

Dear Parents,

**HALF YEARLY REPORTS**



The Half Yearly Reports were distributed today. I hope you find them helpful in understanding your child's progress at school so far this year.

If on reading this report, you wish to address aspects of your child's learning, to help with any issues they might have, the teacher concerned will assist you with specifics.

As you know, the forwarding of reports before the end of term helps facilitate parents arrange for an appointment before the holidays. Should you need to speak to your child's teachers, please fill in the form in this newsletter and they will call you back or arrange an interview.

Parents of 'Prep' students will receive a special progress report at the end of next week.

With the reports out, I would like to remind parents that providing support and encouragement towards your child's learning is the most important way you can help them succeed. Remember, parents are the children's first teachers and helping your child to learn can be simple. Reading to them and encouraging them to tell you the same story in their words, or asking them to talk about something that interests them are just a few examples. We can help children learn almost any way which suits us, because many of the every day things we do at home help our children learn. Things like writing a shopping list or placing a lunch order, cooking and following a recipe together, planning a party and writing invitations together or even getting your child to teach you about using a computer or how to play their favourite Wii game!

**WE CHEERED FOR THE SOCCEROOS!**

On Tuesday, our children turned out magnificently in **Green** and **Gold** to cheer on the Socceroos in their match against Iraq. They all looked cheerful and bright and there certainly had been a lot of care and consideration put into turning out in the National Colours. We had banners and signs in support of the Socceroos and even tried to gain the support of passers by!

Well done everyone for a splendid effort. We believe it was our cheering and support that got the Socceroos to win and qualify for the World Cup Finals to be held in Brazil next year.



**SCRIPTURE CLASSES**

Our annual Scripture lessons have been underway since the start of term. As part of the Armenian Apostolic Church School Scripture Program these weekly classes will continue until the end of next term. The classes are conducted by a volunteer who is joined by class teachers over two sessions every Friday morning. Mrs Shake Vartanian continues her role this year as the assigned teacher. The children enjoy these occasions and are always eager to complete the set tasks that accompany the lessons.



*You are invited to our special 'Asia Day Assembly' next Thursday... details inside.*



# ASIA DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 - 1:30pm

As a culmination of our Asia studies, come along to celebrate.

## News from Prep & K...

### Fairy Bread!

For writing this week, Prep and Kindy learnt and wrote a procedure on how to make fairy bread. We needed a knife, a plate, bread, butter and Hundreds & Thousands. This was the procedure that we wrote:

1. Put the bread on a plate
2. Spread the butter on the bread with a knife
3. Sprinkle the Hundreds & Thousands over the bread
4. Cut the bread in half and eat it!

We made enough Fairy Bread to share with everyone. It was a lot of fun to make and even more fun to eat!

By Prep, Kindy and Mrs Terrey



## HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



**ARARAT** - 186 points

**MASIS** - 197 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 8

- Year 6: Samuel
- Year 5: Stella, Serly
- Year 4: Tzolare
- Year 3: Matthew
- Year 2: Jessica, Christopher



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25/06 C.A.R.E.S. Bike Safety visit - Years 4-6
- 27/06 Asia Day Assembly @ 1:30pm
- 28/06 Last day Term 2
- Prep Progress Reports Sent Home
- 30/06 Year 5/6 serving parishioners after church [Jonathan, Kevork, Serly & Silvy]
- 15/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
- 16/07 First day Term 3 - Students Return
- 28/07 Syrian Armenian Relief - School Choir
- 26/10 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Concert
- 01/11 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- 03/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair

Check the online calendar for more details.

## ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 8

8 Points - <b>MASIS</b>	.....	\$10.60
6 Points - <b>ARARAT</b>	.....	\$7.45
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$18.05</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$472.10</b>

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## Debating News...

### 3 Debates = 3 Wins!

This week's debating topic really tested Years 5 & 6s brainpower. The topic was "Sixteen should be the voting age."

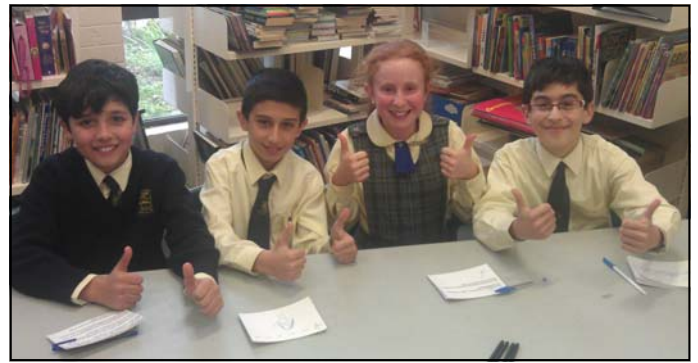
Alexander School was the negative side against John Colet. Yet again, our planning really prepared us to speak and argue really well. Our case line was we believed sixteen should not be the voting age as 16 year olds are not mature enough to handle the responsibility of deciding who should run our country. Our team consisted of Samuel, Kevork, Ani and Jonathan. Each team member spoke extremely confidently, clearly and with great expression in their voices. Our rebuttals were clear and made sense.

Our first speakers' arguments were 16 year olds brains are not mature enough yet, politics has no real relevance and they won't take the process seriously. Our second speakers' arguments were they are not responsible enough yet, voting can be confusing and it might convince them they can do other things that may endanger their lives.

In the end we were declared the clear winners with the adjudicators making mention of how expressive our speakers were and the amount of clear rebuttals our team used.

Thank you to Mrs Sossie Giragosian who was able to help transport Year 5 & 6 to the debate.

Mrs Meaghan Terrey - Debating Coordinator



## REPORTS: TEACHER CONTACT REQUESTED

I would like ..... (teacher/s name) to call me

on.....(phone no.) to discuss.....'s school report.

A suitable time is .....(time) on.....day.

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



Photo Gallery...

# Alexander School Green & Gold Day!

## GO SOCCEROOS!



YEAR 5/6

### FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP



Mufti Day	\$59.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$92.50
Cake Stall	\$122.00
Green & Gold Day	\$54.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$327.50</b>

**TARGET... \$440**  **\$112.<sup>50</sup> LEFT TO GO!**



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**\$20**

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