

The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc.



Competition honours the 200th Anniversary of The Greek War of Independence!

The *West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA)* is proud to announce this year's participants and prize winners in its annual ***Speak Greek in June Competition***.

Offered for the third consecutive year, the competition invites students from Pre-primary to Year 12, who are studying the Modern Greek language in a formal capacity, to speak for up to 3 minutes on any of the listed topics on offer or on a topic of their choice, as approved by their teacher. This year, the topic was "The 200th Anniversary of The Greek War of Independence". Students could choose from the following ideas related to the topic:

- Role play
- Reporting of the event
- Interviewing Greek War Heroes of the Revolution
- Original poem/song
- Memoir
- A talk on the importance of revolutions
- Other ideas relating to the topic

The aim of the competition is to promote the speaking of Modern Greek, which is often the most challenging part of learning a language.

The entries are video-recorded and are submitted for judging, based on three criteria:

- (a) Fluency in speaking Greek;
- (b) Clear communication of meaning; and
- (c) Audience engagement.

The judges' decision is final and video-recordings are returned to the participating schools after the competition has ended.

This year, there was a total of 23 participants across two schools (listed alphabetically);

- Immaculate Heart College – 2 participants
- St. Andrew's Grammar – 21 participants

The students received a Certificate of Participation and cash prizes for the winning entries.

The results of the competition are listed below:

Immaculate Heart College – Primary School

Non-background Speakers (Pair)

Year 3: Logan Wimshurst and Year 4: Addison Leggett – **Winning Entry**



St. Andrew's Grammar – Secondary School

Non-background Speakers (Pair)

Year 9: Lamia Mohammed & Rianne Garcia

Year 9: Lazar Jovanovic & Cleo Petrelis – **Winning Entry**

Non-background Speakers (Group)

Year 9: Tiffany Thet Lwin, Nooria Ranjbar & Yasmeen Abdulla

Year 9: Andrei Muresan, Hussein Mantach & Leonardo Katan

Year 9: Nickolas Pergamalis, Jordan Myintaye & Suraj Punia

Year 9: Andjela Petkovic, Lamiya Ekic, Reeya Shah & Nina Novakovic

Year 9: Georgia Kikiros, Leon Nguyen, Walter Ng & Yasmin Young – **Winning Entry**



Once again, WAMGLTA wishes to thank its sponsor for this competition - **Dr Con Berbatis and family**. WAMGLTA values the monetary contribution made by the Berbatis family as it helps the Association in its efforts to support and promote the teaching and learning of Modern Greek in WA.

Congratulations are extended to all the students who participated in this year's competition; to their Greek language teachers, their schools, and their families! WAMGLTA encourages all students studying the Greek language to participate in the annual **WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition**, which has been initiated to support the work that teachers do in the classroom.

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