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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Private schools to gain billions under new funding model

The Catholic and independent school sectors have secured \$4.5 billion in extra funding under major changes to the way non-government schools are funded.

The Federal Government will move from a widely criticised funding model that is based on census data, to a new model that uses parental tax data to calculate a school's wealth.

The package, announced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison last week, represents a major win for the Catholic sector, which had revolted over funding changes announced in new Gonski legislation last year.

"For students, this will mean the opportunity to get the best results from school. For parents, it will mean that choice remains affordable," Mr Morrison said.

"For teachers, it will mean certainty of funding so they can get on with the job."

The new funding calculations will be phased in from 2020 in line with a recent review

by the National School Resourcing Board.

The move towards a personal tax model will cost the Government \$3.2 billion over the medium term.

On top of this, there is a new \$1.2 billion "choice and affordability fund", which will prop up Catholic and low-fee independent schools that otherwise would have had to significantly raise fees to stay viable under the new funding system.

The Government said the \$1.2 billion fund would also target schools in rural and remote locations, as well as underperforming schools.

The shift to an income test will mean the Catholic sector will be able to keep fees low across its system — even at schools located in wealthier suburbs.

Increases in funding to Catholic and low-fee independent schools make up the bulk of the extra \$3.2 billion, but Catholic schools nationwide will actually be getting significantly more than that.

Irene Pnevmatikos tackles wage theft

South Australian Labor will today introduce a motion to investigate the prevalence of wage theft in South Australia and to formulate a constructive approach to ensure justice for workers.

Workers taken advantage of through sham contracting, unpaid superannuation and other statutory entitlements is a tremendous burden on families, the economy and the wider community.

According to Industry Super Australia, one third of eligible Australian workers are being underpaid. That equates to approximately 2.4 million workers nationally, and \$3.6 billion stolen from the pockets of workers each year.

This confronting data regarding the prevalence of wage theft in Australia cannot be ignored.

Shadow Attorney-

General Kyam Maher said it has become clear that hardworking Australians are being ripped off by employers who knowingly take advantage of workers by underpaying and exploiting them.

"A Select Committee into Wage Theft will be an opportunity to examine laws in other jurisdictions and determine the best regulatory framework to ensure unscrupulous employers can no longer rip off workers", he said.

Irene Pnevmatikos MLC underlined that using court is costly and it is difficult to recover unpaid or underpaid wages.

"Before entering Parliament, my professional and community work has always focused on supporting and achieving results for workers and disadvantaged individuals in South Australia", Ms Pnevmatikos said.

TURKEY

New threats against Cyprus

Turkey warned Greece and Cyprus by announcing that it will protect its rights by any means necessary during Thursday's National Security Council chaired by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The council discussed issues regarding the latest developments in the Aegean and the Mediterranean and the communique issued says that the interests and rights of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will be defended by all means.

Ankara is increasing pressures on Cyprus only days before the UN General Assembly resumed talks on the Cyprus issue and before the autumn explorations and drilling scheduled by ExxonMobil and French



Total in the Republic of Cyprus' exclusive economic zone.

Turkish Energy Minister Fatih Domnez said that the Fatih drilling ship will drill in the eastern Mediterranean in the coming months. "Our presence in the seas will be strengthened with Barbaros, Oruc Reis, and Fatih,"

Domnez said.

The energy minister said that in the last 16 months Ankara has invested \$10 billion for exploration and production of hydrocarbons. He also underlined that Turkey will not allow the exploitation of the hydrocarbons of Cyprus without the Turkish Cypriots benefiting from it.

Agreement on Macedonia to go to parliament in January

Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias and his German counterpart Heiko Maas agreed during their meeting in Athens on Thursday that the Agreement signed by Athens and Skopje was an "historic opportunity" for a solution to the name dispute and was "forward-looking," promoting the security and development of the Balkans and Europe.

The Greek foreign minister expressed his conviction that the agreement will be supported by voters in the upcoming referendum in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) with the required turnout, estimating that the process of changing the neighboring country's constitution will be completed by mid-January 2019.

Following this, the agreement would be submitted to the Greek parliament for ratification, along with the ratification of NATO's decision to grant FYROM membership, Kotzias added.

South Australians reach out to Greek fire victims

As reported in last month's Greek Tribune, at the initiative of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, South Australians banded together in an effort to support the victims of the fire which devastated an entire region of Greece, in eastern Attica near the capital Athens. A variety of fundraising events took place around Adelaide, including a radiothon, dinners, church collections and a musical concert on 21 October at the Woodville Town Hall, bringing in an amount of almost \$120,000.

In the photo, taken at a gala dinner at the Cyprus Community of SA, are from left, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, General Secretary Dimitri Dimopoulos, Julia Karpathakis, Angela Evans Mayor of Charles Sturt, Andreas Evdokiou President of Cyprus Community, former head of DPC Stephen Pallaras and Helen Mermingis.



