Dear Parents,

‘GOOD MORNING ARMENIA!’

This was the warm welcome given on Wednesday to a special group of visitors from Armenia headed by Greta Mnatsakanyan, Head of Division of Culture, Sport and Youth Programs from RA Ministry of Diaspora.

The internationally renowned Armenian singers and musicians - Sona Shahgeldyan, Leyla Saribekyan, Tatevik Ayrumyan, Garik Saribekyan & Arsen Grigoryan were joined by the Australian Representative of the Diaspora Minister Mr Edvart Tarpinian and other committee members. The guests were greeted and welcomed by our Captain after being led into the hall. A special program was presented with songs, recitals and a brief outline of life at the school. The presentation encompassed different aspects of school life and was complemented with a showcase of slides on the big screen.

The guests were pleasantly surprised by the unique presentation and impressed by the student performance. In her return address, Greta Mnatsakanyan praising the students and the school in keeping the Armenian language and culture alive in a community far away from the homeland. She also presented the school a collection of resources that can be used in the Armenian Language and Culture lessons. The warm feelings that were generated inspired renowned singer Lelya Saribekyan to sing for the children. This was followed by Arsen Grigoryan who got everyone onto a ‘shourtchbar’ (circle dance)! The students also joined in the singing with Sona Shahgeldyan…. As a result, for a brief moment a ‘Little Armenia’ was created as we all proclaimed ‘Good Morning Armenia!’

PARENT’S MEETING - NEXT TUESDAY

Last week, parents were given notice and an invitation to a special meeting to be held on the evening of Tuesday 3 December. The meeting will demonstrate how our students are using Google Apps for Education and will also provide a briefing on CyberSafety.

To help us prepare for the evening, we remind our parents to return the RSVP note placed in last week’s newsletter by Monday. Thank you to all those who have responded promptly.
DATES TO REMEMBER
03/12 Parent’s Meeting - Google Apps & CyberSafety
04/12 Performance ‘Saxophonics’ @ SJS
05/12 2014 Captain Speeches & Election
06/12 Overnight Camp - Years 3 & 4
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
13/12 Armenian Welfare Centre - Christmas Visit
End of School Swimming Program
Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
16/12 Clean-up & Party Day (Special Treat) - Multi
17/12 Final Assembly - Prep/Kindy Graduation
18/12 Last day Term 4 for students
19/12 Staff Planning Day

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 8
8 Points – ARARAT ............. $12.25
6 Points – MASI ................ $10.90
TOTAL: ..................... $23.15
ACCUMULATED: ............. $839.55

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 4 – WEEK 8
Kindergarten - Mary
Preparatory - Isabella

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.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 168 points
MASIS - 172 points

2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST
Congratulations to
Mary
Isabella

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
In Memoriam for the Late Mrs Vilna Urriola
Mr & Mrs Steve and Kristine Khatchadourian $100

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All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductable.

LIBRARY BORROWING
This week was the final week for borrowing books from the school library. Please make sure that all books are returned by the due date.

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

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**TERM 4 - WEEK 8**

The school has been invited to join a special performance called ‘Saxophonics’ at the Sydney Japanese School on **Wednesday 4th December**.

**Saxophonics** is an entertaining and educational show designed & presented by the highly acclaimed saxophonist / flautist Andrew Oh. It is designed to introduce students to the art of making music with woodwinds.

**The Performer**

Andrew Oh is an extremely accomplished musician with an international career spanning 35 years. Some of the international artists that he has worked with include, Tina Turner, The Supremes, The Bee Gees, Roberta Flack, Al Jarreau, Elaine Page, Josh Groban, Patricio Buanne. His professional career in Australia has seen him perform and record with artists such as Tommy Emmanuel, Margaret Urlich, Marcia Hines, Daryl Braithwaite, Grace Knight, Anthony Warlow, Danii Minouge, James Morrison, Don Burrows to name a few.

Students will be accompanied by their classroom teachers and will be transported in teacher and volunteer parent cars to the venue. If parents are able to help with transport, please contact the school office.

The cost is **$6 per child**. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by **Monday 2nd December**.

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**YOUNG AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP - 4th December, 2013**

**Saxophonics**

Instruments from a variety of cultures and countries are incorporated into the programme including Chinese and Indian flutes, Recorders, Ocarinas, **Armenian Duduk**, American Indian flute, Pan Pipes, Digeridoo, German Fife, Concert flute, Alto flute, Piccolo and Alto, Soprano, Tenor, Baritone Saxophones.

Andrew traces the origins and history of these instruments and plays tunes to feature these instruments. For older students, tonal characteristics, technical differences and sound production are explored. The contribution of woodwinds to Rock, Blues, Jazz, Traditional and Fusion musical styles is traced with dynamic renditions. Samples of music from renowned musicians will be featured as examples of saxophone and flute virtuosity. Movie and TV themes featuring these instruments will also be played and will easily be recognised by students.

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I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on **Wednesday 4th December**. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteers being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____________________________________________  DATE:  _________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $______  ($6.00 per child)

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**Flute tones to SAXOPHONES**

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**YOUNG AUSTRALIAN WORKSHOP “SAXOPHONICS” P-6**

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**TERM 4 - WEEK 8**  [www.alexander.nsw.edu.au](http://www.alexander.nsw.edu.au)
Photo Gallery

‘Good Morning Armenia!’

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