Dear Parents,

DEBATING CHAMPIONS 'ROCK THE BOAT'!

On Wednesday, the finals of the ‘Forest District Interschool Debating Competition’ took place at the German International School. Alexander school was represented by Narek, Krikor, Serly and Silvy. They were also supported in class by Stella and the Year 5 students.

After successfully debating the topic: *We should ‘rock the boat’* against the Sydney Japanese School, they returned with the trophy for a record 10th time, in a competition that has been running for 18 years. Congratulations to the true champions who finished the debating season by winning three years in a row. Every student has had an input in our win. Each week it has been a class effort to prepare the debate with every student planning the speeches and rebuts. Without the efforts of the whole class the win would not have been possible. Throughout the debates the students have developed the skills of clear thinking, thorough research, confident presentation and the ability to hear and understand what others are saying. Once again, we are very proud of their achievement and the way they have represented the school.

I’m sure you also agree, that the win has been made possible thanks to the support and guidance provided by Ms Martine Smith. Congratulations and a big thank you on behalf of the students and parents.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday, the students from Years 3-6 attended the Sydney Japanese School for the annual ‘International Sports Day’. Our students joined with pupils from the the German School, Italian School, Galstaun College and the Sydney Japanese School to participate in running races, relays, tug of war and ball games. The students from each school combined together to compete in colour teams, so there was a great mixing and cooperative interaction with children from other schools. The students also got to play games that we do not play at our school, like the big ball relay and Tamaire, a Japanese game where balls are thrown into large high baskets. The students all thoroughly enjoyed the day and their behaviour and sportsmanship was a credit to the school. Congratulations to all the students you were successful in their age group races and received a certificate.

PLEASING N.A.P.L.A.N RESULTS

Today in the Newsletter the students from Years 3 and 5 will receive their National Assessment Program results. On the whole most of the students did extremely well doing the school proud. The school’s average in Year 3 was well above the National Average in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. The students in Year 5 also performed well, each child performing higher than the National Benchmark with most performing above the National Average in every area of the curriculum. If parents have any questions about their children’s report please do not hesitate to contact their teachers.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

5th September, 2014
**ARE YOU EATING A RAINBOW?**

Whether or not it’s Fruit & Veg month, everyone is encouraged to eat as many different coloured fruits and vegetables as they can every day. That’s why the theme for this year’s program is the ‘Rainbow Journey’.

We hope our students and school community go on a journey of discovery throughout the month so they can discover new fruit and vegetables and how good they make them feel! Eating a wide variety of colours will help make sure your family and children are getting all the goodness they need.

**Get started today with some of these:**
- Red: Tomatoes, capsicum, strawberries, apples, raspberries, rhubarb, cherries
- Orange: Carrots, pumpkin, sweet potato, mango, pawpaw, rockmelon, oranges, mandarins, apricots
- Yellow: Squash, corn, capsicum, lemon, pineapple, starfruit, golden kiwifruit, grapefruit, banana
- Green: Broccoli, celery, asparagus, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, zucchini, grapes, melon
- Purple: Eggplant, red cabbage, purple onion, grapes, blueberries, mulberries, figs, plums, beetroot

**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

- **Sevan** - 202 points
- **Yerevan** - 195 points

**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

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- Year 6: Serly
- Year 5: Nina
- Year 4: Matthew Z., Talia Sh., Noah S.
- Year 3: Jessica, Christopher
- Kindergarten: Harry
- Preparatory: Berj

**ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT - ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 19th September**

On Friday, 19th September 2014, Years 5-6 students will visit the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why and give a small performance on the 23rd Anniversary of Armenian’s Independence. The students’ visit always brings such cheer to the faces of the elderly and no doubt, this special occasion will do the same.

The students are expected to leave the school at around 10:00am. They will be transported by private cars and will be accompanied by school staff.

The school requires a parent volunteer to help with the transportation. If you are available and can assist, please let us know by selecting the appropriate box below.

Please return permission slips by **Wednesday, 10th September**.

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**ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT**

*Years 5-6 Students Only*

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why on **Friday, 19th September** on the occasion of Armenian Independence Day. I understand he/she will travel to and from school by private cars of school staff and a parent volunteer and will be accompanied by classroom teachers.

