

Dear Parents,

### **OUR DEBATERS ARE WINNERS!**

From the loud cheering emanating from the returning students, it was evident that our debaters had won! Our Years 5/6 Debating Team returned home victorious last Wednesday, following the Final Debate against the Sydney Japanese School with the topic 'New is better'.



Mrs Terrey was once again delighted to announce that her team had won with consistent debating technique, narrowly defeating a team with great flair. She reported how the team had delivered their arguments with drama and definitive firmness. Jessica Jelenkerian, first speaker, opened with an outline of the case, suggesting that just because something is new does not automatically make it the better choice. Jessica's demonstrative delivery was a shining example to all would be debaters. Kevork Kachichian confidently took up the argument, making good rebuttals and driving the argument forward with strong points full of good examples. Ani Manoukian wound up the argument with more rebuttals, delivered with great conviction, sounding like someone at least twice her age and size. Christine Boyadjian, fourth speaker and expert listener, had the job of steering the team through rebuttals and was brilliantly well prepared for all possibilities in the argument. Mrs Terrey also stated that the team was successful in defending their title, because they were strong in 'Matter' (points presented) and 'Method' (team unity) and improved greatly in 'Manner' (public speaking presentation).



In conclusion, we are very proud of our team for once again being declared the **Winners of the Forest District Debating Competition** and bringing home the trophy for the ninth time in its history of seventeen years. Congratulations to all the students and a big 'Thank You' to Mrs Terrey who has supported them through the hard work of preparation in the five debates.

### **BOOK WEEK... 'READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE'**

During our special assembly this week all students and many guests enjoyed a relaxing and entertaining Book Parade. It was rewarding and encouraging for the children to see that many of their parents had come to witness another one of our best Book Week performances.

After lunch, all children transformed themselves into their favourite book character and gathered in the Gemjian Hall to share their story. Every child delivered a little speech, well prepared and presented. At the same time photos of their character including the book that they came from were being projected on the big screen. Not only did they depict these characters well but they were able to inform us about their character, telling us why this character was special to them and what their favourite part of the story was. They were able to recommend many wonderful books to their peers, encouraging them to read a wide variety of books and well known tales. They covered books too many to mention and made us aware of the wonderful adventures and experiences that we can gain when we pick up a book.

As well as representing their favourite characters the students sang specifically designed Book Week songs which related to the students' knowledge and love of books. Not only did the spectacular costumes make the afternoon a colourful and entertaining experience for all but also engendered an excitement in the books that were being read by the children.

Much to the delight of the children, parents also had the opportunity to browse the Book Fair. The full list

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of book donations to the school Library will be listed next week, including more from the photo gallery. If you would like to contribute, we still have a number of books waiting to be donated. Please contact the office for more information.

We thank everyone for their support and hope they all enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed giving it.

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



## FATHERS' DAY STALL

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August

**Students will be able to shop for Fathers' Day on that day.**

Students are asked to bring some **wrapping paper** before Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Then on Friday students can bring money to go shopping for their dad!

Fathers' Day gifts will be provided by the P & C up to the cost of \$10 each.

We have organised a good variety of gifts for students to choose from.

If there are extra gifts students can also buy for granddads, uncles etc. as long as they have enough money.... So come prepared!

*Thank you for your support.*

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*



**ARARAT** - 187 points

**MASIS** - 194 points



### DATES TO REMEMBER

26/08	Start of Fruit 'n' Veg Month
27/08	Cross Country Run
30/08	Fathers' Day Stall
04/09	Integrated Sports Day - Years 3-6
06/09	EnviroMentors - Workshop
09/09	Sports Carnival 2013 - Terry Hills Oval
11/09	Start of Year 5/6 Bathurst Trip
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.*



## SPORTS CARNIVAL

Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013  
Terry Hills Oval from 9 a.m.

*Full details coming soon.*

### Cross Country Run

Next Week - Tuesday, 27 August 2013

*The event will be held during sports time.*



## BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

*Happy Birthday to...*

Serly

## TEACHERS' AWARD

**TERM 3 - WEEK 6**

Year 6: Christine Boyadjian  
Ani Manoukian  
Kevork Kachichian

Kindergarten: Mary Jelenkerian

Preparatory: Isabella Bozikian



### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 6

8 Points – <b>ARARAT</b>	.....	\$11.00
6 Points – <b>MASIS</b>	.....	\$9.20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$20.20</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$638.65</b>

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### Defending Champions!

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, with nervous trepidation, Years 5 and 6 travelled to the German International School to compete in the final debate against the Sydney Japanese School. The topic for the final was 'New is better'. AGBU Alexander Primary School was on the negative. In class and at home, students worked hard to think of many arguments for and against the topic to prepare ourselves for the debate. Our caseline was that just because something is new does not automatically make it the better choice.



Our first speaker, Jessica spoke about how new medicines are not really 'new' as they are usually improvements on already existing medicines, plus they have to be 'old' after much testing before it can be released as a new medicine. She also pointed out that many foods do not have flavour if they have not been aged. For example, fruit needing a short while or years for wine and cheese. Her last arguments pointed out the amazing 'old' finds in archaeological digs, demonstrating that things were built to last and how antique furniture which are old things can be worth more than new furniture.

