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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Government urges to vaccinate now

Masks will no longer be compulsory at high schools from Monday, South Australian Premier Steven Marshall has announced.

ABC reports, this comes as South Australia is on track to reach 80 per cent of the population 16 and over receiving their first COVID-19 vaccination last weekend.

Mr Marshall thanked students and teachers for wearing masks since July. The state's growing vaccination rate meant it was no longer necessary, he said.

"It will be up to the individual school, the individual student as to whether or not they wear that mask," he said.

"I know this is going to be a lot of relief to students who have really done the right thing."

Some SA Health clinics offered walk-in appointments, live music and sausage sizzles last weekend in a bid to push the state over the line to reach 80 per cent of the population 16 and over receiving their first dose.

SA Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Emily Kirkpatrick said people will receive the best protection against COVID-19 10 to 14 days after their second doses. People were urged to vaccinate this week ahead of the planned reopening of the state borders to NSW and Victoria in December.

"The time really is now, the time is now to be vaccinated," Dr Kirkpatrick said.

"We know the impact of COVID-19, what we are seeing in the eastern states."

Australia appoints Fiona McKergow as new High Commissioner in Cyprus

In a letter to the Greek Tribune, Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator Marise Payne, has announced the appointment of Ms Fiona McKergow as Australia's next High Commissioner to Cyprus.



"Australia and Cyprus enjoy a warm relationship based on close community links. Australia is fortunate to host the world's second largest Cypriot diaspora."

"Australia's relationship with Cyprus is founded on our shared values and commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We have excellent cooperation in multilateral forums, such as the United Nations and the Commonwealth, to protect and advance these values. Australia continues to support efforts to achieve a just, viable and peaceful re-unification of Cyprus as mandated in UN Security Council resolutions, including through longstanding contributions to United Nations peacekeeping activities and the sponsorship of the Cyprus Academic Dialogue", Minister Payne states.

Ms McKergow is a career officer with DFAT and was most recently Director, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan Section. She has previously served overseas as Acting Consul-General in Kolkata, India.

In Canberra she has worked in a range of Indo-Pacific focused foreign policy and development roles within the department, including on geo-economic issues in South Asia and Australia's Step-up strategy for the Pacific.

Prior to joining DFAT Ms McKergow worked on climate change policy and agriculture trade policy. Ms McKergow holds a Graduate Diploma of Legal Studies from the Australian National University; a Graduate Certificate of Humanitarian Leadership from Deakin University; and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Canberra.

"I thank outgoing High Commissioner Samuel Beever for his contributions to advancing Australia's interests in Cyprus since 2018", the Hon Minister concludes.

Turkey threatens Cyprus not to explore its own EEZ

Cyprus defied threats from Turkey and sent the Greek-Cypriot research vessel Nautical Geo to conduct seismic surveys in its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on Friday.

The vessel, under Maltese flag, has entered block 1 of the EEZ, south of Limassol. Nautical Geo belongs to a company of Italian interest and it carries on its research in the framework of the EastMed pipeline project, which is funded by the EU with the participation of Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Israel.

Last Thursday Turkey accused Greece and Cyprus of taking "steps that increase tensions," threatening to intervene in any Nicosia action to drill in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Tanju Bilgic spoke of an attempt to send research ships to the "Turkish continental shelf."

Bilgic said that Ankara was responding to the challenges both on the field and at the table [of negotiations] and would not allow the rights it claims to have to be violated. He also said that Ankara "will continue to give answers" if Cyprus starts drilling.

Earlier, in an interview with TRT World, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said that in the Mediterranean the "legal rights" and "sovereignty" of Ankara are non-negotiable, and he threatened Cyprus with "hard power".

"We use hard power when all other choices are exhausted and

in order to drive things to dialogue and diplomacy. In the Eastern Mediterranean, we mobilized in order to demonstrate that our legal rights and our sovereignty are non-negotiable. At the same time, our President Erdogan issued a call for a conference of coastal states of the Mediterranean," Cavusoglu said.

