Dear Parents,

**BOOK WEEK... ‘CONNECT TO READING’**

At our Book Week Assembly this week, all students and parents enjoyed a colourful and entertaining Book Character Parade. It was rewarding and encouraging for the children to see that many of their parents and relatives had come to witness another one of our best Book Week performances.

After lunch, all children transformed themselves into their favourite book character and gathered in the Gemjian Hall to share their story. Every child delivered a little speech, well prepared and presented. At the same time photos of their character including the book that they came from were being projected on the big screen. Not only did they depict these characters well but they were able to inform us about their character, telling us why this character was special to them and what their favourite part of the story was. They were able to recommend many wonderful books to their peers, encouraging them to read a wide variety of books and well known tales. They covered books too many to mention and made us aware of the wonderful adventures and experiences that we can gain when we pick up a book.

As well as representing their favourite characters the students recited poetry and sang bilingual Book Week songs, which related to the students’ knowledge and love of books. Not only did the spectacular costumes make the afternoon a colourful and entertaining experience for all but also engendered an excitement in the books that were being read by the children.

Much to the delight of the children, parents also had the opportunity to browse the Book Fair. The full list of book donations to the school Library will be listed next week. If you would like to contribute, we still have a number of books waiting to be donated. Please contact the office for more information.

We thank everyone for their support and hope they all enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed giving it.

**MRS ASDGHIG BALAYAN**

Over the past two weeks, we have had the honour of hosting a distinguished guest from Armenia. Mrs Asdghig Balayan, Professor of Pedagogical Studies. Mrs Balayan is the guest of Sydney’s Armenian day and Saturday schools. She has arrived by the order of the Armenian Minister for the Diaspora, to provide assistance and professional development to all the Armenian language teachers.

During her school visits, she has joined and observed our Armenian lessons to later assist and provide individual feedback and guidance to the teachers. Our teachers have also joined with colleagues from other schools in evening seminars that have provided enrichment and ideas to enhance the instruction of the Armenian language.

To give parents the opportunity to meet and share in her knowledge, a special parent’s seminar has been organised for this evening. The topic is ‘Practical methods to enhance school-parent cooperation’. We encourage our parents to attend this worthwhile event (check the newsletter for details).

MRS ASDGHIG BALAYAN

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

22nd August, 2014
SPORTS CARNIVAL - INFORMATION

We have made arrangements to have school buses transport students to and from the Terrey Hills Playing Fields. The buses will drop students off on the corner of Myoora and Booralie Roads. They will be welcomed by teachers, who will accompany them to the oval via Yulong Avenue (first street to the right after the Terrey Hills shops). There is also access from Dandenong Road, however the area where we will be located is further away from that car park.

Students must wear Winter Sports Uniform. They will march in full tracksuit. Bring summer sports polo shirts, skorts or shorts to change into in case weather warms up. Please remember the school hat and an overcoat in case of very cool weather!

Remember to bring travel pass for morning and afternoon bus travel. Keep it safe with you.

Starting time is 9.00a.m. A program of the day with all the scheduled activities is attached to this Newsletter.

Students may wear house-coloured hair ribbons but no coloured hair-spray please. Bring streamers and banners to cheer on your team.

School bags are not required. Pack morning tea, lunch (if not ordering) and a water bottle in a small backpack.

Limited canteen facilities will be available. Check out the list for details.

If weather is inclement, a decision will be made by Sunday night as to whether the carnival will proceed. Parents will be notified by a sms text message. They may also check on the school website.

Whilst there are adequate facilities at the oval, parents and grandparents are advised to bring picnic chairs for comfort.

Coffee/tea and cakes will be available at the Sports Carnival Canteen facility for visitors.

Finally, it should be noted that Warringah Council has arranged use of the oval at a nominal fee. Let us show our utmost respect to the neighbours and care for the environment, by disposing waste wisely and collecting any rubbish in our path.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

Lunch Pack (Roll + Drink) $4.00
Popper Drinks $1.00
Bottled Water $1.00
Coffee / Tea $1.00
House Cup Cakes 50¢
Cake Slice 50¢

