






Dear Parents,




**LIBRARY UPGRADE - A GIANT LEAP FORWARD!**

Our school **Library** has taken a giant leap forward with a much needed upgrade, thanks to the support of the school Board and volunteer parents. Since the start of the year, the Library has been one of the areas targeted for improvement. A proposal was put forward with the aim of transforming the Library into a high quality '**Information Resource Centre**' with the following objectives:

**Short-term objectives**

-  Update the Library automation system by introducing the new *Oliver Junior* software, a web based library and information management solution, especially designed for schools.
-  Improve the physical layout of the Library.
-  Introduce ergonomic workplace conditions in the Library.

**Long-term objectives**

-  Upgrade the Library into an Information Resource Centre.
-  Educate the students to effectively utilise online and offline library resources.
-  Develop students' research skills through basic research techniques.

Since the start of this Term, we have been able to achieve one of the main objectives by upgrading our old *Oasis* library management with the new *Oliver Junior* software. In the process a new computer was also setup in the Library and another much powerful one in the Office, to act as a server for this new fully integrated application. The old *Oasis* database has now been transferred to the new **Oliver Junior** software, which can be securely accessed anywhere, anytime - at school or home! We will soon provide instructions as to how parents or students can login to view their personal profile or check the book titles they have on loan, without having to ask their teachers. The new *Oliver* software has the search options for all ages catered for through a simplified version called '*Olly*'. *Olly* has a picture interface with a 'Pick and Click' option, making it easy to use for young students.

The added bonus to this software upgrade has been the possibility of cataloguing our Armenian Collection with Armenian text! Instead of searching for Armenian books with phonetic typing, for example 'Ara Keghetsig', we can now have the option of typing and searching in Armenian... 'Արա Գեղեցիկ'.



However, for all this to have been made possible in this short period of time, we needed the great support and effort of our parent volunteer **Mrs Armine Sevazlian**. Mrs Sevazlian has dedicated numerous days and hours in sorting, organising and accessioning the books. She also enquired, researched and prepared the upgrade proposal for the Board's consideration. With the continued support of our Library Coordinators Mrs Armine Sevazlian and Mrs Hasmik Hambarzumyan, we hope to achieve all our objectives by giving our students the opportunity to effectively utilise all the Library resources.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone involved in the project, which has come at the right time in our lead up to Book Week.

8<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



**BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY**

Come along to help celebrate this year's theme

**"Connect to Reading"**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 - 1:30pm**



# 2014 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

**Anita**

First Honour Award recipient of 2014



## EXTRA PHOTO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTO

**\$15**

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'.

**FINAL CALL! ORDERS TO BE SENT NEXT WEEK.**

Cancer Council recommends you protect yourself in 5 ways:



- SLIP** on clothing that covers your arms and legs
- SLAP** on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat
- SLOP** on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen
- SEEK** shade
- SLIDE** on wrap around sunglasses



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

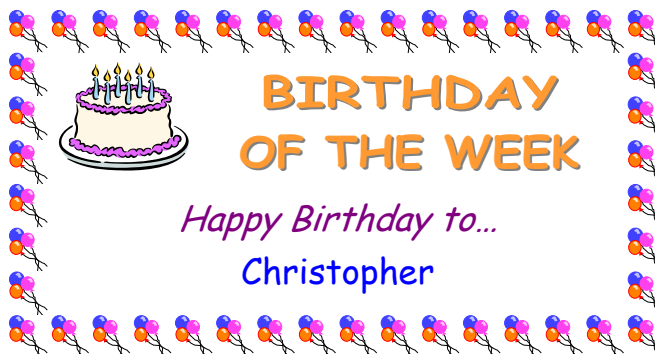
YEAR 5/6

## FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP



Green & Gold Day	\$56.00
Mufti Day	\$52.00
Cake Stall	\$100.85
Sausage Sizzle + Donation (\$20)	\$91.00
Car Vacuum and Wash... Coming up	??
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$299.85</b>

**TARGET... \$320** **\$20.<sup>15</sup> LEFT TO GO!**



## BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...  
**Christopher**

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



**SEVAN** - 91 points  
**YEREVAN** - 85 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 3 - WEEK 4

- Year 6: Stella, Krikor  
Serly, Silvy
- Year 5: Nina, Tzolare
- Year 4: Matthew, Talia
- Year 3: Anita
- Kindergarten: Lara



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 23/08 AGBU Youth launch - 2 Yeo St. Neutral Bay
- 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

## ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 4

8 Points - <b>SEVAN</b>	.....	\$9.55
6 Points - <b>YEREVAN</b>	.....	\$6.70
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$15.25</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$395.45</b>

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
[www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au](http://www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au)

## BOOK WEEK SHOW - 'The Surfing Scientist'

As part of our Book Week activity, on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August** we will take part in a special performance called '**The Surfing Scientist**' by Ruben Meerman – ABCTV Science Presenter & Children's Science Author. Once again, the performance is brought to us by the Young Australia Workshop.

