Dear Parents,

**N.A.P.L.A.N. - VERY PLEASING RESULTS!**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are conducted in May each year for all students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in the same year level are assessed on the same test items in the assessment domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy (Data, Measurement, Space and Geometry, Number, Patterns and Algebra).

Each year, over one million students nationally sit the NAPLAN tests, providing students, parents, teachers, schools and school systems with important information about the literacy and numeracy achievements of students. The results are also published on the ‘My School’ website.

This year the students should be proud of their efforts with no student scoring at or below the national minimum average in any area tested. The school averages were well above both the state and national averages. The charts below show the achievements of the school in comparison to the rest of the state and Australia. If you have any queries about the information, the tests or your child’s individual report please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or our Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs Dernee.

**CHILDREN’S ART EXHIBITION FOR ‘TARKMANCHADZ’**

An art exhibition on the ‘Feast of the Holy Translators’ has been organised by the Sunday School of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection for primary-aged children. Our students were also invited to contribute individual artwork depicting the essence of the Armenian Alphabet and our founding fathers.

The exhibition will be opened on **Saturday, 19th October at 6.00pm** with viewing also on Sunday from 10.30am. **I strongly encourage everyone, including family and friends to attend the opening and witness the amazing pieces of art submitted by all of our students (P-K).** Further details about the exhibition, including opening and viewing times can be found at the end of the newsletter.

**JUNIOR FIRST AID COURSE**

On Tuesday, the students of Years 3-6 participated in the Surf Life Saving NSW Junior First Aid Course. The students thoroughly enjoyed the two hour session learning what to do if they were the first person at the scene of an accident. The course covered all the important life saving issues and was presented in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Each student learnt and performed the valuable skills of C.P.R. and by the end of the two hours, was able to bandage every known part of the body. It was great to see the students having fun while learning very important skills for life. Check the photo gallery.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 7**

Order Forms/Money Due by Thursday 24th October, 2013

Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 2**

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**ACCUMULATED:** **$732.00**

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**2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST**

**Congratulations to**

**Silvy**

**Sara**

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**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
- Setting up the COLA
- General cleaning

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 4**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

**ARARAT** - 39 points

**MASIS** - 34 points

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 4 – WEEK 2**

Year 5: Silvy

Year 4: Taniel

Nina

Tzolare

Year 3: Matthew, Noah

Samuel, Talia

Chanel

Prep: Sara, Isabella

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**SPRING AT ALEXANDER SCHOOL!**
**Visitors...**

Last week, Mrs Meaghan Terrey introduced her newborn son, **Zachary Russell Terrey** to all the students and staff. We were all very excited to see him. He too was happy to meet us and was on his best behaviour!

On Wednesday, **Mrs Ester Kilaghbian** from the Armenian Evangelical Church in Beirut visited Alexander school.

Mrs Kilaghbian, who is touring around Australia with a prayer group, was welcomed and introduced to the students and staff.

She had the opportunity to join the Year 1/2 and 5/6 Culture lessons and have a friendly and thought provoking discussion with the students.

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**Photo Gallery**

**Junior First Aid**
The Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection

Sunday School

under the auspices of

His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Primate of the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand

Presents

Children’s Art Exhibition
ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSLATORS

Primary school aged children of our community are invited to participate in a creative display of artwork depicting the theme of the Armenian Alphabet.

Entries to the exhibition should be of A3 size and submitted to the church office by Thursday 10 October.

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

Opening
Saturday 19 October ~ 6.00 p.m.

Viewing
Sunday 20 October ~ 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Edgarian Hall ~ 10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

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