Dear Parents,

**MOTHERS’ DAY ASSEMBLY**

It was gratifying to see so many of our mothers and grandmothers at our special Mothers’ Day Assembly yesterday afternoon. It certainly brought a sparkle to the eyes of all the students as they performed to one of the most important person in our lives - our mothers. Considering the quality of presentation and student performance, at times it was hard to tell if we were having just one of our weekly assemblies or the annual Mothers’ Day Concert.

The stage came to life with the colourful displays and the projections on the big screen. It was evident that the children enjoyed the beautiful songs, poetry and dance. Their reciting of great poetry and readings of love showed their affection towards their mothers. We were all fulfilled by their performances thanks to the guidance of our wonderful teachers who had prepared them so well.

Thank you to the P&C and all the parents who contributed to the afternoon tea following the special assembly. Once again thank you to all who came along and enjoyed the occasion and in turn congratulated all our Mothers for their untiring work and support.

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**N.A.P.L.A.N. NEXT WEEK**

We have the compulsory National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 next week, with the ‘Language Conventions and Writing’ tests on **Tuesday, 12th May**. The ‘Reading’ test on **Wednesday, 13th May** and the ‘Numeracy’ test will be held on **Thursday, 14th May**.

These tests can be stressful for the children. The best preparation is good rest during the week of the test, a calm, unrushed morning and a good breakfast before the test. Keep up the home reading each night so that your child does not find the reading part of the test too difficult. There is always a great deal of reading in these tests, except for the Writing. Even the Maths tends to have quite a bit of reading to get through.

Mrs Dernee is available to answer any concerns or questions you have in relation to these tests.

**HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY ~ ՀԱՅԱ结构调整**

8th May, 2015

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
THANK YOU...

Victor Khatchadourian
For organising the removal of fallen trees following the recent storm. Also thank you to the two workmates who joined him and provided the manpower to complete the task.

THANK YOU...

Ari Zorlu ~ Paco Jaanson
For donating new toilet cisterns. As a result, all school toilets have now been fitter with new and water efficient systems and seats for the benefit of students and staff.

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 3
Order Forms/Money Due by Monday 11th May, 2015
Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

Mothers’ Day Raffle - Winners
Congratulations to...
1st Prize: Maggie Betchakjian
2nd Prize: Lilit Topouzian
3rd Prize: Angela Khatchadourian

ARARMAT - 39 points
MAMASIS - 34 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
11/05 Book Club - Issue 3 Orders Due
12/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
13/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
14/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
19/05 ICAS - Digital Technologies Test Years 3-6
20/05 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
03/06 ICAS - Science Test Years 2-6
08/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
15/06 ICAS - Writing Test Years 3-6
16/06 ICAS - Spelling Test Years 3-6
17/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
19/06 Student Half Yearly Reports - Sent Out
26/06 Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
Weekly Report: Term 2 Week 3
8 Points – ARARMAT ............... $11.45
6 Points – MAMASIS ............... $7.65
Total: ............... $19.10
Accumulated: ............... $201.30

Sponsor a Child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
The Bible says:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honour your father and mother’ which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth”

(Ephesians 6:1-3)

The fact that we can affect the length and quality of our children’s lives is reason enough to pray, instruct and discipline.

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Possibly the hardest part of praying for our children is waiting for our prayers to be answered. Sometimes the answers come quickly, but many times they do not. If your child has made poor choices, don’t berate yourself and stop praying. Keep communication lines open with your child, continue interceding for him or her, and declare God’s Word.
Photo Gallery...

April 24 - Commemorations
Recycled Beats @ Kimbriki

On Thursday (26/03/15), the students from Years 1-6 got to experience the benefits of Rethinking, Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. At Kimbriki the students participated in a Drumbeat workshop, where they reused plastic and metal objects that would normally be thrown in the bin. The students learnt how to create amazing musical instruments from materials that would normally be viewed as garbage. They then made incredible musical rhythms and beats in an impromptu orchestra with the instruments they had created.

The students were then treated to an Eco lesson with Peter Rutherford. They had a tour of the gardens and handled and learnt about the important role that the worm decomposers play in caring for our soil. I am sure that the students will now be able to give a new lease of life to some of the things that they would normally view as rubbish. This was certainly a fun and educational learning experience.
Photo Gallery...

Palm Sunday Celebrations

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