Dear Parents,

BOOK WEEK

Children’s Book Week is 18th-22nd August this year and the Theme is ‘Connect to Reading’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop show titled ‘The Surfing Scientist’ on Tuesday 19th August, at the Sydney Japanese School. Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with transport.

A special Book Week Assembly will be held on Thursday, 21st August. Once again we have planned for a Book Week Parade of favourite book characters. We encourage all parents and friends to come and join us in the afternoon, with the extended assembly starting at 1:30pm. Students are allowed to wear Mufti instead of uniform for the day. This will make it easier to handle costumes. They may wear some parts of their costume all day, for example Pants or top, if appropriate.

The Book Fair will also be running next 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. Please check the newsletter for more details.

VALE MR YERVANT BABAYAN

Earlier this week, we were informed of the sad passing of Mr Yervant Babayan in California. Mr Babayan was a well known long time educator, prolific writer, public speaker and author of many books. He was also a good friend of the AGBU Sydney community, where he spent some time during his visits in the 1980s. His presence and significant contribution was instrumental in the establishment of Alexander school. Together with the support of the AGBU Sydney Chapter committee, he was able to bond a great friendship and earn the trust of our Benefactors Dr Alex and Mrs Isabelle Alexander.

His presence at the official laying of the Foundation Stone in 1986 was inspirational and marked the initial success of establishing an Armenian day school. He was also here in 1991, at the official opening ceremony as the representative of our great benefactor Alex Manoogian. It was a gratifying moment for him, opening the doors of a new school and fulfilling the promise to our benefactors.

Together with many of our past and present parents, I too have had the privilege of being his student when he was the Principal of the Vahan Tekeyan School in Lebanon. He has a noted and distinguished record in the preservation of the Armenian identity, particularly in the younger generation. There is no doubt that he has had a profound impact by instilling in the hearts of his students the everlasting love for the motherland, the Armenian people and the Armenian Church.

Mr Babayan celebrated his 100th birthday last year, however he will forever be celebrated for his invaluable contributions in the field of education and his 75 years of dedicated public service to the Armenian communities in Syria, Lebanon and the United States. In November 2013, the Saturday School of the Armenian Church of Crescenta Valley was named after Mr Yervant Babayan in honour of the renowned educator, prolific writer and inspirational public speaker.

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TERM 3 - WEEK 5

BOOK FAIR NOTICE

- The ‘Book Fair’, as part of Alexander Primary School’s Book Week activities, will be open daily.
- It will be held in the Hall at the second half of lunch.
- Students will be provided with a ‘My Wish List’ form to list their favourite titles for purchase.
- Parents should discuss the choice of books with their children, mark the form with the books for purchase and return to school office with money.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

Monday
25th August, 2014
Terry Hills Oval from 9 a.m.

Full details in next week’s Newsletter!

Sports Day Canteen Orders Due Next Week
Check the information on Lunch Packs

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 3 – WEEK 5

Year 4: Samuel
Year 3: Lilit
Kindergarten: Alina

ARmenian STUDENT fund

Weekly Report: Term 3 Week 5

8 Points – Sevan ............... $12.50
6 Points – Yerevan ............... $10.30

Total: ............... $22.80

Accumulated: ............... $398.25

Sponsor a Child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

OPEN HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Sevan - 114 points
Yerevan - 108 points

Dates to Remember
18/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
19/08 Book Week Show - The Surfing Scientist
21/08 Book Week Assembly
22/08 Sports Carnival Canteen Orders Due
Information Evening - Asdghig Balayan
23/08 AGBU Youth launch - 2 Yeo St. Neutral Bay
25/08 Sports Carnival 2014 - Terrey Hills Oval
National Literacy & Numeracy Week
Start of Fruit ’n’ Veg Month
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

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursdays
Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account. Please make sure the slips are filled and completed, with the correct amount.

Target... $320 $20.15 LEFT TO GO!