"It is an oxymoron, to say the least, that a country which threatens to declare war on Greece, violates the sovereignty of Greece and of the Cyprus Republic, and which utters unacceptable and provocative statements and threats, at the same time accuses us of destabilizing the Eastern Mediterranean," a diplomatic source said Friday.

"Our country will continue to

act with the exclusive purpose of defending its national interests and of promoting security and stability in the wider region, guided by respect for international law and, in particular, the International Law of the Sea," the source said, rejecting Turkey's claims as "baseless."

Last week Greece, Egypt and Cyprus have warned Turkey to stop taking unilateral actions in the eastern Mediterranean during a summit of their leaders in Athens.

The declaration of the 9th Trilateral Summit of Greece-Cyprus-Egypt sent a message to Turkey to refrain from provocations and unilateral actions that violate international law, stressing that the threat of violence, cannot have a productive dialogue with results.

Liberal MP defects and gets Speaker's position

The Member for Kavel in the Adelaide Hills, Mr Dan Cregan quit the Liberal party earlier this month, saying he could achieve more for his electorate as an independent.

Several days later, he became Speaker of the House of Assembly after the Labor Party and other crossbenchers changed the state's constitution to require the speaker to be independent of the major political parties.

South Australia's government has been plunged into turmoil just months out from the next election, with the Speaker of parliament ousted during an extraordinary day of events.

Mr Cregan's defection has further loosened the Liberals' grip on power, with the party now firmly in minority government and occupying only 22 seats of a 47-seat Lower House.

As ABC reports, "Labor sided with crossbench MPs — including two other former Liberals, Sam Duluk and Troy Bell — to support legislation to require the speaker to be independent of the major political parties, paving the way for Mr Cregan's ascendance".

Premier Steven Marshall led other Liberal MPs in a walk-out from the chamber as Mr Cregan — who is a first-term MP, and the member for the Adelaide Hills seat of Kavel — was taken to the chair.

Mr Cregan, who quit the Liberal Party last week, saw off the Member for Flinders, Peter Treloar, in the secret ballot.

After being led to the chair, Mr Cregan addressed the house, saying he was committed to "more scrutiny" at this "historic moment".



Adelaide Hills, Kavel MP Dan Cregan has promised to keep driving his Ford Falcon rather than accepting a chauffeur-driven vehicle. He will also donate his extra pay to local charities

"I will well and truly serve this parliament. It is my hope that I will bring honour to the proceedings here."

"I take this role, as I say, without any criticism of the former speaker but simply because a call has been made by parliament tonight to send a speaker to preside, who is not serving the interests of the executive."

"I have great respect for the government. I have great respect for the opposition. I hope that I will discharge my functions clearly, with great respect for all members present."

Speaking on ABC Radio Adelaide after the events, Mr Marshall said Mr Cregan had

"put his own self-interest before that of his electorate".

"He's left the party, he's got a big pay bump, he's got a car, he's got a driver, he's got a huge amount of influence and it's hard to see how this benefits, in any way, shape or form, the people of Kavel," he said.

Mr Cregan last week pledged to keep driving his Ford Falcon rather than accepting the chauffeur-driven car he is entitled to as Speaker.

Mr Cregan also promised last week to hand over his extra pay as Speaker to local charitable causes.

CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATED

The 1st of October marks the 61st anniversary since the declaration of the independent Republic of Cyprus.

The founding of the Cyprus Republic in 1960 was a great achievement for all the people of Cyprus, Greek and Turkish Cypriots. Unfortunately, in the years that followed Cyprus was faced with tragic conflicts, instigated by extreme nationalists on both sides, which culminated to the fascist coup by the Greek junta, the Turkish military invasion in 1974 and the illegal partition of the island which continues until today.

We must however acknowledge that in the 61 years of independence, despite all the tragic adventures and despite the current global economic crisis, Cyprus has had some very significant achievements in all aspects of the economy, in social justice,

Community Life



The Dance Academy of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia performed at the celebrations of the Pan Arcadian Association of South Australia on 3 October

the health sector, education and in the area of culture and the Arts. The motivating force behind these achievements was the hard work of all the working people of Cyprus including the migrants.

