Dear Parents,

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

Over the two weekends the Armenian community of Sydney will experience a magnificent cultural display, thanks to the efforts of the Armenian General Benevolent Union.

Starting this Sunday evening, at the Concourse Theatre in Chatswood, an ‘Armenian Cultural Evening’ will be presented under the auspices of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate of the Armenian Church in Australia. The evening will welcome the participation of the ‘Sassoun’ Folkloric Dance Group from Toronto, Canada. It will also premiere a debut dance by the newly established AGBU ‘Tamzara’ Dance Group.

With the support of Armenia’s Minister for the Diaspora, the event will be joined by a guest singer from Armenia. Murad Malkhasyan will entertain with a rich repertoire of Armenian national and folkloric songs.

Over the following Saturday and Sunday evenings, a very unique ‘Armenian Traditional Fashion Show and Painting Exhibition’ will take place, dedicated to the Centenary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. Famous fashion artists Kevork Shadoyan will exhibit his rich display of traditional Armenian garments and paintings at the AGBU Alexander Primary School.

This much anticipated event is organised and supported by the AGBU Alexander Primary School Board and the Austral-Armenian Diaspora-Armenia Cultural Association Inc.

I would like to thank in advance all the parents who have provided their support so far. Also, the students who have been selected to take part in the show. With limited seating, I encourage everyone to reserve their seats early, to not be disappointed. Please contract the school office for details.

Mr Shadoyan arrived from Armenia on Wednesday. He was at the school yesterday and was very pleased to be back after eight years. He will be at school during next week, as he helps us transform the Gemjian hall to an exhibition of Armenian Culture. On behalf of Alexander school we welcome him and look forward to the event.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2015

Anita

For being a Diligent and Conscientious student
Canteen Notice

Change of Lunch Special

Monday, 10th August 2015

Sausage Sizzle ~$4.00

Follow normal ordering procedures.

Extra Photo Order

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Dates to Remember

- 09/08 Armenian Cultural Evening @ The Concourse
- 11/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test Years 2-6
- 14/08 Mini School Fete - Year 5/6 Fundraising
- 15&16/08 Armenian Traditional Fashion Show & Painting Exhibition by Kevork Shadoyan
- 19/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 5
- 24/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- 26/08 Book Week Show - Tiddalik the Frog
- 27/08 Book Week Assembly
- 31/08 Sports Carnival 2015
- 06/09 Fathers’ Day Cruise - Organised by P&C

Year 5&6

Fundraising for Bathurst Trip

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Total: $14.95

Accumulated: $406.20

Target… $360 $275.00 left to go!

House Points Term 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Ararat - 94 points

Masis - 86 points

Teachers’ Award

Term 3 – Week 4

Year 6: Tzolare
Year 5: Matthew Talia

Armenian Student Fund

Weekly Report: Term 3 Week 4

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Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church

www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

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**News from Prep & K...**

**Jelly Time!**

The Prep and Kindergarten class made jelly this week, as they have been learning the letter and sound ‘J’. They first wrote that jelly felt wobbly and smelt sweet. Most of all it tasted yummy and that we all loved jelly! They then helped make jelly using the following procedure:

1. Sprinkle the jelly crystals into a jug.
2. Pour hot water into the jug.
3. Mix it well to dissolve the crystals.
4. Add cold water and mix some more.
5. Pour the liquid into cups.
6. Put the cups in the fridge and let it set.

The next day, the delicious jelly was ready to eat. Yum!! Yum!!

By Prep & Kindy
News from the Classroom...

Start Smart Program

This term the students participated in the Start Smart program which is designed to change the way students learn about money.

The students of 1-2 were introduced to money, what it is used for and how it can be earned and saved. Guided by Captain Super Cents, the students were taught to distinguish between needs and wants and to recognise the dangers posed by Gobbles the Wallet Monster, who represented all those temptations to spend money needlessly. They learnt fun rhymes and tips to help them form solid financial habits.

Year 4-6 students learnt important financial literacy skills through a range of scenarios that related directly to their daily lives. They were taught about how we can earn money, what it means to earn money responsibly, how to set a budget, what interest is and how to compare prices when shopping.

These fun and engaging workshops equipped the students with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money.

Year 5&6

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP

MINI SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 14th August 2015

Fun Games... Competitions… Activities...

When: Lunchtime

Event Costs: Between 20¢ to 50¢ per event

Rewards!.... Fun For All!
During the week of **24th - 28th August** we will be celebrating **Book Week**. It will be a very busy and enjoyable week for the children.

On **Thursday, 27th August** during our special **Book Week Assembly** we will hold a Book Character Parade, for which the children are asked to dress up as their favourite character. Parents are invited to experience this wonderful event by joining us during the afternoon from 1.30pm.

Children are encouraged to think of original characters from books that they enjoy. They will be asked to explain their choice of character in a speech of one minute or less. They will be given time to practise at school before the day. So, please make sure your child has chosen their character in plenty of time. Last minute decisions will seriously handicap them in their ‘speech’ preparation. Start getting ready with ideas.

If you have chosen a character/costume that duplicates one already chosen, you will be asked to please choose again.

**The aim of the Book Week Parade is to engender excitement in books that are being read by the children.** They are to give a talk about their reading of the book. Harry Potter books are older children’s books, so we would not expect them to be chosen by the young children. Please, do not choose characters that are more closely associated with TV characters, comic characters, movie characters etc. Please, look into your child’s favourite books to find real children’s characters for them to portray in costume. Don’t forget, Armenian characters from Armenian stories or history books are very legitimate and desirable for this purpose.

We try very hard to build our children’s literacy using good quality literature. Please help in reinforcing this effort by choosing good quality characters for them to portray that day.

**Questions to consider answering in your presentation:**

- Who am I?
- What book do I come from?
- Why did I choose this character? Interesting features about your character - Are you a ‘goody’ or a ‘bady’? Do you have powers? Are you a smart character? Do you have/know any secrets that no one else knows about?
- Did you like the story? Talk about the favourite part of the story that you were involved.
- Do you recommend this book to your friends? Why?

Please complete and return to your class teacher. Please note **first come-first serve** for choice of character in case of multiple entries. All students are expected to take part in the parade. Costumes need not be elaborate as we take special notice of initiative and creativity. Students will also be expected to give an oral presentation about their book character. The presentation should be no longer than one minute. If you need help with your character, please talk to your class teacher.

**NAME OF STUDENT/S:** _________________________ _________________________

**NAME OF CHARACTER:** _________________________ _________________________

**TITLE OF BOOK:** _________________________ _________________________
On the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide

Armenian Traditional Fashion Show and Painting Exhibition
Of the Famous Fashion Artist Kevork Shadoyan

Saturday
15 August
7pm

Sunday
16 August
5pm

AGBU Alexander Primary School Gemjian Hall
Cnr. Thuddungra & Namba Roads DUFFYS FORREST

Donations: Adults $50.00 and Children under 12 y.o. $30.00
Cocktail Gathering - Serving Finger Foods and Drinks, before the Show

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100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide 100 Years

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