Hi Parents,

**I.C.A.S. DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS**

The first results of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were received this week. Congratulations go to Talia Shamaon, Lilit Topouzian and Kevork Demirjian for achieving Distinction awards in Digital Technologies. Talia has been placed in the Top 9% of Year 5 participants in Australia. While Lilit and Kevork have been respectively placed in the Top 7% and 11% of Year 4 participants in Australia.

The ICAS tests are designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of computer skills that not only cover general knowledge of word processing, but also extend to graphics and multimedia, internet and email, spreadsheets and database.

Well done to all the students who attempted this test and achieved pleasing results. All the results are with your newsletter today. Please set some time to review them with your children. You will be pleasantly surprised by the level of difficulty in the questions and how much your children actually know!

**I.C.A.S. SCIENCE RESULTS**

Congratulations to Lilit Topouzian for receiving High Distinction in the ICAS Science Competition. Lilit has been placed in the Top 1% of Year 4 participants in Australia! Our performance has improved greatly this year with Talia Shamaon, Matthew Zorlu, Kevork Demirjian and Lara Kachichian achieving Credit awards.

All students who participated in the competition were tested on a wide variety of thought provoking skills ranging from observing, measuring, interpreting, predicting and concluding to investigating, reasoning and problem solving. The students’ tests and results are included in this week’s newsletter folder. Challenge yourself with some of the questions which will test the brightest of minds. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher.

**CPR & ASTHMA TRAINING**

On Monday, as part of our Staff Development Day, members of staff successfully completed the yearly review of their ‘Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation’ training. Our trainer from The Australian Lifesaving Academy (the professional first aid training arm of Surf Life Saving NSW) made sure all of our staff and office personnel were updated with their CPR and trained to deal with emergency situations. They will be back later in the year to conduct the ‘Junior First Aid’ course for the students.

Our ‘Asthma Friendly School Certificate’ and status was due to expire this year. As a result, following our CPR training on Monday, teachers and admin staff took part in the required asthma national training package. The course was conducted by Dr Ann Glanville, a representative of the Asthma Foundation NSW. It covered: Asthma facts, symptoms, triggers and medications; Exercise induced asthma; Recognising and assessing an asthma attack; Asthma First Aid and an overview of the AFS program.

As an ‘Asthma Friendly School’, we adopt the AFS program strategies to support the whole school community in understanding and managing asthma. As an Asthma Friendly School we are acknowledged in the community as a school that creates a safe and healthy environment for students and staff with asthma.

To be recognised as ‘Asthma Friendly’, a school must achieve eight essential criteria, with the staff training being one of them.

Please remember to let us know if your child has ever been diagnosed as having asthma.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

17th July, 2015
Canteen for Term 3
An updated Canteen menu and calendar of lunch specials has been provided with the Newsletter today. Please note the changes to Morning Tea as well as Lunch Specials. Remember to keep your canteen calendar in a handy spot.

Canteen lunch special days are subject to change with short notice. Parents are requested to check the calendar on the school’s website for the latest specials.

Support your canteen, support your school!

If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office.

Birthdays of the Week
Happy Holiday Birthdays to...
Peter
Vanessa
Samuel

Extra Photo Order
SCHOOL PHOTO
$15
If you are interested in ordering a whole school photo, then please contact the school office on 9486 3266 and request the special order form and payment envelope from ‘Academy Photography’. Alternatively, complete the order form when you have viewed the sample copy near the office.

Dates to Remember
28/07 ICAS - English Test Years 2-6
05/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
06/08 Start Smart Workshop
07/08 Excursion to Glen Street Theatre
  ‘The Eggscellent adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick!’
 09/08 Armenian Cultural Evening @ The Concourse
11/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test Years 2-6
15/08 & 16/08 Fashion Show - Kevork Shadoyan
19/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 5
24/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
  Start of Fruit & Veg Month
06/09 Fathers’ Day Cruise - Organised by P&C

Teachers’ Award
TERM 3 – WEEK 1
Year 6: Nina
Year 4: Kevork
Year 1: Isabella, Sara
  Sonya, Elizabeth
Kindergarten: Berj

Armyenian Student Fund
Weekly Report: Term 3 Week 1
8 Points – ARARAT .......... $9.50
6 Points – MASIS .......... $8.40
Total: ............ $17.90
Accumulated: ............ $354.45

Sponsor a child in Armenia Through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!

The school has a Crunch&Sip break at the start and also the end of each day, for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK...

ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Report 2014

Includes...

Academic Performance,
Teacher Standards,
School Policies on Enrolment,
Discipline, Safe & Supportive
Environment, Improvement
Targets, Summary of
Financial Information and
a lot more!

Grab a copy from the school office.
Also available on the school website.
Coming Up...

The Eggscellent Adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick!

Based on the books written & illustrated by Wendy Binks

With the objective of enhancing the theatrical experience of our students, the school will visit the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose to watch the magical production of ‘The Eggscellent Adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick!’

The toe-tapping, knee-slapping, full on musical adventure will be live on stage on Friday, 7th August @ 1pm.

The students will leave the school at 12.30pm and are expected to return by 2.30pm.

Crikey the emu dad and Shiela the emu mum have 30 emu eggs. To their delight, they all hatch at once. But imagine having to keep track of 30 small emu chicks who are running here, there and everywhere. Well that’s what Crikey, their emu dad, must do... and when one of them goes missing, that’s when all the fun begins!

The search is now on for the missing emu chick called Stripey! Along the way in their search for Stripey, they encounter an array of lovable Aussie characters such as Fluster the Corella, Bluey the Kanga, Sox's the Joey, Snap, Flatfoot, Strewth and Shuffle the Echidna.

With oodles of audience participation, sing-a-long songs and a very cool, hip emu chick, Fair Dinkum Flats will never, ever be the same again!

The Eggscellent Adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick is based on a simple story adapted for the stage in the well-known, highly skilled and foot-tapping style associated with other Garry Ginivan Attractions such as Possum Magic, Wombat Stew and My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch!

The special student price is $17.00 each. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Friday 31st July.

Excursion to the Theatre - Years: Prep - 6

‘The Eggscellent Adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick’

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the theatrical production of ‘The Eggscellent Adventures of Stripey the Emu Chick’ at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose, on Friday, 7th August. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____________________________________________ DATE: __________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _______________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $_____ ($17.00 per child)
ARMENIAN CULTURAL EVENING
SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2015, 6PM
CONCOURSE THEATRE HALL, CHATSWOOD
Under the auspices of his Grace Primate Bishop H. Najarian

Sassoun Dance Ensemble, Toronto, Canada
Murad Malkhasyan
Premiere debut Tamzara Armenian Folk Dance Group

MURAD MALKHASYAN

TAMZARA

Organized by

For tickets please contact:
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www.agbu.org.au

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool
Come and enjoy a 4 hour cruise on beautiful Sydney Harbour. Everyone is welcome. Cruise includes welcome drinks and canapes on arrival, buffet lunch and soft drinks. There will also be entertainment for the children.

Cruise leaves dock at 1pm sharp.
Tickets $65 Adults, $35 Children. CHILDREN AGED 4 AND UNDER FREE.
For ticketing purchases please contact Natalie Uribola on 0430 33 66 96 or contact the school.