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TERM 1-WEEK 7



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Dear Parents,

#### LAZY TOWN IS NO LONGER LAZY!

On Wednesday, students from Prep to Year 1 were invited to join a performance called the 'Lazy Town -Eat Well & Get Active' at the Sydney Japanese School. LazyTown captured the imagination of students as it empowered them to work towards having a healthy body, eating a balanced diet and being active.

At the start of the show, things were upside down in LazyTown! Fortunately LazyTown was under the watchful eye of Sportacus, an athletic, super-fit, slightly-above-average hero, who runs, jumps, flips and flies to the rescue. He was always on the move. However, not everyone in LazyTown aspired to be like Sportacus. Robbie Rotten had the intent of keeping LazyTown... lazy! The only way Robbie Rotten could continue eating snacks and watching TV was a new and amazing scheme... to send LazyTown's SuperHero, Sportacus, out of town - forever! Thanks to everyone's support, Sportacus was able to defeat Robbie Rotten by motivating the kids to exercise and made sure *LazyTown* was no longer lazy!

It was obvious that all students enjoyed the show and got involved in all the activities. A special thank you to Mrs Janette Misislian for helping us with the transport arrangement.





## **LENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

During this week's assembly, I reflected on one of the important periods in the Christian calendar - Lent. Lent being a season of 40 days before Easter, is a time for us to stop and reflect on the attitudes of our hearts, priorities and spiritual life as we prepare for Easter. There are special services held in churches during Lent, special times of prayer and special readings from the Bible.

From the early period there were also strict Lenten laws to help with this 'spiritual clean'. It was suggested that to abstain from all meat and animal products was a helpful discipline. All the body needed was a very simple snack in the evening. Today, many Christians still consider it helpful in giving something up during Lent, as a reminder of sacrifices Jesus made, the temptations He resisted during His time in the desert and that they are reflecting on the important things in life. Many continue with the tradition, while others only give up eating certain foods or watching TV or playing computer games... Others try to make more time in the day to think about God and pray.

This season of Lent might therefore be a good time for all of us to attempt a 'spiritual cleansing' of our lives. There may be attitudes that need to be dusted down, habits that need a deep clean or behaviours to be given up.

At assembly, one of the things we all agreed to give up was use of the words 'I'm bored!' Instead being grateful for a brain, for education and for every opportunity to learn.

14th March, 2014

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS - Sunday, 6th April



Just over three weeks to go before our annual Easter Celebrations with a concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic.

We hope all families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us. A reminder that it is **compulsory for all students to attend**. Teachers put much effort into organising concerts and preparing each student for their individual part.

#### How you can help make the day a success?

- ⇒ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
- ⇒ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (See below)
- ⇒ Assist the P&C with their roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
- ⇒ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.



#### Easter Eggs for Raffle



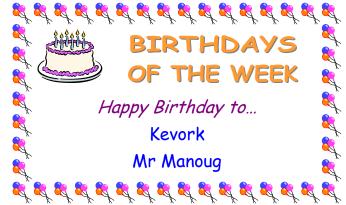
Our annual Easter Raffle is always very popular due to the exciting and abundant hampers on offer as prizes. It is the generosity of school families which enable us to prepare such wonderful baskets. We would like to call upon families to donate **Easter chocolates** again this year. A variety of chocolates would be appreciated – little sized eggs, medium sized eggs, large-sized eggs, bunnies, chicks, hollow eggs, cream-filled eggs – whatever. Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets. We also use excess chocolate eggs/bunnies as prizes for egg & spoon races. Please send your contribution to the school office as soon as possible and no later than **Tuesday**, **1**<sup>st</sup> **April**. Also, if you have any **unwanted baskets** lying around at home, we would happily use them for the hampers.

#### Easter Cake Stall

The P&C committee has made a special request for all families to contribute cakes or sweets and make the Easter Cake Stall the best ever! Home-made fare, in particular traditional Armenian choreg, are always best sellers and fetch good prices. Some ideas for traditional Armenian sweets – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava... Another popular selling item is homemade cake – uncut and sold whole.







#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

15/03 Alexander School Mums' Dinner Outing

19/03 Book Club - Issue 2 Order Due

20/03 P&C Meeting @ North Ryde RSL - 8pm

23/03 Working Bee

26/03 Music Viva @ Kinma School

06/04 Easter Concert & Picnic

09/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios

10/04 School Excursion to the Easter Show

11/04 Last Day Term 1

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You can also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site.

