Dear Parents,

ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

Congratulations to Lilit Topouzian and Noah Smith for receiving a High Distinction in the International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) English Competition. Also congratulations to Matthew Zorlu for achieving a Credit award. This was the first time that students in Year 2 were allowed to take part in the competition and Lilit did exceptionally well by being placed in the Top 1% of Year 2 participants in NSW and ACT. Similarly Noah was also placed in the Top 1% of Year 3 participants.

All students who participated in the test performed well covering a wide variety of skills ranging from literary and factual reading to textual devices, syntax and vocabulary.

The students’ tests and results are included in this week’s newsletter folder. Challenge yourself with some of the questions which will test the brightest of minds. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today, on the eve of the 22nd Anniversary of Independence for the Republic of Armenia, Years 5/6 visited the Alexander Nursing Home at Dee Why to celebrate the special occasion.

In school tradition, our annual visit included a program of poetry recitals, patriotic songs and dance much to the delight of the elderly. The children sang and spoke well and were deeply appreciated by the residents, who also loved the opportunity of getting to know them afterwards.

Special thank you to Mrs Seta Keoshgerian for putting together the program and Mrs Sonia Apanian for assisting with transport to and from the nursing home.

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

PORTFOLIOS GO HOME TODAY. PLEASE RETURN THEM PROMPTLY NEXT TERM.
HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY, EVERYBODY!

20th September 2013

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

21st September, 2013

Celebrating 22 Years of Independence for the

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...
- Stephen
- Harry
- Mrs Sonia Apanian
- Mrs Gayane Topouzian

### WORKING BEE

**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER**
From 9am

We need as many volunteers as possible to help clean up before the Cultural Day

#### JOBS TO DO
- Weeding
- Shrub and tree trimming
- Cleaning the gutters
- Soft fall raking
- Mulching
- General cleaning

### HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

- **ARARAT** - 272 points
- **MASIS** - 279 points

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **21/09** Armenian Independence Day
- **22/09** Requiem Service & Memorial Luncheon
  - Late Primate Abp Aghan Baliozian
- **08/10** First day Term 4
  - Student Portfolios - Due Back
- **15/10** Junior First Aid Training - Year 3-6
- **18/10** Start of School Swimming Program
- **20/10** Working Bee - School Spring Clean Up
- **26/10** AGBU - 50th Anniversary Concert
- **01/11** AGBU - 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- **10/11** Armenian Cultural Day & Fair - NEW
- **15/12** Christmas Concert and Graduation

*Check the online calendar for more details.*

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 10**

8 Points – **ARARAT** ............ $15.50
6 Points – **MASIS** ............ $13.75

**TOTAL:** ............ **$29.25**

**ACCUMULATED:** ............ **$714.05**

**SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOTOLIC CHURCH**

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

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### DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

**In Lieu of Flowers for the Late Levon Shohmelian**

- Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sonia Tchetchenian - $100
- Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian - $50
- Mr & Mrs Vahe and Seta Keoshgerian - $50
- Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian - $50

*On this sad occasion we would like to pass on our condolences to the Shohmelian and Artinian families.*

**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 3 – WEEK 10**

Year 6: Samuel
  - Jonathan
Year 5: Krikor
  - Stella
Year 4: Tzolare

**Mr Shohmelian** was a Founding Member of Alexander School and served on the School Board during the initial years. He was a strong supporter and passionate advocate of Alexander School, who will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

*May his soul rest in peace.*
SWIMMING LESSON NEEDS FOR TERM 4
Students require the following items for swimming lessons to commence on Friday, 18th October (Week 2).
- **Swimming Costumes:** Girls must wear one piece costumes, no board shorts (two piece costumes are not permitted). Boys are to wear only Speedo type swimmers, not board shorts. All costumes must be worn under sports uniform.
- **Swimming Cup:** All students must wear swimming caps to reduce the risk of earaches and avoid wet hair. Please label caps with student’s name.
- **Swimming Goggles:** All students must wear goggles to reduce irritation to eyes. Label goggles for easy identification by students.
- **Thongs/Sandals:** Bring a pair of thongs or sandals which will be worn to and from the pool. Again, please label each thong or sandal with your child’s name to avoid confusion.
- **Undergarments:** Clean underwear should be supplied for students to change into after swimming.
- **Towel:** Supply a towel adequate in size for drying.
- **Swimming bag:** This should be separate from school bag and will store towel, undergarments and thongs.

