Dear Parents,

**THEY HAVE ARRIVED!**

On Monday, Years 5 & 6 together with Ms Smith and I went to the local *New Leaf Nursery* to collect the new residents of our ‘Chicken Coop’! We picked up the different breeds of hen and transported them to their new home, together with a number of their needs and requirements. There was great excitement in the air as we released them one at a time, pleasing not only the children but also the chickens who seem to find comfort in their new found environment.

The following morning, as teachers arrived early for their staff meeting, unfortunately discovered what we had anticipated to be one of the threats to the safety of our new pets. The chicken coop was invaded by a local pet dog, leaving few survivors. Even after all the planning and preparation, to make sure the security and the safe keeping of the hens, a weak spot had been discovered. The incident was quickly under control and the neighbour’s pet returned, who was very apologetic and promised to take care of the damage.

I would like to thank the school community for their support and praise the students on their resilience, who they were briefed upon arrival to school. Special thank you to Ms Smith and her dad who quickly managed to rectify the problem and secure the coop at a higher level. We also managed to quickly replace our losses and now have five, soon to be seven happy chickens in our new facility.

When we took on the project, we were fully aware of all the challenges ahead. While we may have had a set back, it has been a great learning process and we have come out stronger. For the students, it has made them realise the level of responsibility and care required in managing a pet, not to say the hard work and persistence in maintaining the level of nurture and supervision. The reward is sweet and we eagerly await the arrival of the first freshly laid egg!

The planting and growing activities in the *Greenhouse* are also at full swing as part of our ‘Buddies’ program. Both projects will be evaluated next week by our local district coordinator of *LLW@S* program.

All this would not have been possible without the added support of the school community. In particular, the dedicated team of parents and former parent Mr Garbis Abejian, Mr Vatche Topouzian and Mr Vartan Sevazlian. The architect, designer, master builder and the wonderful person driving this project was one of our former parents Mr Abedjian, who volunteered to leader this team over numerous hours and weekends. One can ascertain many things from this spirit of support and we are truly humbled by their effort. On behalf of the whole school community we thank you!

**COMING UP… BOOK WEEK**

This year, the Children’s *Book Week* is to be held between 18th-22nd August and the Theme is *‘Connect to Reading’*. We will have a Young Australia Workshop titled *‘The Surfing Scientist’* on Tuesday 19th August and a special *Book Week Assembly* on Thursday, 21st August. The *Book Fair* will also be running that week and children will be able to purchase their favourite books. We have purchased a number of books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA). Parents will once again have the opportunity to donate these books for the Library during Book Week.

More information will be available for these events. Watch the newsletter pages in coming week.

1st August, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
DATES TO REMEMBER
06/08  Sausage Sizzle - Year 5/6 Fundraising
12/08  I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
13/08  Interschool Debating Comp. # 5
18/08  Start of Book Week and Book Fair
19/08  Book Week Show - The Surfing Scientist
21/08  Book Week Assembly
25/08  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
31/12  NYE 2015 with Georgig Chirishian

SCHOOL FEES
Parents are reminded that fees for Term 3 (Payment 2) have been charged to your account. This will be the final account for the year on which to pay.

Payment is due by Friday, 22nd August. Parents who anticipate any trouble in meeting full payment by this date should contact the school office.

Purchases of uniforms henceforth will require payment on ordering since no further accounts will be issued this year.

Note: An invoice for the Term 4 Swimming Program will be provided later this Term.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 3

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EXTRA PHOTO ORDER
SCHOOL PHOTO
If you are interested in ordering a whole school photo, then 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.

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Mr & Mrs Garo and Araxie Soghomonian $200

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HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 60 points
YEREVAN - 59 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 3
Year 3: Lara
Christopher
Jessica

8 Points – SEVAN .......... $14.10
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