**NAME OF STUDENT/S:** ________________________________

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ____________________________ **DATE:** __________

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**I am able to assist with transportation**

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Debating News...

The Final Debate

During term two and three we have been debating. Debating is like an argument between two groups. In term three there has been some ups and downs. We won the first two debates then sadly we lost the next two. Since we were tied with the Galstaun college in second place we did another debate to decide the runner up. We won against Galstaun college, so then it was the time for the sixth and final debate.

The topic of the final debate was: *We should ‘Rock the Boat’*. We were the affirmative team against the Sydney Japanese School.

We knew from the beginning that this was going to be a hard debate. We looked at this topic literally and metaphorically. The team consisted of Narek as 1st speaker, Krikor as 2nd speaker, Serly as 3rd speaker and Silvy as 4th speaker.

Our first speaker talked about the literal and metaphorical ways to define the topic. Our second speaker talked about those people who are great leaders because they rocked the boat. Our third speaker summed up all of the points and finally our fourth speaker gave us some great rebuts.

As soon as the debate started we got really nervous and tried really hard to calm down. After the whole debate was finished the adjudicators started to count the points and decide on a winner. It was very tense and hard to stay calm. Then the adjudicators came up to say the winner. The final moment was announcing the winner, which was US!

It was so exciting and we hope the rest of our students follow in our footsteps and try and win in the coming years.

By Serly
2014 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Serly
Talia
Matthew

News from the Classroom...

International Sports Day

On Tuesday our students joined students from the German International School, the Italian Bilingual School, Galstaun College and Sydney Japanese International School for a fun packed ‘International Sports Day’. Sydney Japanese International School hosted a fantastic day of varied and exciting activities.

The day started with all the students joining together and competing as coloured teams, not school groups. This enabled the students to meet and make new friends. After an invigorating warm up, the students participated in the 100m sprints. All students then had the opportunity to partake in the long jump. After that all the students showed their strength in the whole team event of the tug of war. The teams were able to compete in Tamaire, a traditional Japanese game where balls are thrown into high baskets on poles. Many students then chose to involve themselves in the taxing 800m race.

After stopping for lunch all students did the Ghenkis Khan dance. Next it was time for the Big Ball race. The race winners were then acknowledged in a certificate presentation. All the students would agree that it was a stimulating day for all involved.

Congratulations to:
Narek - 1st 100m | Stella - 3rd 100m | Taniel - 3rd 100m
Noah - 1st 100m | Kevork - 1st 80m & 1st Long Jump | Lilit - 3rd 80m
Anita - 3rd 80m

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SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - Term 4
The School Sports Program for Term 4 will be swimming lessons for 8 weeks, commencing Week 2 for all students. The School Swimming Program will once again be conducted at Terrey Hills Swim School, offering students a chance to improve their swimming skills. The program is run during school hours by accredited swimming coaches catering for all levels of swimming ability from learn to swim to advanced swimmers. Life saving skills are also taught as part of the swimming lessons.

Please complete the information form (Required by the Swim School) and the permission slip below. Return to the School Office by Tuesday, 9th September. More information next week.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - TERM 4
Please complete the information form below for each student in your family and return to the School Office.

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Please circle the box that best describes your child’s swimming ability.

1. My child is a non-swimmer i.e. cannot glide with face in water.
2. My child can swim but needs stroke correction.
3. My child can swim 25 metres of each stroke competently.

Please circle the box that best describes your child’s health.

A. Is on medication ______________________
B. Has a medical condition ______________________
C. My child has special needs & has a Carer*  
   * Please note the Carer must be willing to assist in the water.

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I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the School Swimming Program to be held at Terrey Hills Swim School for 8 weeks commencing Friday, 17th October. I understand students will travel to and from school by Shorlink bus services under the supervision of class teachers. Swimming lessons will be conducted by accredited swimming coaches from the swimming facility.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: ____________

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AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAY

MONDAY - 29 SEPTEMBER 2014

Trivia

Art & Craft

Sport

Dance with DJ Kit Kat!!

Time: 10-5pm

3-12 Year olds

More information and registration details coming soon...

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