TERM 4 SCHOOL UNIFORM
Students will return to school next term wearing Summer Uniform. However, during the first two weeks after the holidays either uniform will be acceptable, depending on the weather.
To ensure your summer uniform needs are met, please ask your children to try on old uniforms and check if garments need replacement. The school has limited stock of uniform so should you require new garments please ring the school office as soon as we return from holidays.

CANTEEN FOR TERM 4
The Term 4 Canteen Calendar and Menu are included with today’s Newsletter. Remember to keep them in a handy spot. Please note that they are subject to change and it is always a good idea to refer to our online calendar for up-to-date information. A big Thank You to all the parents who have volunteered for the canteen service.

Support your canteen, support your school!

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, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Janette Misislian and Mrs Cynthia Tomassian.
- The P & C for organising and running the Fathers’ Day Stall and the Sports Day Canteen facilities.
- Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for helping the students prepare a Fathers’ Day craftwork to take home.
- Mrs Cynthia Tomassian for helping with transport to the SJS for the Integrated Sports Day.
- Ms Heather Belevy for helping with transport to the Glen Street Theatre.
- Mr Vartan Sevazlian for helping with maintenance work in the garden.
- 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.
- All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!
News from the Classroom...

EnviroMentors - Keep Australia Beautiful

On Friday, 6th September the students participated in the EnviroMentors workshop - ‘Close the Loop’.

With a focus on local services, students discovered the many benefits of recycling. Through interactive games students gained knowledge of what new items can be made from domestic recyclable glass, paper, cardboard, cartons, steel, aluminium and hard plastic items.

Recycling to reduce waste going to landfill and save resources was also emphasised.

News from the Classroom...

Duffys Forest Educational Website Launched

On Friday the 13th of September Years 3&4 went to the Glen Street Theatre to see the launch of the new Duffys Forest Educational Website. When we got there we sat in the soft, comfortable, relaxing chairs.

When the show started Leonie (the environmental education officer) talked to us and she showed us a sneak peak of the new Warringah website with her best friend Billy the bandicoot. Then Roger the Ranger came out and talked a little bit about what we would do today. Then Ranger Stacy (the presenter from Totally Wild) came on stage and talked to us to call Roger back on stage again and bring out an animal. He came with a blue tongue lizard. He told us that the lizard has five girlfriends and one of these girlfriends gave birth to five live babies.

The next animal the ranger brought out was a ringtail possum. When he brought the possum he was in a bray. A bray is like a birds nest but for a possum. It is made from sticks, leaves and twigs. The bray was shaped as an egg. There were so many animals such as a diamond python, flying fox, a goanna and last of all the tawny frogmouth. My favourite is the diamond python. I liked it because they called the scared people up to feel the diamond python. Five people got chosen and so did Leonie. I can tell that Leonie was scared because her face looked really scared and she only touched the tail with her pinkie finger.

The show was great and they showed us Billy the Bandicoot. He was very cute and at the end of the show we saw him again and gave him a hug. He was really soft and cuddly. It was a great day.

Written By
Matthew (Year 3)
News from the Classroom...

Years 5 & 6 Trip to Bathurst

Last week Year 5/6 visited Bathurst and surrounding areas to culminate their studies about the Gold Rush. First port of call was Echo Point. The students had a perfect blue sky day to view the Three Sisters. The students then boarded the scenic railway into the valley. After a walk on the boardwalk finding out about the history of the Blue Mountains they then had a trip on the Cable Car taking in the magnificent views. After lunch the students visited the Mount Piper Power Station. Here they learnt about how the station produced power and about all the different ways power can be produced. The students were then treated to a guided tour of the plant. After the student settled into their accommodation and ate dinner they were able to tell stories and play charades around the campfire.

Day Two commenced with a trip to the gold fields. The students were able to feel as though they were in a gold mine inside the museum. In the geology room the students learnt the difference between fool’s gold, reef gold and alluvial gold. Various methods of mining were presented moving from man power, horse power to steam power. Students got to handle mining tools, see mineral displays and had the chance to have a photo taken with a life size model of the Holtermann nugget. The history room presented an extensive collection of general household items they were used in the Victorian home, along with a display of real gold. The students then moved outside to observe the steam shed and a traditional blacksmith’s shop. The students also learnt about the Chinese presence on the goldfields in the Chinese Gatehouse. The highlight of the day was when the students were able to pan for gold. After lunch the students travelled to Abercrombie Caves. During the tour the students were told about one of the earliest incidents of Bushranging history which happened in 1830 and involved a group of escaped convicts, known as the ‘Ribbon Boys’. They were also able to view a colony of Common Bentwing Bats. After dinner at the accommodation all students participated in a fun and energetic bush dance.

