Dear Parents,

**PROF. JULIETA GYULAMIRYAN**

As we announced last week, we have had the honour of hosting a distinguished guest from Armenia. Prof. Julieta Gyulamiryan, Doctor of Philological Sciences and Professor of the Chair of the Armenian Language and the Methodology of Elementary Education has been in Sydney for the past two weeks and is the guest of the Armenian day and Saturday schools. She has arrived with the support of the Armenian Minister for the Diaspora to provide assistance and professional development to the Armenian language teachers.

During her visits, she has joined and observed the Armenian lessons to later assist and provide individual feedback and guidance to the teachers.

Our teachers have also joined with colleagues from other schools in afterschool seminars that have provided enrichment and ideas to enhance the instruction of the Armenian language.

Our guest brings with her years of vast experience in the field of educational instruction. She has authored numerous textbooks that are used today in schools across Armenia and the Diaspora. She has carried out teacher training and provided methodical guidelines for Armenian schools in a number of communities including Syria, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Moscow, Sochi, Georgia and Abkhazia.

To give parents the opportunity to meet and share in her knowledge, a special parent’s seminar has been organised for this evening. We encourage our parents to attend this worthwhile event (see flyer for details).

**COMING UP… BOOK WEEK**

This year, the Children’s **Book Week** is to be held between 19th-23rd August and the Theme is ‘Read Across the Universe’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop titled ‘Rubbish’ on Tuesday 20th August and a special **Book Week Assembly** on Thursday, 22nd August. The **Book Fair** will also be running that week and children will be able to purchase their favourite books. We have purchased a number of books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA). Parents will once again have the opportunity to donate these books for the Library during Book Week.

More information will be available for these events. Watch the newsletter pages in coming week.

9th August 2013

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

**AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2013**

*Lilit T.*

*For being a Responsible student*
2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Samuel T. - Year 6
Krikor D. - Year 5
Anita K. - Year 2

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FOLLOW NORMAL ORDERING PROCEDURES

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 122 points
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Check the online calendar for more details.

BIRTHDAYS

OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Christopher
Alexandra

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 3 – WEEK 4

Year 6: Samuel, Jessica
Year 5  Krikor, Serly
Year 2: Anita
Preparatory: Catherine

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 4

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Debating News...

Debating Finals here we come...!

Last week our debating team travelled to Sydney Japanese School for their last debate of the competition. Our topic was ‘Space Exploration is worth the money’. APS consisting of Samuel, Ani, Jonathan and Kevork were the affirmative and SJS, the negative.

It was a very challenging debate right from the beginning. Arguments and rebuts were being exchanged, we were even able to repair a rebut the negative team presented to us! Unfortunately the debate was awarded to the Sydney Japanese School. Now this meant that we had both won 3 out the 4 debates and both of us were progressing through to the finals.

Thank you must go to Mrs Laura Demirjian for helping with transport on the day.

In class we are busily planning our fantastic arguments and rebuts for ‘New is Better’ that we will present next Wednesday 14th August at the German International School. We invite any Year 5 & 6 parents to come along to see the great work that we have done in debating and join in the party afterwards!

Mrs Meaghan Terrey - Debating Coordinator
Dear Parents,

AGBU Alexander Primary School will be holding a School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 17 September 2013 within the school grounds.

The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase sporting equipment for our school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on mi adizone.

ALL students raising $10 or more will receive a prize. Once fundraising is complete please help your child fill out Step 5 – How to Claim Prizes, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then tear it off and return it with all money raised to the front office on or before 18 September 2013, student prizes will arrive shortly after.

Each year we hope to create a day of fun for the students and their families with the School Fun-Run, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the School Fun-Run event day at the school on Tuesday, 17 September 2013 to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to help out on the day please contact the school office. We would love to see you at our event.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!