Dear Parents,

**BOOK WEEK**

Children’s **Book Week** is 19th-23rd August this year and the Theme is ‘Read Across the Universe’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop show titled ‘Rubbish’ on Tuesday 20th August, at the Sydney Japanese School. Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with transport.

A special **Book Week Assembly** will be held on **Thursday, 22nd August**. Once again we have planned for a **Book Week Parade** of favourite book characters. We encourage all parents and friends to come and join us in the afternoon, with the extended assembly starting at 1:30pm. Students are allowed to wear **Mufti** instead of uniform for the day. This will make it easier to handle costumes. They may wear some parts of their costume all day, for example pants or top, if appropriate.

The **Book Fair** will also be running next 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. Please check the newsletter for more details.

**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS!**

Congratulations to our Years 5/6 Debating Team for successfully defending their title and once again being declared the **Winners of the 2013 Forest District Debating Competition!** Details to follow...

**ICAS WRITING COMPETITION**

Last term six of our students from Years 3-6 participated in the ICAS Writing Competition. The students’ topic was to write an article for a school newsletter to persuade the other students in their year level to elect them as their leader. The students had to clearly explain why they would be the best person to lead their year. Their writing was assessed on genre, textual grammar, syntax, punctuation and spelling. It involved a great deal of thought and logical explanation. Congratulations to **Narek Topouzian** and **Krikor Demirjian** who gained **Credits** in the test.

The test results and the students’ writing will be returned with this week’s Newsletter. Please take time to read your child’s writing and discuss the arguments that they have presented. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or Mrs Dernee.

**BEST WISHES!**

Next week is the final week for Mrs Meaghan Terrey before she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the best in the coming weeks and eagerly anticipate the arrival of her baby.

As a result, a number of changes will take place in our staffing arrangement. Mrs Dernee will take Years 5/6 and Ms Smith will be at school on a full-time basis and cover Mrs Terrey’s Prep/K classes. Miss Talar Kapterian is back from overseas and she will join the Years 1/2 classroom.

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

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**BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY**

Come along to help celebrate this year’s theme

“Read Across the Universe”

**Thursday 22nd August, 2013 - 1:30pm**
2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Taniel B. - Year 4
Noah S. - Year 3
Samuel B. - Year 3
Jessica M. - Year 2
Christopher K. - Year 2
Albert T. - Kindergarten
Stephen K. - Prep

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DATES TO REMEMBER
19/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
20/08 Book Week Show @ SJS
22/08 Book Week Assembly
26/08 Start of Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month
27/08 Cross Country Run
04/09 Integrated Sports Day - Years 3-6
09/09 Sports Carnival 2013 - Terry Hills Oval
17/09 School Fun Run
26/10 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Concert
01/11 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
03/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check the online calendar for more details.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 159 points
MASIS - 170 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 5
Year 4: Taniel
Year 3: Noah, Samuel
Year 2: Jessica, Christopher
Kindergarten: Albert
Preparatory: Stephen, Natalia, Harry

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 5

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TOTAL: $23.90
ACCUMULATED: $618.45

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Canteen Notice

LUNCH SPECIAL FOR NEXT WEEK

Wednesday
21/08/13: Hamburger .................. $3.50

Friday
23/08/13: Pizza Pack .................. $3.50
(Cheese or Ham/Cheese)

Follow normal ordering procedures

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BOOK WEEK SHOW - ‘Rubbish’

As part of our Book Week activity, on Tuesday, 20th August we will take part in a special performance called ‘Rubbish’ by Mic Conway – the original Captain Feather Sword – will be presenting a show to learn about the 3R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) in a circus of comedy, magic and mayhem!

The performance is brought to us by the Young Australia Workshop.

THE PERFORMANCE

Rubbish is an innovative performance about the 3 R’s – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Multi award winning “Magic Mic” Conway gets the message across with a circus of comedy, magic and mayhem. He puts the fun into Recycling with all kinds of junk musical instruments. Mic Reuses the garbage out of the bin to make magic and Reduces his audience to tears of laughter with his songs and serious silliness!

