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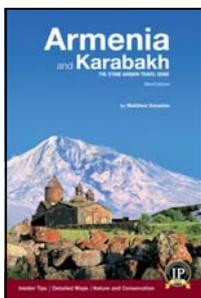
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Dear Parents,

BON VOYAGE & WELCOME!

On behalf of the Alexander school family we would like to wish the Boyadjian family a safe and enjoyable trip this weekend. Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian and Christine will join the rest of the family and travel to Lebanon and Armenia to meet relatives and friends. This will be the first visit for Christine and her sisters to Armenia and we are sure that it will be a memorable one!

We will also say *Bon Voyage* to Mrs Sonia Apanian and Miss Christine next week as they too make the wonderful trip to Armenia. This too will be Christine's first trip to Armenia, where she will be joined with her brother and sister. Along their way, the Apanians will be meeting family and friends in Lebanon and Cyprus.



It is fantastic to see that our graduates - Maral, Sonya, Christine, Alexander and Rebecca - are being given the great opportunity to travel to Armenia and experience the wonderful connection with the homeland. It is a trip that every parent should consider and one that will leave a lasting memory and impression.

It may be good timing to note that the newest edition of Matthew Karanian's and Robert Kurkjian's '*Armenia and Karabakh: The Stone Mountain Travel Guide*', the traveller's indispensable companion, was presented at the AGBU Central Office in New York last month.

Other students who have also travelled overseas or will be joining them soon include - Jessica, Mary, Natalia and Isabella. These trips are great experiences and provide learning opportunities as they connect with other societies and communities. We wish them all a very safe trip and happy returns.

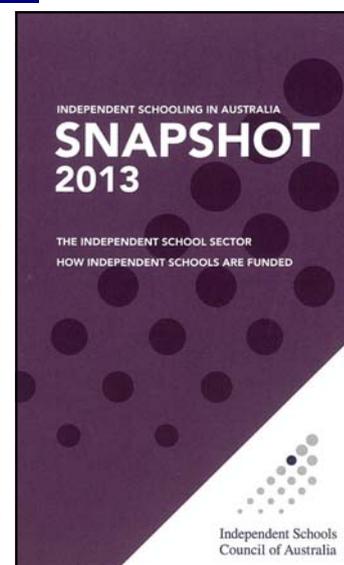
While we say goodbye to some students and staff, we also take the opportunity to welcome Miss Talar Kapterian who will be replacing the admin staff on leave. Miss Kapterian will be looking after the office needs from next Friday and will also supervise the Ryde bus. She will be catching the bus from West Ryde and parents are requested to take note of her contact details published in the newsletter this week.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA

Enclosed with today's Newsletter you will find a copy of '*Snapshot 2013 - Independent Schooling in Australia*'. Produced by the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA). The publication provides up-to-date statistics and information about independent schools and the sector as a whole, including data on enrolments and funding.

Snapshot 2013 is a useful and easy to follow guide to understand more about independent schooling. The independent schools sector has continued to grow in Australia. It now holds 14.3% of student enrolment, with the Catholic and Government sectors respectively serving 20.6% and 65.1% of students. It is also important to note that 84% of all independent schools have a religious affiliation, with Alexander school being one of the listed six schools in the category 'Other Orthodox'.

With a Federal Election in September and frequent media coverage about the funding of schools, it is important that as a sector we are better informed to help us combat the general misinformation and the inaccurate claims made about independent schools.



HAVE A WARM, RELAXING AND SAFE LONG WEEKEND EVERYONE!

7th June 2013

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - MAY 2013

Albert

Respectful & Polite Student



**SHORELINK RYDE BUS
BUS SUPERVISOR CONTACT**



Talar ~ 0450 717 891

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For example delays or emergencies.



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SCHOOL PHOTO

\$20

If you are interested in ordering a **whole school** photo, then please contact the school office on 9486 3266 and request the special order form and payment envelope from 'Academy Photography'. Alternatively, fill the order form when you have viewed a sample copy near the office.