Culture in Ageing workshop

More than 30 aged care workers and coordinators were immersed in a special day of discovery, learning, cultural experiences and hands on activities during the Culture in Ageing workshop "A Day in Greek Culture: OPA!" organised by Ms Vicki Kanakaris, Multicultural Learning and Development Coordinator at Multicultural Aged Care (MAC) on Tuesday 18th September 2018.

The workshop was designed to equip Lifestyle and Respite Coordinators, Community Care Workers and Activities Organisers in Residential Aged Care Facilities with practical knowledge, skills and ideas to meet the linguistic needs of older people of Greek background by providing culturally inclusive strategies through a combination of presentations and activities.

Representatives from 15 different aged care organisations (such as St Raphael's Home for the Aged, Helping Hand Ingle Farm, Wesley House Uniting SA, Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged, St Basil's Home for the Aged, the Salvation Army Linsell Lodge and others) attended this interesting

Community Life



Ms Vicki Kanakari and Ms Marianthi Kosmarikou presenting the "Let's Go Greek" app during the Culture in Ageing Workshop "A Day In Greek Culture: OPA!" organised by Multicultural Aged Care

and vivid workshop at MAC premises on the 18th of September.

During the workshop, Ms Marianthi Kosmarikou had the opportunity to demonstrate an innovative app for iPhones and iPads, developed by the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia.

The app, which is called "Let's Go Greek", is a useful language tool for workers and

professionals in the aged care and health industries who work with older Greek clients.

Panagia Virginia Spring Festival

With perfect weather conditions hundreds of Adelaideans made their way to Virginia on Sunday 16 September to participate in the annual Virgin Mary Festival held at the Kapiris farm as their private

chapel located in the premises bears the name of the Birth of Virgin Mary.

The first part of the two-day event commenced on Sunday September 7 at the private chapel with Bishop Chrisostom together with the rest of the Greek Orthodox Community SA's clergy conducting the Great Evening Vesper as well as the Blessing of the Five Loafs.

The Community's President, Mr Bill Gonis as well as many members of the Executive and Supervisory Committee attended the event.

Meanwhile the Kapiris farm was transformed into an open-air Greek funfair with grills working full time, rides for the kids and an entertainment area. The Spring sunshine, the traditional dances from the Community's Dance Academy students, the music by Nick and Polyxeni band and the culinary aromas of the Greek grilled delicacies added to the Hellenic atmosphere.

The event attracted people from all parts of the Adelaide Metropolitan area as well as regional towns such as Renmark, Berri, Walaroo and many more.

All proceeds from the Festival go towards the Community's Afternoon Greek Schools.

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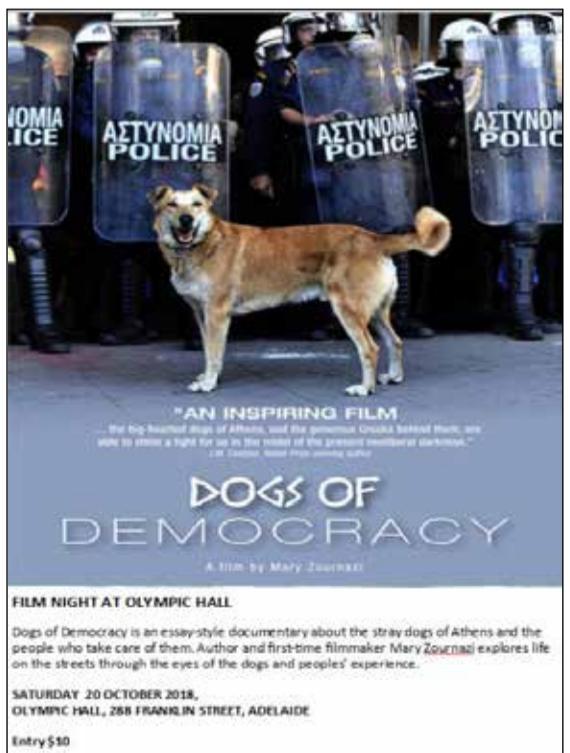
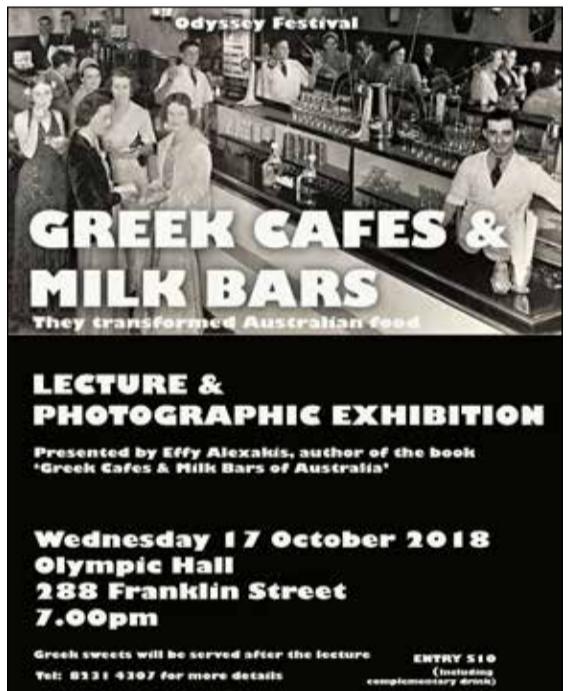
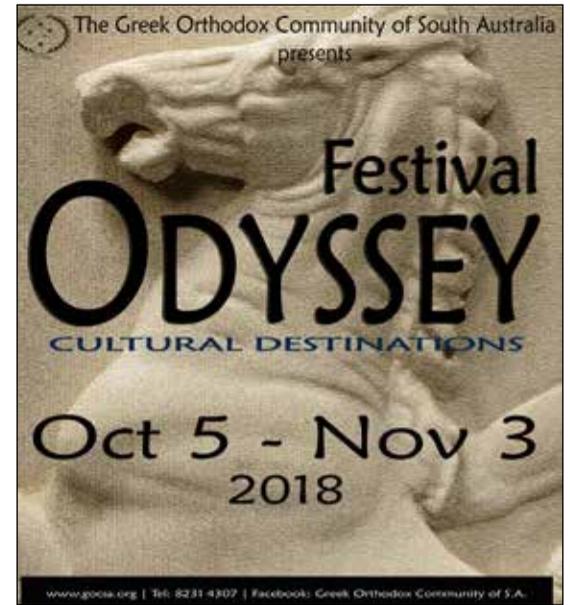
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RIGHT: Hundreds of Greek community members from all over South Australia, attended the annual Virgin Mary Festival held on Sunday 16 September in Virginia, at the small chapel located at the Kapiris family farm.

