signal a similar stance on areas in the Aegean Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Officials also discussed Turkey's rapprochement with Israel, a development that is not expected to affect Greece's bridge building with Tel Aviv. The two states are set to hold high-level talks in the coming weeks.