Dear Parents,

**NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

This week, we joined the fun right around Australia and celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week by taking part in the exciting national activities, Read for Australia and Reach for the Stars.

*Read for Australia* was held this afternoon. In this literacy activity, we joined hundreds of schools all over the country to celebrate the joy of reading. The students gathered in the Gemjian hall to read aloud this year’s book *Sunday Chutney* by Aaron Blabey. This wonderful book, which is also available in the Library, was displayed on the large screen. The story was also translated into Auslan and was viewed by all as we read along. The inspiring story explores many themes such as friendship, self-reliance and the importance of family.

*Reach for the Stars* explored the mathematics of our drinking water. Students are involved in collecting information and data. Some of the questions are:

- What is the major source of drinking water in your school?
- How many water bottles does your class have today?
- How many of each type and capacity?
- Is there any water other than in water bottles in your classroom?
- Excluding water bottles, how many metres away is the nearest drinking water from your classroom doorway?

The results from the classroom activity are then submitted to a national database to explore and investigate.

**FRUIT ‘N’ VEG MONTH**

Eating enough Fruit and Vegetables is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle and is vital in reducing the risk of health-related disease. During Weeks 7 - 10 of Term 3 (25th August - 19th September), we will be participating in Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month.

*Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month* is a fantastic opportunity for children and their families to get excited about fruit and veg. By increasing familiarity with fruits and vegetables, the program aims to:

- Increase positive perceptions of fruit and vegetables
- Increase awareness of the need to eat more fruit and vegetables
- Support behaviour change by incorporating fruit and vegetable themes into class lessons and whole of school activities

Please find attached a brochure with today’s newsletter outlining the importance of Fruit & Vegetables. The brochure also supports our Live Life Well @ School Action Plan.

29th August, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**
Friday, 5th September

Students will be able to shop for Fathers’ Day on that day.

On Friday students can bring money to go shopping for their dad!

Fathers’ Day gifts will be provided by the P & C up to the cost of $10 each.

We have organised a good variety of gifts for students to choose from.

If there are extra gifts students can also buy for granddads, uncles etc. as long as they have enough money…. So come prepared!

Thank you for your support.

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**BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 6**

Order Forms/Money Due by **Wednesday**

3rd September, 2014

Orders after this date **cannot** be processed.

Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month*

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

05/09 Fathers’ Day Stall

08/09 EnviroMentors - Workshops

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

19/09 Alexander Rest Home Visit - Years 5&6

Student Portfolios Sent Home

Last day Term 3

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Sevan - 160 points

Yerevan - 171 points

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**DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL**

_In Memoriam for the Late Yervant Babayan_

(Passed away in USA)

- Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian $100
- Mr & Mrs Hovhaness and Mary Kouyoumdjian $100
- Mr & Mrs Vahe and Nora Artinian $100
- Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian $100
- Mr & Mrs Arto and Silvia Karagelian $100
- Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian $100
- Mrs Zarouhy Simonian $100
- Mrs Maro Derderian $100

_Donation to Alexander School_

Mr JP Kiujian $50

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**ARmenian StudEnt Fund**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 7**

8 Points – **Sevan** ………….. $15.55

6 Points – **Yerevan** ………….. $7.10

**TOTAL:** ………….. $22.65

**Accumulated:** ………….. $434.55

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church

www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
Debating News...

Debating Finals... Here we come!

For the last two debates before the finals, the teams from Alexander School have been very unlucky. We lost two very close debates in a row and it was heart breaking. However, we knew all the hard work we had put in and were very proud of our achievements.

The first debate that we lost was against the Sydney Japanese School. The topic of this debate was “It is better to travel than to arrive”. The Alexander team was the negative. At the end the Japanese school won but we also learnt from the experience and moved on to work on the next debate.

The second debate that we lost was against the German School. The topic of this debate was “Wisdom is better than strength”. We were the affirmative team this time. However, once again the German school won by a narrow margin. It was their best performance in the competition and their first ever win.

The following day, the adjudicators finalised the school rankings before the final debate was decided. They announced that the Sydney Japanese School was in the first position but the Galstaun College and Alexander School were tied on second place. So a week later a date was set for a ‘semi-final’, to decide who will be up against the Japanese school in the finals. Both schools wanted to win but with limited time to prepare, it was left to our debating skills.

The topic of the debate was “We should accept things as they are”. We were the negative team. Our team consisted of Narek as first speaker, Krikor as second and Serly as third. Silvy was our fourth speaker. At the end of our debate the adjudicators said that the debate was very close, but the team that won because of their presentation was Alexander School! We were very happy and once again found ourselves in the finals against the Japanese School... ready to defend our title!

By Krikor
THANK YOU TO OUR BOOK FAIR SPONSORS

Younger Readers Category

Sonya ~ VIOLET MACKEREL’S POSSIBLE FRIEND - Anna Brandford & Sarah Davis
Martine, Noah & Ani ~ SONG FOR A SCARLET RUNNER - Julie Hunt
P&C ~ CITY OF ORPHANS: A VERY UNUSUAL PURSUIT - Catherine Jinks
Alina ~ MY LIFE AS AN ALPHABET - Berry Johnsberg

Early Childhood Category

P&C ~ I’M A DIRTY DINOSAUR - Janeen Brian and Ann James
Alina ~ KISSED BY THE MOON - Alison Lester

Picture Book of the Year Category

Sonya ~ SILVER BUTTON - Bob Grahahn
Lara ~ PARACHUTE - Matt Ottley and Danny Parker
Albert & Berj ~ THE WINDY FARM - Craig Smith and Doug Macleod

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Sara, Kevork & Krikor ~ ICE, WIND, ROCK: DOUGLAS MAWSON IN THE ANTARCTIC - P. Gouldthorpe
P&C ~ YOKO’S DIARY: THE LIFE OF A YOUNG GIRL IN HIROSHIMA DURING WWII - Paul Ham
Alina ~ MEET CAPTAIN COOK - Rae Murdie and Chris Nixon
Christopher ~ WELCOME TO MY COUNTRY - Laklak Burarrwanga

ALSO... THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BOOK FAIR
More books were purchased with the $170 Book Commission from Scholastic
Once again Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School

Photo Gallery

Mrs Asdghig Balayan
# 2014 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

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## 2014 House Point Results

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Cross Country Run...
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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