

Dear Parents,

### ASIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The last Thursday of the school term saw the culmination of our Asian Studies in HSIE. The celebrations started with a delicious lunch of Thai fried rice, chicken satay sticks, butter chicken, roti bread, spring rolls and sushi. For dessert the students were able to get an insight into their futures by choosing a sweet tasting fortune cookie. Then students were then able to share the knowledge they had gained about their Asian country in our special assembly.

After presenting the information they had learnt about India Years 1 & 2 acted out a shadow puppet performance of the traditional Indian folktale *'The Little Mice and the Big Elephants.'* They then entertained us by playing the Indian melody of *'Baak bakum paira'*. Years 3 & 4 presented their enthralling knowledge of Thailand. They translated some common words into Thai and taught us how to say these words. They then told the traditional Thai tale of *'In and Na'*. Years 5 & 6 presented their extensive knowledge of Japan. The school learnt how to count to ten in Japanese with the Year 5/6 guidance. The students were fascinated to see the 5/6 photographic chronicle of the making of sushi rolls. Lastly we were entertained by the Prep - 2, as they used the Indian hand movements of *'hastas'* to represent animals in a dance performance.

The children were able to dress in the appropriate costume of the country. All the students had a great educational experience learning about some of the unique customs and aspects of the daily life of the three Asian countries studied.

Thank you to all the teachers for organising the event and helping prepare the food and dress the children.



### HEALTHY HAROLD

Last Thursday the Healthy Harold van arrived at school ready to provide health education to the students. For their first experience in the van Prep/K participated in the program *'Harold's Surprise.'* They learnt about seeking help from trusted adults, the benefits of physical activity and indentifying safe and unsafe behaviours and environments. In *'All Systems Go'* the Year 1/2 when on a journey around the body. They discovered about peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines and the factors that influence the function of body systems. Year 3/4 participated in *'Mind Your Medicine,'* which was a fun interactive game show which explored issues related to medicines, self worth and communication. Year 5/6 took part in *'The Burning Issue,'* which covered the effects and consequences of smoking and the strategies use to reduce the harms related to tobacco use.



All the children enjoyed their valuable educational experiences with Harold. We would like to extend a big thank you to Caitlin who guided all the students through the various programs.

*Have a lovely break and we hope to see you back refreshed next term.*

28<sup>th</sup> June 2013

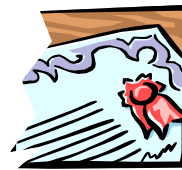
# 2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Ani M.

Nina K.

First Honour Award recipients of 2013



## Using Studyladder at Home



Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that students at Alexander School will continue to have access to Studyladder during the holidays.

### About Studyladder

Studyladder is a K-6 web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy and 8 other subjects. Your child has been given a username and password which can be used to access Studyladder at school and from home.

### Using Studyladder

Students have holiday access during the hours of 9am and 3pm from Monday to Friday. It is not compulsory for your child to use Studyladder at home, however regular access will help your child to reinforce what they have learnt in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

### Safe Internet Usage

Your child will NOT be able to chat with anyone via Studyladder. However, we still encourage you to supervise your child at all times when using the internet.

### Accessing Studyladder From Home

1. Go to [www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au)
2. Login using your child's school username and password.

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards



**ARARAT** - 223 points

**MASIS** - 219 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 9

- Year 6: Ani  
Year 4: Nina  
Taniel  
Year 3: Samuel  
Prep: Sara, Catherine  
Harry



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 30/06 Year 5/6 serving parishioners after church
- 15/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
- 16/07 First day Term 3 - Students Return
- 25/07 C.A.R.E.S. Bike Safety visit - Years 4-6
- 28/07 Syrian Armenian Relief - School Choir
- 31/07 I.C.A.S. - English Assessment
- Interschool Debating Comp. # 5
- 13/08 I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
- 14/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
- 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 9

8 Points - <b>MASIS</b>	.....	\$10.10
6 Points - <b>ARARAT</b>	.....	\$8.10
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$18.20</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$490.30</b>

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
[www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au](http://www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au)

### CANTEEN FOR TERM 3

An updated canteen menu and calendar of lunch specials have been provided with the newsletter today. Please note the changes to snack as well as lunch specials. Remember to keep your canteen lists in a handy spot.

*Support your canteen, support your school!*

If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office.

### HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

**WINNERS**

**Team Ararat!**

*We'd like to say a big Thank You to ...*

- ☺ Our school mums and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Christine Apanian, Mrs Maggie Betchakjian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Miss Talar Kapterian, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Janette Misislian and Mrs Cynthia Tomassian.
- ☺ Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for helping the students prepare a lovely Mothers' Day craftwork to take home.
- ☺ All school families including the P & C for organising and running the Mothers Day Luncheon and the Mothers Day Stall. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!
- ☺ Mr & Mrs Hovhaness and Mary Kouyoumdjian for donating the double DVD set of the documentary film 'Karabakh's Wounds' by Tsvetana Paskaleva.
- ☺ Mrs Karis Khatchadourian for organising the purchase and delivery of a replacement oven for the canteen.
- ☺ Mr John Aghabekian for repairing and installing the wall mounted hot water urn in the staffroom. Also, for installing the canteen oven and attending to other minor electrical repairs around the school.
- ☺ Mr Serge Manoukian for helping install new curtains at the school's Dee Why unit.
- ☺ Ms Martine Smith and Years 3 & 4 for their tireless effort in developing and maintaining the Vegetable Garden.
- ☺ Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the P-2 class and for doing special tasks around the school.
- ☺ Miss Talar Kapterian for replacing the admin staff on leave and making sure all the needs are attended to.

## **DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL**

*In Memoriam for the Late Nazig Demirdjian*  
(Passed away in Glendale, CA. USA)

Mr & Mrs Vahe and Annie Boyadjian & Family    \$100

*In Memoriam for the Late Nersess Menendian*

Mr John Nazarian    \$100

Mr Kevork Boyadjian    \$100

Mr & Mrs Hagop and Ani Soghomonian    \$100

Mr & Mrs Garo and Araxi Soghomonian    \$50

Mrs Madlen Yessayan    \$50

Mrs Arousiag Soghomonian    \$25

The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials.

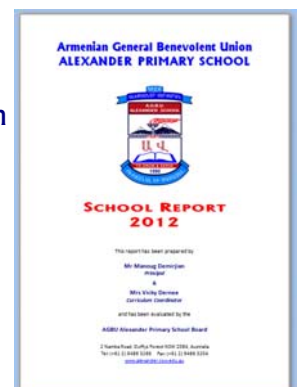
*All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.*

**COMING SOON...**

**ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION  
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL REPORT 2012**

Includes: Academic  
Performance, Teacher  
Standards, School Policies on  
Enrolment, Discipline, Safe  
& Supportive Environment,  
Improvement Targets,  
Summary of Financial  
Information and a lot more!



*Grab a copy from the school office.  
Also available on the school website.*



# Photo Gallery...

# Asia Day Celebrations!



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