Dear Parents,

HALF YEARLY REPORTS

The Half Yearly Reports were distributed today. I hope you find them helpful in understanding your child’s progress at school so far this year.

If on reading this report, you wish to address aspects of your child’s learning, to help with any issues they might have, the teacher concerned will assist you with specifics. As you know, the forwarding of reports before the end of term helps facilitate parents arrange for an appointment before the holidays. Should you need to speak to your child’s teachers, please fill in the form in this newsletter and they will call you back or arrange an interview.

Parents of ‘Prep’ students will also receive a special progress report early next week.

With the reports out, I would like to remind parents that providing support and encouragement towards your child’s learning is the most important way you can help them succeed. Remember, parents are the children’s first teachers and helping your child to learn can be simple. Reading to them and encouraging them to tell you the same story in their words, or asking them to talk about something that interests them are just a few examples. We can help children learn almost any way which suits us, because many of the everyday things we do at home help our children learn. Things like writing a shopping list or placing a lunch order, cooking and following a recipe together, planning a party and writing invitations together or even getting your child to teach you about using the computer or how to play their favourite App game!

GARDENING WORKSHOP WITH VREJ JEBIAN

This afternoon, Mr Vrej Jebian from ‘Balcony in Bloom’ garden centre at Brookvale visited our school to provide a special gardening workshop for our students. After helping to clear our new greenhouse from the previous crops and weeds, Mr Jebian explained and demonstrated the best way one can prepare a garden bed before planting the winter crop.

In groups, students were instructed on how to plant a seed in seedling boxes, or how to remove a seedling that is ready to be planted. Everyone had an opportunity to plant some lettuce, rocket, beans, leek, carrots or strawberries... to name a few! Students also assisted in spreading some mulch around the new plants to keep the moisture in the nutrient rich soil and help stimulate growth.

Classes were then given the responsibility to help with the daily maintenance and upkeep of the garden. It won’t be long before more planting will take place as the seedlings take shape. So... more opportunities to join in the fun and joy of gardening... not to mention the pleasure of eating the fruits of our labour!

We like to say a huge thank you to Mr Vrej Jebian for volunteering to dedicate his precious time and effort, in order to give our students the opportunity to learn about gardening.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

24th June, 2016
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **24/06** Student Half Yearly Reports - Sent Out
- **01/07** Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
- **18/07** School Development Day (Pupil Free)
- **02/08** ICAS - English Test (Years 2-6)
- **16/08** ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
- **22/08** Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- **31/08** International Sports Day
- **13/11** Armenian Cultural Day
- **11/12** Christmas Concert and Graduation

**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 9**

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**SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 2 – WEEK 9**

- **Year 5:** Anita, Christopher
- **Year 3:** Albert, Samson
- **Year 2:** Vanessa, Alina
- **Year 1:** Lara
- **Kindy:** Khloe, Peter
- **Prep:** Sofia, Kris

**REPORTS: TEACHER CONTACT REQUESTED**

I would like ...................................................... (teacher/s name) to call me on..............................................(phone no.) to discuss..............................................’s school report.

A suitable time is ..............................................(time) on..............................................day.

PARENT’S NAME: ____________________________    SIGNATURE: ____________________________
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By Years 5 & 6

FIRST AID | CPR & EMERGENCY CARE - TRAINING
At the start of next term, during the ‘School Development Day’ (18/7/16), all members of staff will be taking part in a first aid or emergency care course and updating their annual CPR training. This will ensure that all of our staff and office personnel are updated and trained to deal with emergency situations if the need arises.

Official name of the course is: HLTAID001 - Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The training will be conducted by The Australian Lifesaving Academy (the professional first aid training arm of Surf Life Saving NSW). We believe these training sessions should be done by everyone, because it not only teaches you how to handle a difficult and testing situation but also builds up your confidence.

If there are any parents who are interested and would like to join us for about 2.5 hours on that morning, please complete and return the slip below early next week. As a result of the holiday period, if there are other parents or members of the community who like to join, we request that you contact Mr Manoug Demirjian on 0416262177 to inform your intention of joining in the course. The cost for non-staff members is $30 (with a Free gift!)

EMERGENCY CARE TRAINING
I am interested in the CPR Training course and would like to join the class on Monday 18 July, 2016. I understand the cost is $30 and I will be provided with an official certificate upon successful completion.

NAME: _________________________________________  SIGNATURE:  ____________________________

Debating News...
Debating News - Round 3
This week, our school competed in the third round of the debating competition. The third round was held at the Japanese School.

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Photo Gallery... Gardening Workshop

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