The Cypriots have an important responsibility, that is to safeguard the Independent Republic of Cyprus because it is the most powerful tool in the struggle to re-unite the country under the

umbrella of a bi-zonal, bi-communal, multicultural federation. To create a common home for Greek Cypriots, Turkish Cypriots, Maronites, Armenians and Latins. Australia's many ethnic communities live together and grow in harmony. It can work in Cyprus too.

The important landmark was celebrated in Cyprus through a series of events and activities sending to the world the message that Cyprus has an internationally recognised and legitimate status as an independent Republic.

The event was also marked by the Cyprus Diplomatic Missions as well as Cypriots living abroad.

The international community has an obligation to support international law and demand from Turkey to act on the United Nations resolutions which call for the withdrawal of the Turkish occupational forces and for the re-unification of the island under a bi-zonal bi-communal federal Cyprus Republic, as a common homeland of all Cypriots.

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CELEBRATIONS OF THE PANARCADIAN ASSOCIATION "KOLOKOTRONIS" OF ADELAIDE

On Sunday, 3 October 2021, the Panarcadian Association of South Australia "O Kolokotronis" celebrated the 58th anniversary of its foundation in 1963. At the same time, the Arcadians celebrated the 200th anniversary since the beginning of the Greek Revolution 1821. In the photo, the President Chris Georgacopoulos and members of the Executive Committee of the Pan Arcadian Association of South Australia pose for the Greek Tribune



Extreme weather phenomena in Greece "are intensifying"

Greece has seen extreme weather phenomena for the past 30 to 40 years, but their duration and intensity was nothing like what we have seen lately as part of climate change, weather expert and emeritus professor at the University of Athens Christos Zerefos told Athens-Macedonian News Agency (ANA-MPA) in an interview on Saturday.

The world-renowned academician said that the rainfall the previous Thursday, the day the storm "Ballos" began, "we saw in some regions of Greece rain that in a few hours reached 1/3 of the amount of rainfall we get in an entire year. This is an extreme phenomenon."

Ballos claimed the life of one person on the island of Evia after the 70-year-old was carried away by rushing waters during the storm. Referring to the heatwaves experienced more frequently in recent years, Zerefos said that "a heatwave like that we saw throughout Greece this summer - which lasted over 10 days - is an extreme phenomenon."

In early August the heatwave broke the country's



highest-ever temperature record. A jaw-dropping 46.3 degrees Celsius (115.3 degrees Fahrenheit) was recorded in the town of Makrakomi in Greece's Phthiotis region during that event.

Heatwaves before 1987 lasted one or two days and simply were not as hot, he explained - the heatwave of 2007 was worse, and that of 2021 even more so. "The increase of these phenomena does not follow

a linear progression, but is exponential," Zerefos warned.

These quick alternations of extreme weather phenomena are not unique to Greece, he added, but are part of climate change on the entire planet. Human beings must change their habits, as scientists have been warning for years, because the extreme will become usual - and when this occurs there will be no return, the professor noted. On the other hand, the torrential rains that occur will

not make up for the gradually increasing dry spells in the country. According to scientific estimates, rainfall will drop by nearly 15% overall in the entire East Mediterranean.

In Greece, "the state must better organize the diversion of rainwater, especially as our country has a lot of large sloping surfaces, a complicated terrain and unauthorized construction, leading to many obstacles in the diversion of rainwater professor Zerefos concluded.

Former US Secretary of State, Powell Dies of Covid

Colin Powell, the first black person to serve as US Secretary of State, died of complications of Covid-19 on Monday. A four-star general, he helped shape foreign relations in several Republican administrations.



His family posted a message on Facebook on Monday morning stating "General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, passed away this morning due to complications from Covid 19." He was 84 years of age.

The son of Jamaican immigrants Luther and Maud Powell, the eventual four-star general was raised in the South Bronx. The Powell family stated "We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," they said, adding that he had been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.

Serving as the first African-American Secretary of State, Powell was a well-regarded figure who appealed to both sides of the aisle - until he backed the invasion of Iraq under the administration of George W. Bush.

