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It disappoints me to hear Greek-Australians speaking apathetically about the current economic crisis in Greece. It seems to me as if many of them choose to denounce their heritage when times are tough. It is usually people who say they don't care about what is happening in the country who will dance the night away in the streets of Sydney if Greece (we are talking hypothetically here) wins the World Cup.

You cannot pick and choose culture. If you are proud to be Greek when it comes to food, dance and language, then you should be proud to be Greek when the country faces hardship. If you think that being Greek consists only of souvlakia and Mykonos I suggest you research cultural and national pride. Sure, Greece is in financial turmoil, but that does not



mean you turn the other cheek and pretend it's not happening. Instead, now would be an ideal time for a cultural awakening.

The picture of the Parthenon to the left is symbolic because it is not what stands on the Acropolis that is the spirit of Greece right now but the messages below it. Maybe you should focus more on what is happening in Greece and notice how people, students our own age are not afraid to stand up what they believe in. Why? Because to them that is what it means to be Greek.

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					NATIONAL NUGAS MEETING - Canberra	NATIONAL NUGAS HELLENIC DAY - Meetings
14 Jun	15 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun
NATIONAL NUGAS HELLENIC DAY - Lobbying				MUnGA Tavern Night		
21 Jun	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun
28 Jun	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul
			CUGA Ski Trip	CUGA Ski Trip	CUGA Ski Trip	CUGA Ski Trip
5 Jul	6 Jul	7 Jul	8 Jul	9 Jul	10 Jul	11 Jul

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