



— SAHETI SCHOOL —

PRE-PRIMARY & PLAYSCHOOL

Dear Parents,

25 March 2010

The celebration of Greek National Day today was a resounding success. Well done to the Grade 0's and their very capable teachers.

The first term of the year has come to an end. School will be closing tomorrow at 11h30. There is **no aftercare**.

Thank you to all my dedicated and hard working staff. Your devotion to the children is seen in their happy faces each morning. Well done to our learners, you have adjusted well to your new educational programme. You have worked hard and deserve a holiday.

SOCCER FEVER

Next term all learners at the Pre-Primary and Playschool will be wearing jeans/tracksuit pants and their favourite soccer teams t-shirt every Friday. Our national musical instrument, the Vuvuzela, is compulsory every Friday.

Term II

We are planning a fun-filled evening of story-telling next term as well as Grandparent's Day. Granny and Grandpa can come and spend a fun day at school with their grandchild. More details of these events will follow in the new term.

We wish all parents and learners a restful holiday and a safe trip if you are travelling to a holiday destination.

Our Easter raffles were won by Yianna Michael in the Pre-Primary School and by Harry Kyriakides at the Playschool. Well done to both of them! A big thank you to Nicole Maouris of 'Country Living' once again!

To those celebrating Easter - Kalo Pasha/Happy Easter.

School re-opens on Monday 12 April. There will be Aftercare on that day.

A thought for the holidays...

A good read.

What he said.
Very well stated,
Mr Leno.

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE
1930's, 40's 50's, 60's and 70's!!!

First we survived being born to mothers
Who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing,
Tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after the trauma, we were put to sleep
on our tummies in baby cribs
covered with bright colored lead-base paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles,
Locks on doors or cabinets
And when we rode our bikes, we had baseball helmets on our heads.

As infants & children,
We would ride in cars with no car seats,
No booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tyres
And sometimes no brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day
Was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose
And not from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink
With four friends,
from one bottle and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon.
We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.
And, we weren't overweight.

WHY?

Because we were
Always outside
Playing...that's why!

We would leave home in the morning
And play all day, As long as we were back
When the streetlights came on.

No one was able
To reach us all day.
And, we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps
And then ride them down the hill,
We forgot the brakes.
After running into the bushes a few times,
We learned to solve the problem.
We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's and X-boxes.
There were no video games,
No 150 channels on cable,
No video movies or DVD's,
No surround -sound or CD's,
No cell phones,
No personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS
And we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees,
Got cut,
Broke bones and teeth
And there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt,
And the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays,
Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and,
Although we were told it would happen,
We did not put out very many eyes..

We rode bikes or walked to a freinds's house and
Konocked on the door or rang the bell, or just
Walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and
Not everyone made the team.
Those who didn't had to learn to deal
With disappointment.
Imagine that!!!

The idea of a parent bailing
Us out if we broke the law
Was unheard of.
They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best
Risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years
Have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.
We had freedom, failure,
Success and responsibility,
And we learned how to deal with it all.

If you are one of them?
CONGRATULATIONS!
You might wan't to share this with others
who had had the luck to grow up as kids,
before the lawyers and the government
regulated so much of our lives
for our own good.

While you are at it, forward it to
Your kids so they will know
How brave and lucky their parents were.

Thanking you.

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