After serving in Vietnam, he served as a national security adviser to Ronald Reagan. He also became the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the administration of President George H.W. Bush.

Ex FM of Greece, Dora Bakoyannis (ND) reveals she has been diagnosed with cancer

Former conservative Foreign Minister and ex Mayor of Athens Dora Bakoyannis revealed on Monday that she has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the white blood cells, but says she intends to go on working.



"It's never easy to hear that you have cancer," the 67-year-old New Democracy politician said in a long post on social media on Monday. She added that she is undergoing treatment and remains optimistic about a satisfactory outcome.

"I have never in my life backed down from a fight. I will continue to work and fight for the country which I love so much, while undergoing treatment," she said.

Dora Bakoyannis is the mother of current Athens Mayor, Costas Bakoyannis,

and the older sister of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

The news come a week after the leader of KINAL/PASOK, Fofi Gennimata, announced that she is withdrawing from the new leadership election due to health reasons. She has been hospitalized since Oct 12, with the hospital to have announced recurrence of underlying cancer.

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A SUMMARY VIEW

What can we conclude from this article on Greek culture?

The greatest impact of this presentation on Greek Australians is about how we can use the awareness of cultural influences to improve ourselves and to help our children develop an informed perspective about cultural and intercultural matters.

Whether one likes it or not the first responsibility of Greek parents is to help their children develop into good citizens within the primary culture in which they are expected to live in and it is ok to be multicultural and operate with ease in both the Australian and the Greek culture.

This primary culture is the Australian culture. The goal is to treat the Greek culture as the secondary culture from which the better cultural norms can be added to the ideals of the Primary culture.

The last thing that a Greek parent should do either consciously or unconsciously is to cultivate a sense of cultural dichotomy in the minds and behavior and sense of identity or worth of their children based on a belief that there is such a thing as Superior or inferior cultures.

How is culture learned

As exposed in the article this is not the case. There is no such a thing as a superior or inferior culture but only differences in the way necessities of survival and subsistence and socialization are acted or expressed.

The source of parental behavior of any parent is their cultural inhibitions. These cultural inhibitions become the drivers toward shaping their children to the same ideals that they uphold. They are acting as the unchallenged motivators toward that end. Their identity may be shaped by Greek cultural inhibitions and as such, these inhibitions become the drivers towards cloning their children with the same ideals to feel as though they have fulfilled their parental obligation. This is in play when parents are not aware of cultural conditioning or have not questioned the source of their actions by way of self-reflection and rational analysis.

The contribution of the analysis of the Greek culture was to expose the principal similarities of all cultures and to attempt to identify the best attributes contained in the Greek

culture, to add them to the Australian cultural ideals, which can contribute toward making our Australian youth better universal citizens based on the Humanistic Ideals.

Greek or Australian culture will not survive in the long run. The only culture that will survive is the one that more closely meets the Humanistic ideals in law and practice. As such the key responsibility of any parent is to foster in their children the ideals of the humanist philosophy. It's the leadership that parents can offer to their children, it's about helping their children to get to the future first. Such is the definition of leadership.

So what is the most important Greek cultural attribute that should be fostered in our Children?

Without a doubt, it is the Greek language. It is the language that can improve their English by a big margin and become a huge advantage in their tertiary studies particularly in the study fields of the "Social Sciences", Botany, medicine and literature etc.

In what context should the Greek language be taught to our children? Educational research shows that children of migrants who were taught their language in the first 3-4 years instead of English are disadvantaged by no less than three years in their primary school educational journey which then carries through their entire educational journey. As such it is better for our children to formally learn Greek as a second language past primary school age to avoid the disadvantage described above.

As such the challenge for the parents is how to motivate their children to see the benefit of learning Greek and not to impose the language at an early stage of their educational journey. The first step in this process is to make them aware that the English language consists of approximately 25% Greek (some 80000 words) and in fields such as Philosophy medicine Botany astrology etc the percentage is much, much, higher, and knowing Greek will be of a huge advantage in their tertiary studies.

To be continued
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