Kework, our second speaker showed us that unfortunately some appliances are no longer built to last and are almost purposely made to break so that you must spend more money more often. He also spoke about how buildings constructed in the past have lasted, even thousands of years later, like the pyramids. His last point was that the new version is not always valued by people or the best option over something that is older.

All of our speakers, spoke extremely confidently and passionately which was pointed out by the adjudicators as they announced their decision.

Ani, our third speaker brought the debate together concluding that we strongly believed that just because something is new does not automatically make it the better choice. Therefore proving that the statement 'New is better' is certainly a false one.

This year the Forest Debating Competition was of a very high standard. Our final against the Sydney Japanese School was one of the most challenging debates of the season, with comments by the adjudicators that it was one of the best debates they had witnessed in the history of the competition.

By Meaghan Terrey - Debating Coordinator

# 2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST



Congratulations to

*Christine - Year 6*

## Book Week...

## Rubbish

Last Tuesday, as part of our Book Week activities the students travelled to the Sydney Japanese School to take part in a special performance called 'Rubbish' by Mic Conway (the original Captain Feather Sword!) who presented a show to learn about the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

"Magic Mic" Conway got the message across with a circus of comedy, magic and mayhem! He put the fun into **Recycling** with all kinds of junk musical instruments. He **Reused** the garbage out of the bin to make magic and **Reduced** 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 made for a load of rubbish! - entertaining and educational rubbish.



## Canteen Notice

### LUNCH SPECIAL FOR NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday**

**28/08/13:** Fried Rice (Veg & Chicken). \$3.50

**Friday**

**30/08/13:** Hamburger ..... \$3.50

FOLLOW NORMAL ORDERING PROCEDURES

Cancer Council recommends you protect yourself in 5 ways:



- SLIP on clothing that covers your arms and legs
- SLAP on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat
- SLOP on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen
- SEEK shade
- SLIDE on wrap around sunglasses

**Slip**



**Slop**



**Slap**



**Seek**



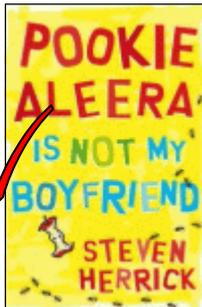
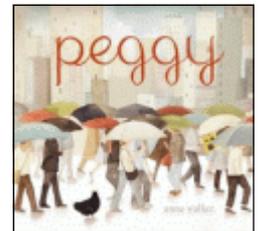
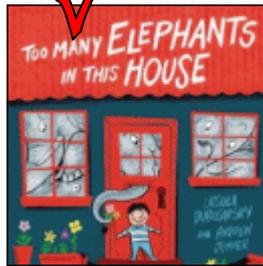
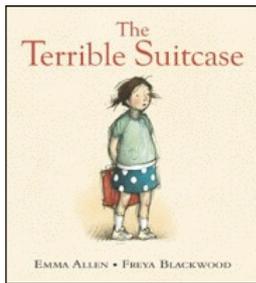
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# Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards

## ~ Short List Titles 2013 ~



### 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

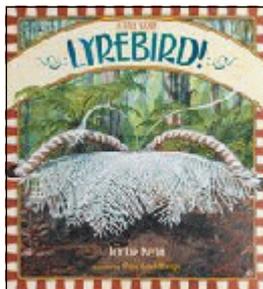
THE TERRIBLE SUITCASE - Emma Allen & Freya Blackwood

~~TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE - Ursula Dubosarsky~~

~~IT'S A MIROOCOOL! - Christine Harris & Ann James~~

PEGGY - Anna Walker

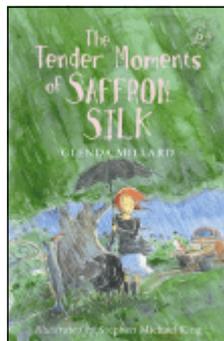
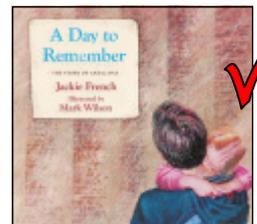
WITH NAN - Tania Cox & Karen Blair



### PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY

~~A DAY TO REMEMBER - Jackie French & Mark Wilson~~

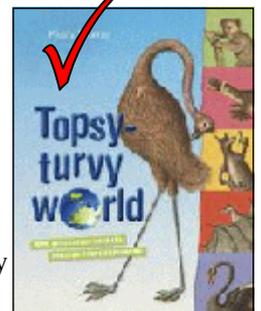
~~SOPHIE SCOTT GOES SOUTH - Alison Lester~~



### 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.

Donations will receive acknowledgement in our Newsletter and a label of appreciation will also be placed in the sponsored book/s with your child's name. *Please Note: Award Winners were announced on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013.*



I/we ..... (Name) wish to donate

..... (Name/s of Book/s)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





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Գերաշնորհ Տէր Հայկազուն Եպիսկոպոս Նաճարեանի

6:00pm, Saturday, 26 October 2013

Wesley Centre  
220 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD

Donation: \$20.00

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