Web Sites
www.cancercouncil.com.au

Online Resources

www.alexander.nsw.edu.au

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

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www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

[$12.50 + $10.30] $22.80
Total: $398.25

Children’s Book Council Book of the Year Awards
- Short List Titles 2014 -

**YOUNGER READERS CATEGORY**

VIOLET MACKEREL’S POSSIBLE FRIEND - Anna Brandford & Sarah Davis

SONG FOR A SCARLET RUNNER - Julie Hunt

CITY OF ORPHANS: A VERY UNUSUAL PURSUIT - Catherine Jinks

MY LIFE AS AN ALPHABET - Berry Johnsberg

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CATEGORY**

I’M A DIRTY DINOSAUR - Janeen Brian and Ann James

KISSED BY THE MOON - Alison Lester

**PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY**

SILVER BUTTON - Bob Graham

PARACHUTE - Matt Ottley and Danny Parker

THE WINDY FARM - Craig Smith and Doug Macleod

**EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS**

ICE, WIND, ROCK: DOUGLAS MAWSON IN THE ANTARCTIC - Peter Gouldthorpe

YOKO'S DIARY: THE LIFE OF A YOUNG GIRL IN HIROSHIMA DURING WWII - Paul Ham

MEET CAPTAIN COOK - Rae Murdie and Chris Nixon

WELCOME TO MY COUNTRY - Laklak Burarrwanga

**LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS**

The above books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards have been purchased by the school. If parents wish to donate books for the Library during Book Week, it would be most helpful if they could donate the average purchase price of these books - $20. Please indicate below and return with your donation. Thank You.

Donations will receive acknowledgement in our Newsletter and a label of appreciation will also be placed in the sponsored book/s with your child’s name. Please Note: Award Winners will be announced on 15th August 2014.

I/we …………………………………………………………………………………….. (Name) wish to donate

………………………………………………………………………………………… (Name/s of Book/s)

SIGNATURE: __________________________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $_________
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Information and Discussion Evening
For All Armenian parents
Friday 22 August, 7.30pm
At the Armenian Apostolic Church, Edgarian hall
Address: 10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

Presented by: Mrs Asdghig Balayan, Professor in Pedagogical Studies

Topic of Discussion: Practical methods to enhance school- parent cooperation

Mrs Balayan is visiting Sydney by the order of the Ministry of Armenian Diaspora, to help with the development of teaching the Armenian language for teachers of everyday and Saturday Armenian Schools. She will be providing a presentation and discussion on how parents and schools can cooperate to enhance student learning.

All community parents are invited
**AN ARMENIAN JOURNEY - Saturday, 18th October**
The school choir has been invited to take part in a community concert called ‘An Armenian Journey’, organised by the Armenian Evangelical Church. The concert will take place on **Saturday, 18th October** at **The Concourse, in Chatswood from 7.00pm.**

The evening will feature internationally acclaimed soprano Natalie Aroyan. She has been kind enough to invite our school choir to join her in the evening’s program.

This is a good opportunity to showcase our school to the rest of the community. Please let us know if you are able to make your child/ren available on the day and if they can join the choir.

Please indicate your response below and return to school by **Tuesday, 19th August.**

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**‘AN ARMENIAN JOURNEY’ - SCHOOL CHOIR**
**Years 3 - 6 Only**

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________  CLASS: __________________

Please ✔ tick box and return form to school Office by Tuesday, 19th August.

☐ YES, my child/ren will be able to join the choir for a special concert on Saturday, 18th October 2014.

☐ NO, my child/ren will not be able to join the choir for a special concert on Saturday, 18th October 2014.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________________  DATE: ______________

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**SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - LUNCH PACK ORDERS**

In order to help with the organization of our mobile canteen for the Sports Carnival, to be held at the Terry Hills Oval on **Monday 25th August 2014**, the P&C would like **students and parents** (if joining in for the day) to place their Lunch Pack order by the end of next week.

Please fill in your choice/s and return the order slip with your payment by **Friday, 22nd August.**

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**SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - ORDERS**

I/We would like to place a Lunch Pack order for Sports Carnival - Monday, 25th August 2014.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________  DATE: ______________

Lunch Pack choices:  **ROLL + DRINK = $4.00**

Please indicate choice/s and number of packs

☐ Cheese  ________ (Number of Packs) AND/OR

☐ Ham & Cheese  ________ (Number of Packs)

☐ Salami & Cheese  ________ (Number of Packs)

*Note: All rolls come with lettuce and tomato.*

The P&C would like to request from all parents who will be attending the Sports Carnival to assist by bring sweets to sell during the day. Please indicate your attendance by calling the school Office.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ____________
Father's Day Picnic

@ LANE COVE RIVER PARK

Location:
Tunks Hill Picnic Area
located at the northern end of Riverside Drive. Enter from Ryde Road.

SUNDAY
31st AUGUST 2014

Time:
11am onwards

Bring your family and friends
and come and join in the fun & games!
Each family to bring food to share.

BYO Snacks Table & Chairs

Picnic will proceed irrespective of weather conditions.