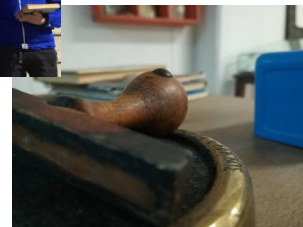




Since 2012, the "Museum of School Life of Gonni" is open at the Primary School of Gonni. It is the only school in the wider region that has inside a museum that shows how students in the past were taught. It was created with great care and love and includes great exhibits that show the history of school life in the little town of Gonni. Among the exhibits are maps, books, desks, teaching material and utensils for the meals that were given to students since 1927. The "Museum of School Life of Gonni" is visited almost weekly by students from other schools who want to experience a journey in time, in school life of pupils of another age. The guided tours of the schools that visit the Museum make students of our school, who love the museum and support it. Nowadays, schoolchildren who visit the "Museum of School Life of Gonni" are handed worksheets and take part in interesting activities.



## Museum of School Life of Gonni

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## The Historical Schools of Gonni

According to the book of the Bishop of Ambelakia Amvrosiou, published in 1896, in 1883 there were two schools, one for male and one for female students, at Gonni. The first public school buildings of Gonni, according to a handwritten treatise by the teacher Anastasios Kontogiannis of 1958, were built around 1900, one as a girls school and the other as a kindergarten, one opposite the other. Buildings took their present form in 1907.

Initially, one was of the four-level classes type and the other was a two level type. It was located south of the central square of the village. The 4 grades school was



Old School of Gonni of two grades

west of the main road of the village. The two-grade school was east of the road. With time and for school needs, the necessary extensions were made. All this pre-war. During the Occupation and Resistance, the buildings, archives and teaching material were destroyed in 1943. That's why there are not many data for this period (especially for the period 1943-1947).



Old School of Gonni of four grades

While the elements of the Folk Museum have been preserved since the 1930s, the history of the school begins with 1948. In 1948 the roof and windows of the building were repaired by the Reconstruction Service and immediately used for teaching. Until then, the lessons were held in temples and warehouses since the buildings had been damaged.

In 1950-1951 the army released the western building and began general overhaul in both buildings. From then on, the school was operating in both buildings until June 2003 when the two buildings were severely damaged by a major earthquake in the town of Gonni. The old building was found to be too damaged and the school had to be moved in another building. It was moved and about nine years it had to coexist with the Lyceum of Gonni.

In 2012, a new modern building was constructed, which today operates as a 7 teacher institute, just opposite the old renovated school building.

## The creation of the Museum of School Life of Gonni

From 2012 onwards, at the Gonni Primary School, a "Museum of School Life of Gonni" was created and operates. The history of the creation of the Museum is interesting. In the old school abandoned due to the earthquake in 2003, supervised teaching material was sought to be



used in the classes of the new school. The search brought to light the dusty history of education. 1930 school desks were found, preserved in a cathode-warehouse of the old school, folded school books from 1940, a plethora of valuable historical and geographic maps, a complete series of the Great Greek Encyclopedia of 1930, poetic collections, historical albums, and Antonis Karkavitsas, fairy tales, chemistry vials, school graduation certificates and papers.



The persistent search brought to light a well-preserved dining table and dining utensils. Gradually, teachers and students, with great care and zeal, transferred and



catalogued the printed material. Gradually the furniture and other objects were transferred to the basement of the new elementary school. The walls were dressed with

maps, the books were placed in showcases and libraries, the chairs and benches, the seat, the blackboard, the teaching instruments and the dining room were set up in order to create a representation of the classroom and other areas of the old school. The vision of creating the Museum of School Life of Gonni in Gonni became a reality! For the future, we hope that our Mu-



seum will be transferred to the newly renovated old school, which many years ago was the place of learning and developing students of an unforgettable time that teaches us even today. We are waiting for you on this journey in time...

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