Day Three got off to a wonderful start with the sheep and cattle show where the students got to hear the stories of some of the leading sheep and cattle breeds of Australia. The students witnessed the animals walking to their place on stage, they joined in the milking of a cow, watched a sheep being shorn, lambs being marked and learnt about wool classing. The students then got to participate in a traditional hay ride. At the animal nursery the students got to see both farm and native animals. They were able to take their time to stroll around and met the animals up close. After lunch at Govetts Leap lookout the students enjoyed the trip back to Sydney. The excursion proved to be a great learning experience and a fun filled three days.
**Notice**

**Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents**

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly, the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

**Congratulations!**

**It’s a Boy!!**

On behalf of AGBU Alexander Primary School we would like to congratulate Mrs Meaghan Terrey and her husband Russell on the birth of their son Zachary Russell Terrey.

**Zachary Russell Terrey**

Born: Monday, 16th September 2013

Time: 1.34am | Weight: 3.2kg | Length: 49cm

He is a little cutie that we cannot wait to meet!

NB. We have also been informed that he has a good set of lungs and a high pitched voice! 😊

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**Photo Gallery**

**Fun Run!**
21st September, 2013
Celebrating 22 Years of Independence for the
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
Test your knowledge!

1. In which year did Armenia gain independence from the U.S.S.R.?
2. What did the initials U.S.S.R. stand for?
3. Who became the first President of Armenia?
4. Who is the current President of Armenia?
5. In which year was the current President voted in?
6. In which year did citizens vote to adopt the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia?
7. How long is the term of office for President under this Constitution?
8. For how many consecutive terms can the same President hold office?
9. Which flag was raised on Independence Day?
10. Which neighbouring region, populated mostly by Armenians, also declared independence in the same year?
11. How does the flag of this region vary from Armenia’s?
12. What process was used on 21 September 1991 to declare Armenia independent?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ
1. 1991   2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
3. Levon Ter Petrossian   4. Serge Sarkissian
5. 2008 & 2013   6. Five Years
7. Five Years
8. Two Consecutive Terms
9. Tricolour - Red/Blue/Orange
10. Nagorno-Karabakh
11. White chequered design

REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!
Each class has a Crunch&Sip break each day for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.
Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT
The German International School Sydney in Terrey Hills have invited our school to join in the International Soccer Tournament to be held during their annual Novemberfest on Saturday 2nd November, 2013.

The soccer tournament will be held between 9:00am to 2:00pm (depending on the number of registering teams) in the gym of the German International School. They are offering two different tournaments for the following age groups: Year 3/4 tournament and Year 5/6 tournament.

Each participating team will have 5 players and some subs. Each winner of a tournament will receive a prize. Last year they had their German teams competing against Australian, Japanese and French teams.

As it is being held in their indoor gym, the children need to bring clean "non marking" sports shoes and shin pads.

Please let the school office know early next term if you would like your children to join in the competition with a team from Alexander school. If there are any further questions don’t hesitate to contact the school on 94863266.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Years 3 - 6 Students Only
☐ Yes - I will ☐ No - I will not

Accompany my child/ren to the International Soccer Tournament at the German International School in Terrey Hills on Saturday, 2nd November 2013.

I understand the tournament will be held for different age group between 9:00am to 2:00pm.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ________________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________________ DATE: ___________________
# 2013 Sports Carnival Results

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## Ball Games - Junior

- Wheel Relay: Masis
- Over & Under: Masis

## Ball Games - Senior

- Captain Ball: Ararat
- Tunnel Ball: Masis
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* Denotes New School Record for Age Division  
** Denotes New Championship School Record

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ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
SYDNEY CHAPTER

Proudly Presents

50th Anniversary Ball

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the AGBU
Sydney Chapter & Alex Manoogian Saturday School

Entertainment:

KARNIG & HOVIK

Friday, 1 November 2013, 7:30pm

Venue: Waterview, Bicentennial Drive
Bicentennial Park (off Australia Avenue)
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney NSW 2127

Entry Donation: Adult $125, 18 & under $100

Includes Antipasto, 3 course dinner, unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks
plus bottle of Scotch per Table

Dress: Formal with a touch of Gold!

To reserve tickets please contact:

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Seta Keoshgerian 0430 209 237   Sylvia Aghabekian 0422 377 305

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