



# MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL ШКОЛО ЗА МАКЕДОНСКИ ЈАЗИК

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## Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Macedonian Community Language School Newsletter for 2016. We have had a very busy start to Term 3 with many staff members and students returning from overseas trips. End of Semester One is always holiday time and many students and staff take advantage of the holiday break, particularly our University students. Welcome back to everyone. Special thanks to John Ailakis, Breanna Manov, Vasko Kamchev and Peter Vassileff who took on additional responsibilities and provided valuable relief during this time. Special thanks are also extended to Jovan and Jovanka Jakovceski who recently holidayed in Macedonia and returned with children's books, which they kindly donated to the Macedonian Community Language School. "Thank you" Jovan and Jovanka.

## K-12 Family Afternoon



On 17 August 2016, our K-12 class celebrated Family. The event coincided with their Family learning theme. Parents, siblings and grandparents attended. Students, amongst other activities, prepared family trees, family albums and greetings to grandparents. Students learnt that family is important in the lives of young people; older people make a significant contribution to families, the community and heritage; families are different; some families live overseas and members are all part of the bigger family. The event included an overview and welcome from students, stories from grandparents, gallery walk of student work and display of portfolio work. Families provided traditional Macedonian finger food for supper. A special mention must go to Eva and Mia Veljanovski's Dedo Jovan who kindly presented on his school years. Mr Veljanovski was born and went to school in Lozani, Macedonia. He provided photos of his school and said, "The school looks exactly as it did when I attended except for the roof tiles". He also talked about how he dressed for school, the games he played and the rare treat of going to the cinema in the nearest town. "Thank you" Mr Veljanovski.



## Modern Language Teachers Association of Western Australia Conference

Macedonian was one of 30 different languages represented at the Modern Language Teachers Association of Western Australia Conference in Fremantle. The conference, which was attended by leading language academics and educators, included specialists in community languages. The conference provided opportunity to raise awareness of the role language plays in literacy development and intercultural skills, the new curriculum and alternative approaches to teaching and learning. The Macedonian Community Language School was represented at the Conference.

## Foundational Macedonian and Advanced Conversational Macedonian

Learning Macedonian is, of course, not just for children. There are many adults, young and old, who come along every Tuesday and learn Macedonian also. Last semester the more established group was planning, travelling to and exploring Macedonia. This group of adults has already covered the basics of Macedonian, therefore, this year has been one of intensive application. Initially this involved constructing and having conversations about where to go, booking airline tickets, and even filling out Macedonian documents in Macedonian. After "arriving" at Skopje airport 'Aleksandar Veliki', the students were introduced to common phrases each week. The challenge was to learn and expand them by incorporating them into scenario based conversations. Eventually we "travelled" around Skopje and recently we have found ourselves in Ohrid. However, it's not all make-believe, as one of our students will soon be travelling, in real life, to Macedonia with her fiancée to get married. Our "beginners" have been diligently learning the basics of Macedonian and have made great progress - although we're still working on rolling those "r"! Recently we have been introducing sets of words - numbers, fruits and vegetables and 'the house'. Still lots of work to do, but they're really doing well. We try and finish each night by watching some Macedonian light entertainment. Recently we finished watching a Macedonian folk story (edna Makedonska narodna prikazna) called "Srekjata vo edno jabolche". To find out how it ends, you should have come along on Tuesday nights.

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