Dear Parents,

**SHADOYAN FASHION - A GREAT SUCCESS!**

On behalf of the AGBU Alexander Primary School Board, we like to thank our talented Fashion Designer and Artist, Mr Kevork Shadoyan for helping us showcase a very successful and memorable ‘Armenian Traditional Fashion Show and Painting Exhibition’. We are proud to state that the event will join the long list of high quality cultural displays that have been presented by Alexander School over the part 25 Years.

Our thanks also extend to the members of the organising committee, which included former parents and graduates. Finally, we thank the students who took part, the parents and the community for their support.

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**BOOK WEEK**

Children’s Book Week is 24th-28th August this year and the Theme is ‘Books light up our world!’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop show titled ‘Tiddalik The Frog’ on Wednesday 26th August, at the Sydney Japanese School from 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with transport.

A special Book Week Assembly will be held on Thursday, 27th August. Once again we have planned for a Book Week Parade of favourite book characters. We encourage all parents and friends to come and join us in the afternoon, with the extended assembly starting at 1:30pm. Students are allowed to wear Mufti instead of uniform for the day. This will make it easier to handle costumes. They may wear some parts of their costume all day, for example pants or top, if appropriate.

The Book Fair will also be running next week and children will be able to purchase their favourite books. We have purchased a number of books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA). Parents will once again have the opportunity to donate these books for the Library during Book Week. Please check the newsletter for more details.

Book Week will be followed by the National Literacy & Numeracy Week. Next week will also mark the start of Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month.

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**I.C.A.S. SPELLING RESULTS**

Congratulations to Lilit for achieving a **Distinction** (Top 8%) and Matthew for receiving a **Credit** in the ICAS Spelling Competition. This was only the second time that the Spelling assessment was offered to a number of our students. All students who participated in the spelling competition were tested on different skill areas, ranging from dictation, rules & conventions, proofreading and correcting. The students’ tests and results are included in this week’s newsletter folder. Challenge yourself with some of the spelling words 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.

**Pleasing N.A.P.L.A.N Results**

This week, students from Years 3 and 5 across Australia received their National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) results. In general, most of our Year 5 students did extremely well, doing the school and themselves proud. They performed higher than the National Benchmark with most performing above the National Average in every area of the curriculum. We are not able to provide school comparisons for the averages as means are only compared for groups with five or more students. The other reason is to also protect the privacy of the students.

If parents have any questions about their children’s report please contact Mrs Dernee.

21st August, 2015

**Manoug Demirjian**

**Birthdays of the Week**

_Happy Birthday to…_

- Hugo
- Martin

**House Points Term 3**

_Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards_

- **Ararat** - 130 points
- **Masis** - 115 points

**Dates to Remember**

- 24/08: Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- 25/08: Cake Stall - Year 5/6 Fundraising
- 26/08: Book Week Show - _Tiddalik the Frog_
- 27/08: Book Week Assembly
- 28/08: Sports Carnival Canteen Orders Due
- 31/08: Sports Carnival 2015 - Terrey Hills Oval
- National Literacy & Numeracy Week
- 02/09: International Sports Day
- 09/09: Start of Year 5/6 Bathurst Trip
- 11/09: End of Year 5/6 Bathurst Trip
- 04/09: Fathers’ Day Stall
- 16/09: Interschool Debating Comp. # Final

**Teachers’ Award**

**Term 3 – Week 6**

- Year 4: Kevork
- Year 2: Sara

**Sports Carnival**

_Monday_  

31st August, 2015  

_Terry Hills Oval from 9 a.m._

_Half details in next week’s Newsletter!_

_Sports Day Canteen Orders Due Next Week_  

_Check the information on Lunch Packs_

**Armenian Student Fund**

**Weekly Report: Term 3 Week 6**

- 8 Points – **Ararat** ......... $11.20
- 6 Points – **Masis** ......... $6.75

**Total:** ......... $17.95

**Accumulated:** ......... $441.85

_Sponsor a Child in Armenia through the Armeni an Apostolic Church_  

_www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au_
As part of our Book Week activity, on **Wednesday, 26th August** we will take part in a special performance called **‘Tiddalik The Frog’**. A well-known Australian indigenous story of the frog who drank all the water in the world. This dreamtime story is reworked into a fractured fairytale and brought to life with the turn of each giant 3D pop-up page, which serves as a backdrop to this unique theatre experience. Once again, the performance is brought to us by the Young Australia Workshop.

**THE PERFORMANCE**

**Tiddalik The Frog** is ideal for all primary aged students as it incorporates relevant environmental issues around the theme of water, its natural flow and the process of precipitation. Conservation issues related specifically to the Australian environment are explored through this engaging gigantic book, as life size native animal puppets created by Ian Mortimer take the audience on a journey through their eco-systems. The *Great Big Story Book* has performed in various arenas including the opening of Book Week 2005, The National Folk Festival, the Melbourne International Festival, Moomba Festival and at The Canberra National Museum.

The book is an ingenious self contained apparatus on wheels with the images on the ‘pages’ inspired by the Snowy Mountains and the Central Desert. Tiddalik is as educational as it is funny, playful and entertaining.

**THE LONGYARD SIDESHOW COMPANY**

The Longyard Sideshow Company was formed by Ian Mortimer, one of the founders of ‘The Flying Fruit Fly Circus’. The Company, over the years, has been involved with diverse projects that have created many opportunities for Australian performing artists.

Ian is a talented performer on many playing fields including theatre, music, film, street performing and circus. His strong sense of design, curiosity and playfulness has led him down diverse artistic paths which have seen him collaborate with many communities and individuals.