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# ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 7

8 Points – YEREVAN ...... \$11.80

6 Points - **SEVAN** ...... \$7.50

TOTAL: \$19.30

ACCUMULATED: ..... \$99.20

Sponsor a CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

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#### SCHOOL CHOCOLATE DRIVE - INFORMATION

We are commencing our annual Easter chocolate drive:

This is a great school fundraiser but it can't be successful without your assistance and we really appreciate your support. Starting from today each participating student will receive one carry-pack to take home and sell. Each pack contains 50 Block (Variety Pack) or 20 Block (Easter Egg Mix) chocolate packs, with each selling for \$1 or \$4 respectively. Total value of carry-pack is \$50 (Variety Pack) or \$80 (Easter Egg).



- If everyone can sell one carry-pack we hope to raise enough funds that can be used towards new equipment and resources to benefit the school and all of our students.
- As there is a time limit on our chocolate drive we must have all money and any unsold chocolate returned no later than Tuesday, 8th April.
- If you can resist eating them all yourself try selling them to friends, relatives or Mum and Dad can even take them to work...they are usually very welcome around morning teatime or as an afternoon pick-me-up!
- If you have any queries, need to return money, unsold chocolate/s or if you would like another carry-pack to sell please see the office personnel, as they will be co-ordinating the drive.

**PRIZES:** For each carry-pack sold the P&C will place one ticket in the lucky dip draw for your chance to win the following thank you prizes. Lucky-Dip Prizes: 4 x Lunch Special Vouchers.

## **SUNDAY - 23rd MARCH 2014**

From 9am... Further details next week...

# **HOUSE POINTS TERM 1**

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



**SEVAN** - 113 points

YEREVAN - 116 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 7

Year 6: Krikor, Narek

Silvy

Year 5: Tzolare

Year 4: Noah, Talia

Prep/K: Vanessa, Sara

Sonya, Berj

# lexander School Mums' Dinner Outing!

To welcome and introduce the new school mums to the rest of the Alexander school community, an outing has been organised by the P&C Committee.





230 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

Banquet \$35 - Entree & Main Meal

Please contact: Karis Khatchadourian ~ 0410 217 295



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# Photo Gallery...

# LazyTown - Eat Well & Get Active









# MEETING NOTICE

# COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

The next P & C meeting will be held on

Thursday 20th March 2014

#### Venue:

North Ryde RSL Cnr Pittwater Road and Magdala Roads,

Time: 8.00pm

#### For enquiries:

P&C Secretary Karis Khatchadourian 0410217295

# PREPREPERENTE PROPERTOR

# **BOOK CLUB** - ISSUE 2



Order Forms/Money Due by
Wednesday
19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

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

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AGBU Sydney

50th

Anniversary Concert

**DVD** 

\$10

Available from the Office

MUSICA VIVA: "Datiwuy Dreaming" - 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014
Alexander school has been invited to join a special performance called 'Datiwuy Dreaming' at the Kinma School on Wednesday 26th March.



#### CREATION STORIES FROM NORTH-EAST ARNHEM LAND

Elcho Island is a very special place. The Yolngu people (pronounced like "youl-nu") of Elcho Island and North East Arnhem Land, have been making music and sharing stories longer than almost anyone else on the planet. They are among the very first masters of the vidaki (didgeridoo) and gave the world musicians like Yothu Yindiand Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

Now Dätiwuy tutors ("Da-ti-woy" - a clan within the Yolngu) along with NAISDA Dance College developing artists will share their people's story with our students. These outstanding performers will present some of their creation stories from Elcho Island through traditional song and dance. For tens of thousands of years the Yolngu have maintained a rich and vigorous culture that continues to thrive; this is a rare opportunity for a glimpse of this at our school.



Students will be accompanied by their classroom teacher 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 \$8.50 per child.

Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Friday 21st M	larch.

# **MUSICA VIVA - "DATIWUY DREAMING"** Years Prep - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Musica Viva - 'Datiwuy Dreaming' performance at the Kinma School on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. 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: \$	(\$8.50 per child)

# A.G.B.U.

# Alexander Primary School



Prep to Year 6



Winners of 2013 Forest District Interschool Debating Competition

# Open Day Sunday

6th April 12pm - 3pm

# Discover what makes our students Shine!

Come along and see how we nurture your child in our unique environment and caring community.

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