Lunch Pack choice/s include:
Cheese, Ham & Cheese, OR
Salami & Cheese
With Lettuce and Tomato.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22/08  Information Evening - Asdghig Balayan
23/08  AGBU Youth launch - 2 Yeo St. Neutral Bay
25/08  Sports Carnival 2014 - POSTPONED
        National Literacy & Numeracy Week
        Start of Fruit ’n’ Veg Month
27/08  Interschool Debating Comp. # Semi-Final
30/08  Playgroup - Teddy Bear’s Picnic 10am-12pm
31/08  Fathers’ Day Picnic - Lane Cove River Park
02/09  International Sports Day - Years 3-6
03/09  Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
12/09  Sports Carnival 2014 - Terrey Hills Oval
15/09  Start of Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
17/09  End of Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 6

8 Points – YEREVAN ........... $8.70
6 Points – SEVAN ........... $4.95

TOTAL: .................. $13.65
ACCUMULATED: ............ $411.90

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
For Book Week the students were treated to a spectacular live science experience. Ruben Meerman performed mesmerising demonstrations and experiments using liquid nitrogen and an array of more familiar objects and materials. His love of science and enthusiasm spread to all the students participating in the show.

There were experiments galore demonstrating expansion and contraction of gases and solids, extreme cold, heating and cooling. His action-packed show related directly to the science curriculum making it both fun and educational. The students from Prep to Year 6 were totally enraptured and absorbed by all the activities presented.
Photo Gallery

Celebrating Book Week... ‘Connect to Reading’
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 - Barry 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 Asdgghig 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
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS DAY: Tuesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} September
As part of the ‘Integrated Schools’ annual activities, this year’s International Sports Day is once again being held at the Sydney Japanese School. Children in Years 3 to 6 will attend, supervised by class teachers. Transport will be by private cars of teachers and volunteers, leaving school at 10am and returning at 2pm.

The children will join with other school students in their colour (house) teams so will not be in competition with them. The activities include running races, relays and tabloid games, with the main focus of the day being integration and enjoyment. Our past experience is that this is a most enjoyable day for all.

Children should take morning tea, drink, lunch, sunscreen. They need to wear a t-shirt of the house colour they have already been told. Please be sure it is neat and with no writing on it. Winter sports uniform including the school hat is a must. Please return permission slips by Friday, 29\textsuperscript{th} August.

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  \item \textcolor{red}{Remember:} Hat \ding{108}, Uniform \ding{108}, Colour T-shirt \ding{108}, Morning Tea \ding{108}, Lunch \ding{108}, Permission Slip \ding{108}. Check! \ding{108}
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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS DAY
Years 3 - 6 Students Only

\begin{itemize}
  \item \ding{106} Yes - I do
  \item \ding{110} No - I do not
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Grant permission for my child/ren to attend the International Sports Day at the Sydney Japanese School on Tuesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} September.

I understand he/she will travel to and from school by private cars of teachers and volunteers at 10am and return by 2pm, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: __________________________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ____________

TERM 3 - WEEK 6  \hspace{1cm} www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
SPORTS CARNIVAL PROGRAM 2014

Friday 12 September, 2014  
Starting Time: 9:00am

EVENT 1:  WARM UP ACTIVITIES

EVENT 2:  MARCH PAST IN HOUSES

EVENT 3:  AGE RACES

EVENT 4:  SKIPPING RACES

EVENT 5:  WAR CRY PRESENTATIONS

EVENT 6:  SHOT PUT (8+ Year olds)

EVENT 7:  LONG JUMP (8+ Year olds)  COMPLETED AT SCHOOL

EVENT 8:  OBSTACLE RELAYS

EVENT 9:  HOUSE BALL GAMES
  1. Junior Wheel Relay
  2. Junior Over & Under

EVENT 10:  HOUSE BALL GAMES
  1. Senior Captain Ball
  2. Senior Tunnel Ball

EVENT 11:  HOUSE RELAYS
  1. Junior 50m Shuttle Relay
  2. Senior 4 x 100m Shuttle Relay

EVENT 12:  SACK RACES 50m P-6  Voluntary by year groups

EVENT 13:  TUG-O-WAR Y3-6  6 a side
  Sevan vs. Yerevan – Best of 3 Races

EVENT 14:  THREE-LEGGED RACES: P-6  Voluntary by classes

EVENT 15:  PARENT/PRE-SCHOOLERS RACES  If time permits

EVENT 16:  PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS & AWARDS

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ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP
~ CHILDREN AGED 0-5 ~

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC

Saturday, 30 August 2014
10am - 12pm

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

BRING ALONG YOUR BEARY BEST FRIEND TO ENJOY!

2 Namba Road, Duffys Forest NSW 2084

TEL. 9486 3266

The Playgroup meets on the last Saturday of each month.
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.

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