

Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

A momentous occasion was recorded in the history of Alexander school yesterday, when the newly appointed Primate of the Armenian Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand was warmly welcomed for the first time. His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian was greeted by the Alexander school family with the traditional 'Salt and Bread'. After being led into the hall, a special program was presented with songs, recitals and a brief outline of life at the school. The presentation encompassed different aspects of school life and was complemented with a showcase of slides on the big screen.

His Grace was pleasantly surprised by the unique presentation and impressed by the student performance. He made a warm connection with the children by engaging them in his address, praising and instructing them to be good students. Following a cocktail reception in the foyer, His Grace had the opportunity to visit the classrooms, talk to parents, visitors and members of the school Board and executive.

Joining us on the day were guests of the Armenian Evangelical church, Reverend Calvin Sagherian who with his wife are visiting from LA. They were also welcomed and given a tour of the school with well wishes for the duration of their visit Down Under.

Thank you to all the teachers for once again putting together a wonderful program for this special occasion. Also thank you to all the parents who helped make the day a great success. Your contribution for the event is greatly appreciated.



I will let the photo gallery do the rest of the talking, capturing the special moments of the day. You can also follow the newsfeeds on the school's Facebook Page or on our website.

*Also published in today's newsletter are photos of our visit to the show 'The World Needs Music'.
Once again thank you to all the parents who helped us on the day with the transport arrangement.*

22nd February 2013

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

COMPUTER EDUCATION POLICY - Computer & Internet Use Guidelines



'Acceptable Computer and Internet Use Student and Parent Agreement' is enclosed with today's Newsletter. As part of the school Computer Education Policy, **Years 1-6 students and parents** are asked to read and **individually sign** the agreement. Parents have been asked to discuss the Computer and Internet Rules with their child/ren and encourage them to be responsible users.

Completed forms should be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible, otherwise students will not be allowed to use the computers in the school.

UNIFORM

We take great pride in our uniform. Students are expected to wear correct uniform at all times. Should you need to purchase items of school uniform at any time, please send a note to the school office to ensure quick processing. A uniform list with the current prices is provided with today's newsletter for the information of parents.



MEETING NOTICE

COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held on

Tuesday 26th February

Venue: North Ryde RSL

Cnr Pittwater Road and Magdala Roads,

Time: 7.00pm

Contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian
0416 262 177 or school office

P&C and Canteen volunteers are welcome.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



ARARAT - 62 points

MASIS - 62 points



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26/02 P&C Meeting @ North Ryde RSL - 7pm
- 01/03 'Questacon' Science Squad Shows P-2
- 07/03 School Photos
- 17/03 Working Bee
- 19/03 StartSmart Financial Literacy Program
- 24/03 Palm Sunday Concert & Picnic
- 29/03 Good Friday - *Public Holiday*
- 31/03 Easter Sunday
- 01/04 Easter Monday - *Public Holiday*
- 11/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
- 12/04 Last Day Term 1

Please also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site.

School Banking

Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

Please make sure the slips are filled and completed, with the correct amount enclosed, to help with the transaction.



ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 4

8 Points – **MASIS** \$14.75

6 Points – **ARARAT** \$13.25

TOTAL: **\$28.00**

ACCUMULATED: **\$65.40**

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Photo Gallery...

The World Needs Music

On Wednesday, 20th February the students of Alexander and Sydney Japanese school joined to watch a special performance called 'The World Needs Music'. The show took us on a journey into musical styles from across the globe in a multi instrumental interactive performance. Playing the 21 stringed African harp (kora), guitar as well as West African xylophone it explored the rich and culturally diverse musical traditions of West Africa, Latin America, South India and the Middle East.



QUESTACON SCIENCE SQUAD SHOWS: Prep to Year 2 only - Friday, 1st March

On **Friday 1st March**, students of **Prep to Year 2** will participate in the Questacon Science Squad Shows at the Sydney Japanese School. The workshops will be very beneficial to the students, helping them understand some of the concepts presented in the Science Curriculum.

Senses - How much do you know about native Australian animals? Discover how you use your five senses as well as some of the strange ways a few of our native fauna use theirs in this fun show that's great for younger children.

Sound Effects - Sounds spectacular! Learn how vibrations make sounds using straws, cups and a bucket. Play an instrument in our silly band and help us make sound effects to tell a spooky story. Your laughter will amplify during this comical show.

Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the office by *Wednesday 27th February*.



QUESTACON SCIENCE SQUAD SHOWS 'Senses' and 'Sound Effects' P-2 Only

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Questacon Science Squad Shows at the Sydney Japanese School on **Friday 1st March**. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteers being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (\$9.00 per child)

Photo Gallery...

Welcoming His Grace



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