**BIRTHDAY
OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...

Krikor

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 145 points

MASIS - 142 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 6

- Year 6: Christine, Jonathan
- Year 5: Narek, Silvy
- Year 4: Nina
- Year 3: Chanel
- Year 2: Lilit, Lara, Kevoork
- Kindergarten: Albert



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/06 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- 17/06 I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
- 19/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
- 20/06 Life Education Van Visit
- 21/06 Life Education Van Visit
- Half Yearly Reports
- 25/06 C.A.R.E.S. Bike Safety visit - Years 4-6
- 28/06 Last day Term 2
- 15/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
- 16/07 First day Term 3 - Students Return
- 03/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
- 15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check the online calendar for more details.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 6

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|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 8 Points - ARARAT | | \$12.60 |
| 6 Points - MASIS | | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$22.60 |
| ACCUMULATED: | | \$431.35 |

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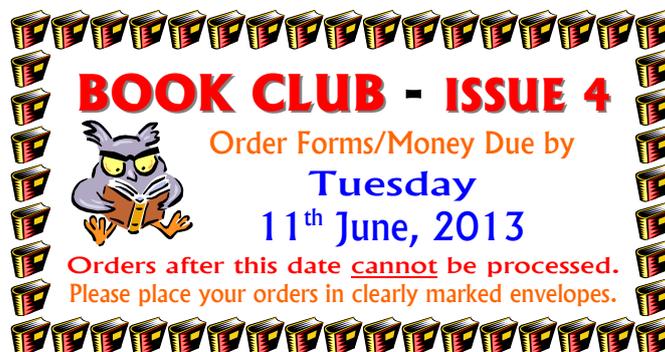
Support your local school

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. From **Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June 2013**, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be **one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10** spent, (excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards). Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and Alexander school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.



Earn & Learn 2013

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program ends this Sunday!



BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 4

Order Forms/Money Due by **Tuesday 11th June, 2013**

Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

YEAR 4-6 VISIT TO C.A.R.E.S.: Tuesday, 25th June

All students in Years 4-6 will take part in the C.A.R.E.S - Bike Education program on **Tuesday, 25th June** as part of our school curriculum. CARES is an acronym for Community And Road Education Scheme and is run by real police officers. Students will have practical lessons on road safety issues and will put lessons into practice by riding bicycles on a simulated road fully equipped with scaled traffic lights, street signs, pedestrian crossings, roundabouts and the like. They will be riding BMX bikes supplied by CARES.



Uniform for the day will be **winter sports uniform** and school **hat** is a must. Students will need to bring their lunch and morning tea in a small backpack. A water bottle should be packed in addition to lunch drinks. It is a good idea to have sunscreen applied before leaving home and a small tube for reapplication throughout the day as most of the activities are held outdoors. In addition, students are encouraged to bring their own **helmets** (CARES have a limited supply to loan to students).

In order to cut costs for the families, teachers and parent volunteers will drive the students. Once they reach the centre, students will be accompanied and supervised by Mrs Terrey. They will leave school at 9:30am and return by 2:30pm. The cost of the program will be **\$5.00 per student**.

Please return permission slips and money to your child's class teacher by *Tuesday, 18th June*.

C.A.R.E.S. CHECKLIST

- ✘ Sports uniform must be worn including school hat.
- ✘ Only low pony tails for girls to help with wearing a bike helmet.
- ✘ Morning tea and lunch should be packed in a small backpack. Include a water bottle.
- ✘ Have sunscreen applied in the morning and bring along a small tube for reapplication throughout the day.
- ✘ Students are encouraged to bring their own bike helmets (CARES have a limited supply to loan to students).



VISIT TO C.A.R.E.S - Years 4-6 only



I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the C.A.R.E.S program at St. Ives on **Tuesday 25th June, 2013**. I understand students will travel to and from school by teacher and parent volunteer cars and be accompanied by Mrs Terrey.

I also grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the simulated road program and ride a bicycle.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (\$5.00 per child)

Photo Gallery... Fundraising for Bathurst Trip



YEAR 5/6

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP



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|----------------|----------|
| Mufti Day | \$59.00 |
| Sausage Sizzle | \$92.50 |
| Cake Stall | \$122.00 |
| ????? | \$--.-- |

TOTAL **\$273.50**

TARGET... \$440  **\$166.⁵⁰ LEFT TO GO!**

C.A.R.E.S. - ST IVES



Community And Road Education Scheme (CARES) is a road safety education program which focuses on primary school children, seeking to introduce the notion of road rules and to develop road sense. It is a program designed to shape children's attitudes and knowledge of road safety issues and prepare them for the day they will seek a licence to drive a car. The program starts with in-school classroom instruction followed by a full day field trip to the CARES facility at St Ives. Here, bicycle skills are developed, and practical on-road experience is gained by cycling around a specially built half scale road network which features intersections with traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, right and left hand turns, speed humps etc. and all the road features and signage normally encountered.

As they ride their bicycles around this road network, students are coached in their skills, complimented and critiqued as necessary by Police officers selected for their skills in relating to and teaching children. Each child starts the day with a 12 point licence. Points are lost for traffic infringements and the students with the greatest number of points at the end of the day are suitably rewarded with a prize. Students clearly enjoy role playing as car drivers and absorb valuable roadcraft experience. Of particular importance is the positive