



# Greek Orthodox Community of Wellington (Inc.)

30<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Parents,

We wish you all a Happy New Year. The Greek Orthodox Community of Wellington welcomes you to another year at the Greek School. This year will be a great year!

The Executive Committee of the Greek Orthodox Community has appointed the Dean of the Cathedral, Pater Dimitrios Kotrotsos, as Principal of the Greek School. The school will enter a new phase of learning including classes for religious instruction, music and singing. As in previous years the school will cater to students from four years and upwards and for all levels.

**School Aiasmos** (blessing of the school and students for the New Year) and late enrolments will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. The first school day for the year will start on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm**.

We urge you to enroll your child/children prior to the start of the school Aiasmos so we can organize classes. Enrolment forms may be downloaded from our web site <http://www.greek.org.nz> or from the bankari at church. These may be posted now to P O Box 1311, Wellington, given to a committee member at church on Sundays or given to Pater Dimitrios directly.

**Payment is required upon enrolment please and can be made by Cheque or Direct Credit, please put your child's name and surname in the reference and particulars.**

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**The Yearly Fees beginning 2013 are as follows:**

**All school children per family**

1 student	\$200 per year
2 students	\$350 per year
3 students	\$400 per year

**Term Dates for the 2013 school year are:**

Term 1:	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3:	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4:	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December

All children are also required to attend special services throughout the year.

**Special days for the school year are:**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Greek Independence Day - School Church Service and Yiorti.</b>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Doxology Wreath Laying and Children's Parade.</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Independence Day holiday – no classes today.</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Parent Teacher Meeting – times to be advised.</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Efhelion Service (blessing with Holy Oil) at the Cathedral – 3.30pm</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Apokathilosis Service (taking down of Christ from the Cross) – 3.30pm</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School Production – showcasing the schools achievements to date.</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Assumption Day holiday – no classes today.</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parent Teacher Meeting – times to be advised</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Ochi Day Holiday – no classes today.</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Greek Independence Day, Church Service and School Yiorti.</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Church Service, Prize giving and Christmas Party.</b>

Tell your friends and relatives to send their children to Greek School. Later in life they will thank you.

The Greek Community has close ties to the Playgroup. They are housed at the Greek Community Cultural Hall at 1 Hania St, Mt Victoria next to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

An enthusiastic group of mothers meet every first Friday of the month at 9.30am – 11.30 am.

Anyone wishing to enroll their child/children for the playgroup may do so by contacting Penelope Matsis on 380 7137. This year the playgroup will commence on Friday 1st March 2013.

The Executive Committee has done its best to make these school services available to you. It is up to you to use them. Please encourage your children to value these lessons by regular and punctual attendance. It is only with your and your children's participation that we can ensure that our Greek religion, language, culture and our heritage will not be lost to future generations of Greeks living in New Zealand.

The Executive Committee of the Greek Orthodox Community of Wellington, Pater Dimitrios and the teachers of the Greek School would like to wish you all a happy and rewarding year.

Yours sincerely,



Stella Bares  
**PRESIDENT**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>Group A</b> Age 4-5	4:00-4:45pm	4:00-4:45pm	4:00-4:45pm	4:00-4:45pm	4:00-4:45pm
<b>Group B</b> Age 6-8	4:45-5:30pm	4:45-5:30pm	4:45-5:30pm	4:45-5:30pm	4:45-5:30pm
<b>Group C</b> Age 9-12	5:30-6:15pm	5:30-6:15pm	5:30-6:15pm	5:30-6:15pm	5:30-6:15pm