Dear Parents,

**I.C.A.S. COMPUTER SKILLS RESULTS**

The first results of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were received this week. Congratulations to Krikor, Serly and Noah for achieving Distinction, Kevork and Anita for achieving Credit awards, and Talia for achieving Merit award in Computer Skills. Krikor has been placed in the Top 5% of Year 6 participates in Australia.

The ICAS tests are designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of computer skills that not only cover general knowledge of word processing, but also extend to graphics and multimedia, internet and email, spreadsheets and database.

Well done to all the students who attempted this test and achieved pleasing results. All the results are with your newsletter today. Please set some time to review them with your child/ren. You will be pleasantly surprised by the level of difficulty in the questions and how much your children actually know!

**ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS**

Congratulations to Talia for receiving Credit in the ICAS Science Competition. All students who participated in the competition were tested on a wide variety of thought provoking skills ranging from observing, measuring, interpreting, predicting and concluding to investigating, reasoning and problem solving. The students’ tests and results are included in this week’s newsletter folder. Challenge yourself with some of the questions which will test the brightest of minds. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher.

**CPR & EMERGENCY CARE TRAINING**

On Monday, as part of our Staff Development Day, members of staff successfully completed the yearly review of their ‘Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation’ training. Our trainer from The Australian Lifesaving Academy (the professional first aid training arm of Surf Life Saving NSW) also provided ‘Emergency Care Training’, a course specially designed to meet the needs of school personnel. Once again, this means all of our staff and office personnel were updated with their CPR and trained to deal with emergency situations. They will be back later in the year to conduct the ‘Junior First Aid’ course for the students.

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA**

Enclosed with today’s Newsletter you will find a copy of ‘Snapshot 2014 - Independent Schooling in Australia’. Produced by the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA). The publication provides up-to-date statistics and information about independent schools and the sector as a whole, including data on enrolments and funding.

*Snapshot 2014* is a useful and easy to follow guide to understand more about independent schooling. The independent schools sector has continued to grow in Australia. It now holds 14.3% of student enrolment, with the Catholic and Government sectors respectively serving 20.6% and 65.1% of students. It is also important to note that 84% of all independent schools have a religious affiliation, with Alexander school being one of the listed five schools in the category ‘Other Orthodox’.

With the announced budget cuts and frequent media coverage about the funding of schools, it is important that as a sector we are better informed to help us combat the general misinformation and the inaccurate claims made about independent schools.

18th July, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
DATES TO REMEMBER
25/07 Cake Stall - Year 5/6 Fundraising
26/07 Teddy Bear’s Picnic - 10am-12pm
29/07 I.C.A.S. - English Assessment, Years 3-6
30/07 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
06/08 Sausage Sizzle - Year 5/6 Fundraising
12/08 I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
13/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 5
24/08 Sports Carnival 2014 - Terrey Hills Oval
27/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
31/08 Fathers’ Day Picnic - Lane Cove River Park
15/09 Start of Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
17/09 End of Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
14/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards
SEVAN - 12 points
YEREVAN - 17 points

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
In Memoriam for the Late Mary Tanielian
Mr & Mrs Jirayr and Rita Adomian $50

EXTRA PHOTO ORDER
SCHOOL PHOTO
If you are interested in ordering a whole school photo, please contact the school office on 9486 3266 and request the special order form and payment envelope from ‘Academy Photography’.
Alternatively, complete the order form when you have viewed the sample copy near the office.

YEAR 5/6
FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP
Green & Gold Day $56.00
Mufti Day $52.00
Cake Stall… Coming up (25/7/14) ??
Sausage Sizzle… Coming up (6/8/14) ??
TOTAL $108.00
TARGET… $320 $212.00 LEFT TO GO!

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 1
Year 3: Lara
Let your teacher know when you are ready to collect your Teacher’s Award and be included in this weekly honour list. Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher’s Award

AGBU Sydney 50th Anniversary Concert DVD $10
Available from the Office

www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
Pancakes!