### THE PERFORMER

Ruben is a surfer with a physics degree and a passion for science and education. He appears on ABC TV's **Catalyst** and **Sleek Geeks** and as a guest on **Studio 3**. He was the resident mad scientist on **Roller Coaster** from 2006 to 2010 and has written four children's science books published by ABC Books. Ruben worked as a physicist in the laser industry on the Gold Coast before embarking on a career in science education and communication. He has taught primary science education at Griffith University, toured with the Shell Questacon Science Circus and performed thousands of live science shows around Australia.



*Books: The Surfing Scientist: 40 Cool Science Tricks (ABC Children's Books, 2007)*  
*The Surfing Scientist #2: 40 DIY Science Gizmos (ABC Children's Books, 2008)*  
*The Surfing Scientist #3: 40 Super Human Body Tricks (ABC Children's Books, 2009)*  
*The Surfing Scientist #4: 40 Science Mind Benders (ABC Children's Books, 2010)*

### THE PERFORMANCE

Ruben's science shows are perfectly tailored to suit students from kindergarten to senior secondary school. His energetic style, clear explanations and playful humour entertain audiences while igniting their natural curiosity and blasting outdated stereotypes right out of the water. Ruben combines the amazing effects of liquid nitrogen with ordinary materials to demonstrate the extraordinary scientific phenomena we experience every day. Students are mesmerised by bubbling beakers, fizzing fluids and spooky fog as they learn real science. Best of all, Ruben's website is packed with free lesson plans and science education resources to download for easy, fun and meaningful follow up after the show.

With over fifteen years of experience, Ruben can tailor his presentations to complement, reinforce or introduce almost any science topic or simply provide an action packed, entertaining and motivational show. For more information, TV clips or to download Ruben's teacher resources, visit his website [www.surfingscientist.com](http://www.surfingscientist.com).



We have invited students from the Sydney Japanese School to join us. As a result, the performance will be held at the Sydney Japanese School. Students will be accompanied by their classroom teacher and will be transported in private cars. **If parents are able to help with transport, please contact the school office.**

The cost is **\$8.00 per child**. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**.



## BOOK WEEK SHOW

### "The Surfing Scientist"

Years: P - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.



NAME OF STUDENT/S: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8.00 per child)

## Community Service...

### Serving the Parishioners

AGBU Alexander Primary School has a proud history of service to the community. We have always strived to show a positive school image and have led our students to become active participants and contributors of the community. We take great pride in the way our students are presented in their uniform, in their manner and hospitality during formal and informal occasions.

With this objective in mind, last year the school presented an initiative to join the after church volunteer service of providing coffee/tea and sweets to the parishioners. The idea was enthusiastically accepted by the Armenian Apostolic Church Council of Holy Resurrection.

Students of Years 5 & 6 have since joined this service to help with the provision and distribution of sweets. It certainly is a great way of connecting with the community and portraying the proud image of the school.





**AGBU Alexander Primary School**  
Presents International Syrian-Armenian Singer

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## NYE 2015

31 December 2014

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Գերազնուրի Տէր Հայկապուն  
Եպիսկոպոս Նաճարեանի

**Renaissance**  
3 New Street  
East Lidcombe

7:30pm  
till late...

Adults **\$150**  
Children (5-12 Yrs) **\$75**

mezza, main & dessert  
unlimited beer, wine  
and soft drinks

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For Tickets and Information please contact:

Talar Bedikian 0412 336 202 Maria Amirzian 0411 593 970  
Sylvia Aghabekian 0422 377 305 Sonia Apanian 0451 083 994  
Hovhannes Kouyoumdjian 9412 3794 or 0408 283 826

**OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM YEARS 6-12**

# GTP

**AFTER SCHOOL STUDY PROGRAM**

**CALLING ON THE ARMENIAN YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY**

The after-school study program facilitated by tutors for students from Years 6 to 12 provides assistance in English, Maths and Armenian

**Committed tutors provide leadership, guidance, and academic support to facilitate educational skills and awareness of students**

**When:** Thursdays—Tutoring from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.  
**Arrive early—Hall open from 4.00 to 7.00 p.m.**

**Where:** Edgarian Hall - Armenian Apostolic Church  
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

**Contribution:** \$10/session (includes snacks & limited WIFI access)  
One-off annual registration fee of \$20  
**FIRST SESSION—FREE TRIAL**

To register or receive more information contact:

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