Musical garbage bins and rubbish, junk costumes, light juggling, magic with water bottles and cans, ripping newspapers, a cranky little boy puppet and loads of audience participation make for a load of rubbish! - entertaining and educational rubbish.

Mic has worked with and has the support of SCRAP (School Communities Recycle All Paper).

THE PERFORMER

ARIA award winning Mic Conway is an innovative performer who has worked extensively in music, theatre, film, television and theatre-in-education. Working in Australia and internationally, Mic started in Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band, co-founded Circus Oz, and has appeared in numerous films and television shows. He has recorded many albums and CDs (two gold records) and has fronted Mic Conway’s National Junk Band for over ten years.

Born into a family of vaudeville, theatre and opera performers, he brings many skills to his shows including: music, magic, tap-dancing, juggling, fire-eating and puppetry.

Mic has regularly appeared on various children’s television shows, including ABC for Kids, The Wiggles, Humphrey Bear and is even the voice of Wags the Dog in The Wiggles TV shows and DVD’s..

We have invited students from the Sydney Japanese School to join us. As a result, the performance will be held at the Sydney Japanese School. Students will be accompanied by their classroom teacher and will be transported in private cars. If parents are able to help with transport, please contact the school office.

The cost is $5.00 per child. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Monday 19th August.

BOOK WEEK SHOW

“Rubbish” P - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on Tuesday 20th August. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ______________________________________ DATE: __________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $_____ ($5.00 per child)

TERM 3 - WEEK 5  www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
Community Service...

Volunteer Service of Alexander Students

AGBU Alexander Primary School has a proud history of service to the community. We have always strived to show a positive school image and have led our students to become active participants and contributors of the community. This notion was reemphasised recently with the objective of working further to enhance the way our students are portrayed in the general public. We take great pride in the way our students are presented in their uniform, in their manner and hospitality during formal and informal occasions.

With this objective in mind, the school decided to join the after church volunteer service of providing coffee/tea and sweets to the parishioners. The idea was presented to the Armenian Apostolic Church Council of Holy Resurrection and was enthusiastically accepted.

Students of Years 5 & 6 have since joined this service on a number of occasions to help with the provision and distribution of sweets. It certainly is a great way of connecting with the community and portraying the proud image of the school.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia & New Zealand invites you to join us for an evening of Armenian hospitality in honour of our local Member of Parliament

The Hon Joe Hockey M.P.

on Friday, 23 August, 2013

Venue: Chatswood Golf Club on Beaconsfield Road
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Donation: $125 (incl. dinner and drinks)
Dress: Lounge suit
Bookings: Avo Karageuzian 0425380301
YOUNGER READERS CATEGORY
OTHER BROTHER - Simon French
POOKIE ALEERA IS NOT MY BOYFRIEND - Steven Herrick
THE TENDER MOMENTS OF SAFFRON SILK - Glenda Millard

EARLY CHILDHOOD CATEGORY
THE TERRIBLE SUITCASE - Emma Allen & Freya Blackwood
TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE - Ursula Dubosarsky
IT’S A MIROOCOOL! - Christine Harris & Ann James
PEGGY - Anna Walker
WITH NAN - Tania Cox & Karen Blair

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY
A DAY TO REMEMBER - Jackie French & Mark Wilson
SOPHIE SCOTT GOES SOUTH - Alison Lester

EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS
LYREBIRD! A TRUE STORY- Jackie Kerin & Peter Gouldthorpe
TOPSY-TURVY WORLD: HOW AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS PUZZLES - Kirsty Murray

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS
The above books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards have been purchased by the school. If parents wish to donate books for the Library during Book Week, it would be most helpful if they could donate the average purchase price of these books - $20. Please indicate below and return with your donation. Thank You.

| I/we .................................................................. (Name) wish to donate | .......................................................... (Name/s of Book/s) |
| .............................................................. (Signature) .......................................................... MONEY ENCLOSED: $_________ |

Please Note: Award Winners will be announced on 16th August 2013.
Armenian Cultural Day & Fair

Sunday 3rd November
10am - 4pm

Celebrating 50th Anniversary
of the
AGBU
Sydney Chapter
&
Alex Manoogian Saturday School

Come and join us on our annual cultural day
for a day of fun, entertainment and food!

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