For writing this week, Prep and Kindy learnt and wrote a procedure on how to make Pancakes. This was the procedure that we wrote:

**How to make Pancakes**

**We need...**

**Equipment:**
- Whisk
- Bowl
- Spatula
- Frypan
- Cup

**Ingredients:**
- Milk
- Egg
- Flour
- Butter

1. Sift one cup of flour into the bowl.
2. Add an egg.
3. Pour one cup of milk.
4. Mix it well with the whisk.
5. Melt some butter in the frypan.
6. Put a spoonful of the batter into the pan.
7. When bubbles have risen to the top, turn it over with the spatula.
8. Serve it on a plate with syrup or jam and butter.
9. Yum!! Yum!!

By Prep & Kindy
Keeping kids safe online
Here are eight easy ways to help your kids stay out of trouble in cyberspace.

1. Keep computers out in the open - Your child may think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won’t be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

2. Mind your business - Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up make sure passwords are not easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the internet, ensure they are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.

3. Just because it’s on the internet, it doesn’t mean it’s true - Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

4. Stranger danger is online, too - Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

5. Get a filter - Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. None are completely reliable and it’s best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

6. Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences: good and bad - This will make it easier for them if they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

7. Good manners also exist online - Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that children have with each other.

8. Forever is a long time - A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child’s innocent work online may be something that comes up later on and may negatively impact their career and personal life.

BIRTHDAYS
OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthdays to…
Vanessa
Samuel
Stella

STAY SMART ONLINE

BIRTHDAYS
OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthdays to…
Vanessa
Samuel
Stella
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP
~ CHILDREN AGED 0-5 ~

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Saturday, 26 July 2014
10am - 12pm

* Snacks & Drinks * Art & Craft Activities
* Games & Story Time...

Bring along your beary best friend to enjoy!

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NATALIE AROYAN
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7.30pm Tuesday, July 29, 2014
and 1.00pm SATURDAY, August 2, 2014

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Dear friends and supporters,

Almost 2 years ago the AGBU Youth movement was reborn. A group of dedicated youngsters have put in many long hours in an impassioned effort to recommence a work that had been left unfinished. A work that ultimately has only one objective, to keep young Armenians together.

AGBU Youth remains committed to engaging all young Armenians, even in the face of often-fractious political division. Our community is for all Armenians, and all those who support the culture’s preservation.

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the Sydney chapter of AGBU. The anniversary presents an ideal opportunity to build the youth culture of the organisation, which will become its foundation for another 50 years to come.

The aspiration of AGBU Youth will however only go as far as the support we receive allows. In order to keep investing in the youth movement we will need the support, assistance and passion of the greater Armenian community.

The committee would like to extend you an invitation to the launch of AGBU Youth on Saturday August 23, at AGBU hall, 2 Yeo St Neutral Bay at 7:30pm.

On this evening we wish to share with you our vision for the future and our plans for a bigger, better and more harmonious Armenian Youth.

Whether you have been involved with AGBU in the past, are supporters of our current efforts, or are interested in learning more about the movement, please attend this special night.

All are welcome, please spread the word.

Hoping to see you all on the night.

Yours faithfully,

Minas Dertadian
AGBU Youth chairman

Light refreshments will be provided on the night.

RSVP by COB, Friday August 4 by calling 0450 374 110, 0425 209 471 or agbuyouth@gmail.com
MOovie Presentation

[In Armenian with English Subtitles]

Based on the novel “Khachagoxi Hishatakarin” (Diary of a Cross-Trader) by renowned Armenian author Raffi, the story reflects on the self-serving nature of mankind and the revolving destiny in the absence of repentance and transformation.

Friday 1 August 2014 at 7.00 P.M.
Seating from 6.30 p.m.

Edgarian Hall
Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

Entry by Donation
Light refreshments will be served