In the photo, with State Government Minister David Pisoni, are members of the Kapiris family, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Bill Gonis and other members of the GOCSA Board.



At the Greek Fires Appeal concert held at Woodville Town Hall on 21 September 2018, were, from left, Irene Pnevmatikos MLC, Peter Malinauskas MP Leader of the Opposition, Stephen Wade MP Minister for Health, Charles Sturt Mayor Angela Evans, Jing Lee MLC, Greek Consul Andreas Gouras, Bill Gonis President GOCSA, Frank Pangallo MLC, Councilor Charles Sturt Paul Alexandrides and Connie Bonaros MLC. Also in attendance was the Premier of South Australia Stephen Marshall MP



AT PALACE NOVA CINEMA Greek Film Festival 11-14 October 2018

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc has great pleasure in launching the national run of the 25th Greek Film Festival. Five movies, five sessions, four days of eclectic Greek cinema at Palace Nova Eastend Cinemas from 11 – 14 October, 2018 (presented nationally by Delphi Bank).

We invite you to the opening night on Thursday 11 October at Palace Nova Cinemas. Join the myriad of Greek cinema lovers and feel the vibe at this year's launch with the opening blockbuster film, 'The Last Note', a film by Pantelis Voulgaris. Tickets sell for \$35 per person, including pre-drinks, the official launch and the screening of the film. For bookings and tickets visit Palace Nova online at www.palacenova.com or in person.

As we prepare for the film event of the year, here's a quick look at this year's films.

THE LAST NOTE by Pantelis Voulgaris (2017)

(Opening night) Thursday 11 October at 6.00pm Entry \$35 including pre-drinks

The film is based on the true story of 34 year-old Napoleonda Soukatzidi who was hired as an interpreter for a German General at the Chaidari military barracks in Athens. But he was one of the victims at the execution of 200 Greek resistance fighters and Communists by the German occupiers on May 1st, 1944 in Kaisariani, as reprisal for the Greek Resistance ambush against Nazis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

by Christos Georgiou (2017), Ticket price: Adults \$19.50, Concession \$16.50

Friday 12 October at 6.30pm

When George sees his daughter Margarita facing him through the teargas, he and his wife Sofia decide that father and daughter should go to their country house for a few days in an attempt to protect their daughter and to

salvage whatever might be left from their relationship.

THE BACHELOR 2

by Yiannis Papadakos (2017), Ticket price: Adults \$19.50, Concession \$16.50

Saturday 13 October at 6.30pm

A long forgotten friend is getting ready to be married, so an opportunity for a bachelor party will not be missed by our beloved heroes. There is one significant difference tough, that will test their limits: The wedding will take place in Crete and the Cretan relatives of the bride are not joking at all. New friends and also enemies will join the team. They will confront Cretan vendettas but also the consequences of the most epic bachelor party ever.

ROSEMARIE

by Antonis Floridis (2017), Ticket price: Adults \$19.50, Concession \$16.50

Saturday 13 October at 9.00pm

A burned out soap opera writer turns his gaze upon his dysfunctional neighbours, but gets more than the inspiration he bargained for.

JAMAICA

by Andreas Morfonios (2017), Ticket price: Adults \$19.50, Concession \$16.50

Sunday 14 October at 7.00pm

Akis drives a taxi trying to make do with his debts. Timos is a famous TV presenter who lives every day as if it was his last. Akis and Timos, very close as young brothers but alienated in their adult routines, star in a moving, tender, optimistic and highly humorous film about the sweeping power of life and the brotherly love that surpasses all the misunderstandings of the past.

For the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia
Dimitris Dimopoulos
General Secretary