Highlights include Artistic Director and consultant to Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre Canberra, puppet maker and designer for the National Federation Yiperrenye Festival in Alice Springs, the largest gathering of indigenous performing artists. Throughout his career Ian has spent time with indigenous communities and has been given permission to develop and dramatise indigenous stories by Central Desert elders.

We have invited students from the Sydney Japanese School to join us. As a result, the performance will be held at the Sydney Japanese School. Students will be accompanied by their classroom teacher and will be transported in private cars. **If parents are able to help with transport, please contact the school office.**

The cost is **$6.00 per child**. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by **Tuesday 25th August**.

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**BOOK WEEK SHOW**

**“Tiddalik The Frog” - Years: P - 6**

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on **Wednesday 26th August**. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

**NAME OF STUDENT/S:** _______________________________ **DATE:** _______________________________

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** _______________________________ **MONEY ENCLOSED:** $______ ($6.00 per child)
Tradional West African Music & Dance

On Thursday (20/8/15) the students of Prep to Year 6 visited the ‘Kinma School’ for a performance by the ‘Teranga Band’. The students explored and were entertained by the excitement of West African music. Pape M’Baye from Senegal and his three musician friends dazzled the students with the sounds of the fula flute, balafon, and Pape’s special ‘mobile phone’, the tama talking drum!

Students learnt the importance of ancestral heritage and village fishing culture in songs Sogui and Goumbé, and improvised rhythmic body-percussion movements in Wa deukebilé.

After the performance the students joined the students from Kinma School, The German School and Yanginanook Christian School for a delicious morning tea provided by Kinma School.

BOOK FAIR NOTICE

♥ The ‘Book Fair’, as part of Alexander Primary School’s Book Week activities, will be open daily.

♥ It will be held in the Hall at the second half of lunch.

♥ Students will be provided with a ‘My Wish List’ form to list their favourite titles for purchase.

♥ Parents should discuss the choice of books with their children, mark the form with the books for purchase and return to school office with money.

Year 5&6

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP

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**TOTAL** $165.45

**TARGET... $360** **$194.55 LEFT TO GO!**
Children’s Book Council of Australia
~ Book of the Year Awards Short List 2015 ~

**Younger Readers Category**

FIGGY IN THE WORLD - Tamsin Janu
THE SIMPLE THINGS - Bill Condon and Beth Norling
BLEAKBOY AND HUNTER STAND OUT IN THE RAIN - Steven Herrick

**Early Childhood Category**

PIG THE PUG - Aaron Blabey
NONI THE PONY - Alison Lester
SNAIL AND TURTLE ARE FRIENDS - Stephen Michael King

**Picture Book of the Year Category**

MY TWO BLANKETS - Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood
RIVERTIME - Trace Balla
FIRE - Jackie French and Bruce Whatley
ONE MINUTE’S SILENCE - David Metzenthen & Michael Camilleri

**Eve Pownall Award for Information Books**

A-Z OF CONVITS - Simon Barnard
TEA AND SUGAR CHRISTMAS - Jane Jolly and Robert Ingpen

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**Library Book Donations**

The above books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards have been purchased by the school. If parents wish to donate books for the Library during Book Week, it would be most helpful if they could donate the average purchase price of these books - $20. Please indicate below and return with your donation. Thank You.

Donations will receive acknowledgement in our Newsletter and a label of appreciation will also be placed in the sponsored book/s with your child’s name. Please Note: Award Winners will be announced on 21st August 2015.

I/we ........................................................................................................... (Name) wish to donate
........................................................................................................... (Name/s of Book/s)

SIGNATURE: __________________________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $_________
Photo Gallery

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP

CAKE STALL

- **WHEN?** Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August
- **TIME?** Morning Tea & Lunch Time
- **WHERE?** Canteen
- **WHAT?** Lots of Cakes!
- **HOW MUCH?** Between 20¢ - 50¢
Debating News

Debating Finals Here We Come... Again!

Alexander Primary School debaters are through to the finals of the 2015 ‘Forest District Interschool Debating Competition’ after scoring wins in the last two rounds. In fact, they have progressed to the finals undefeated and will debate the John Colet School of Belrose on 16th September.

After having a ‘Bye’ in the 3rd round, the Alexander team travelled to the John Colet School on the 4th to debate against the Sydney Japanese School. The topic for the debate was that “Children under 10 should be banned from using mobile phones”. As the negative team, Nina, Tzolare, Taniel and Talia were able to successfully argue why children should be allowed to use mobile phones. They were also able to rebut the arguments brought forward by the opposition and presented their case in a confident, clear and assertive manner.

The 5th and final round of the competition was against the German International School. The team travelled to the Galstaun College to debate why “Homework is not necessary”. As the affirmative team, once again Taniel, Tzolare, Nina and Matthew presented interesting arguments and having researched the topic well, came up with relevant rebutts to the arguments of the German team.

Our debating team is through to the finals undefeated, and will defend their title as defending champions!

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - LUNCH PACK ORDERS

In order to help with the organization of our mobile canteen for the Sports Carnival, to be held at the Terry Hills Oval on Monday 31st August 2015, the P&C would like students and parents (if joining in for the day) to place their Lunch Pack order by the end of next week. Please fill in your choice/s and return the order slip with your payment by Friday, 28th August.

I/We would like to place a Lunch Pack order for Sports Carnival - Monday, 31st August 2015.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ___________________________________ DATE: _______________

Lunch Pack choices: ROLL + DRINK = $4.00

Please indicate choice/s and number of packs

☐ Cheese __________ (Number of Packs) AND/OR

☐ Ham & Cheese __________ (Number of Packs)

☐ Salami & Cheese __________ (Number of Packs)

Note: All rolls come with lettuce and tomato.

The P&C would like to request from all parents who will be attending the Sports Carnival to assist by bring sweets to sell during the day. Please indicate your attendance by calling the school Office.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ____________