Dear Parents,

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

Congratulations to Lilit T. for achieving a Distinction (Top 96%), Kevork D. and Matthew Z. for receiving a Credit in the ICAS Spelling Competition. This was only the third 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.

**BOOK WEEK**

Children’s Book Week is 22nd - 26th August this year and the Theme is ‘Australia: Story Country’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop show titled ‘TV or Not TV! By Mic Conway’ on Tuesday 23rd 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, 25th 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 during the 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 next week for more details.

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

**SPORTS CARNIVAL - MONDAY!**

We like to invite all our parents and friends to join us for our annual Sports Carnival, which will be held on Monday, 15th August. We hope to see you at the local Terrey Hills Oval for a fun day of events and competitions. Please check the newsletter for full details.

12th August, 2016

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**
SPORTS CARNIVAL - INFORMATION

- We have made arrangements to have school buses transport students to and from the Terrey Hills Playing Fields. The buses will drop students off on the corner of Myoora and Booralie Roads. They will be welcomed by teachers, who will accompany them to the oval via Yulong Avenue (first street to the right after the Terrey Hills shops). There is also access from Dandenong Road, however the area where we will be located is further away from that car park.
- Students must wear Winter Sports Uniform. They will march in full tracksuit. Bring summer sports polo shirts, skorts or shorts to change into in case weather warms up. Please remember the school hat and an overcoat in case of very cool weather!
- Remember to bring travel pass for morning and afternoon bus travel. Keep it safe with you.
- Starting time is 9.00am. A program of the day with all the scheduled activities is attached to this Newsletter.
- Students may wear house-coloured hair ribbons but no coloured hair-spray please. Bring streamers and banners to cheer on your team.
- School books are not required. Pack morning tea, lunch (if not ordering) and a water bottle.
- Limited canteen facilities will be available. Check out the list for details.
- If weather is inclement, a decision will be made by Sunday night as to whether the carnival will proceed. Parents will be notified by a sms text message on their mobile. They may also check on the school website.
- Whilst there are adequate facilities at the oval, parents and grandparents are advised to bring picnic chairs for comfort.
- Coffee/tea and cakes will be available at the Sports Carnival Canteen facility for visitors.
- Finally, it should be noted that Warringah Council has arranged use of the oval at a nominal fee. Let us show our utmost respect to the neighbours and care for the environment, by disposing waste wisely and collecting any rubbish in our path.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

- Lunch Pack (Roll + Drink) $4.00
- Popper Drinks $1.00
- Bottled Water $1.00
- Coffee / Tea $1.00
- House Cup Cakes 50¢
- Cake Slice 50¢

Lunch Pack choice/s include:
- Cheese, Ham & Cheese, OR Salami & Cheese
  With Lettuce and Tomato.

DATES TO REMEMBER

15/08 Sports Carnival 2016 - Terrey Hills Oval
16/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
21/08 Working Bee
22/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
23/08 Book Week Show - TV or not TV?
25/08 EnviroMentors Workshop
26/08 Orientation / Open Day - New Enrolments
29/08 National Literacy & Numeracy Week
31/08 International Sports Day
04/09 Fathers’ Day Picnic - Lane Cove River Park
07/09 Start of Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 4

8 Points – SEVAN ............ $14.00
6 Points – YEREVAN ............ $12.60
TOTAL: ............ $26.60
ACCUMULATED: ............ $462.35

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
**2016 HONOUR AWARD LIST**

Congratulations to

**Lilit**

**Albert**

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**FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP**

Cookie Sales (Misislian Family) $60.00  
Mini Olympics Games $????  
Cake Stall $????

Watch this space...

**TOTAL** $60.00

**TARGET... $270** **$210.00 LEFT TO GO!**

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

**SEVAN** - 58 points  
**YEREVAN** - 61 points

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

TERM 3 – WEEK 3

Year 5: Lilit  
Anita  
Lara  
Kevork

Year 3: Zabel  
Asbed  
Albert

Year 2: Elizabeth  
Sara  
Stephen  
Vanessa

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**LIBRARY NEWS!**

As a result of the Sports Carnival on Monday, Library lessons and borrowing will be done the following week.

**LIBRARY DAY IS MONDAY**

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**Junior & Adult Programs**

Based on school calendar!

- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching (4-13yrs)  
- High Performance & Competition (9-18yrs)  
- Ladies & Adult Clinics (Beginner & Intermediate)  
- Private Lessons and more...  
- **FREE** After School Bus Pick Up Service

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**Holiday Programs**

Every week of school holidays throughout the year!

- Camps held rain, hail or shine during all school holiday periods  
- Casual bookings and excursions available!  
- **FREE** Before Care & Racquet Hire
SPORTS CARNIVAL PROGRAM 2016

Monday, 15th August 2016 - Starting Time: 9:00am

EVENT 1: WARM UP ACTIVITIES

EVENT 2: MARCH PAST IN HOUSES

EVENT 3: AGE RACES

EVENT 4: SKIPPING RACES

EVENT 5: WAR CRY PRESENTATIONS

EVENT 6: SHOT PUT (8+ Year olds)

EVENT 7: LONG JUMP (8+ Year olds) COMPLETED AT SCHOOL

EVENT 8: OBSTACLE RELAYS

EVENT 9: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Junior Wheel Relay
   2. Junior Over & Under

EVENT 10: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Senior Captain Ball
   2. Senior Tunnel Ball

EVENT 11: HOUSE RELAYS
   1. Junior 50m Shuttle Relay
   2. Senior 4 x 100m Shuttle Relay

EVENT 12: SACK RACES 50m P-6 Voluntary by year groups

EVENT 13: TUG-O-WAR Y3-6 6 a side
   Ararat vs. Masis – Best of 3 Races

EVENT 14: HOOP RELAY P-2
   THREE-LEGGED RACES: Y3-6 Voluntary by classes

EVENT 15: PARENT/PRE-SCHOOLERS RACES If time permits

EVENT 16: PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS & AWARDS

Visit us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool
During the week of 22nd - 26th August we will be celebrating Book Week. It will be a very busy and enjoyable week for the children.

On Thursday, 25th 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?
Feature premiere
Sunday 11th September 2016 | 6:00PM

WOMEN
OF 1915

This documentary unearths the gender that was left behind to experience the worst kind of torture and the most heroic form of resilience.

The stories of these women, along with the lasting impact they had on the lives they created and touched, will have viewers feeling both heartbreak and admiration. Had the women of 1915 surrendered, their stories would not exist, and neither would our own!

A Documentary Film by Bared Maronian

AGBU Centre
2 Yeo St, Neutral Bay
Bookings 9908 3911
Tickets $15

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY - 21ST AUGUST 2016
Further details coming soon...

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BOOK WEEK SHOW - ‘TV or Not TV’
As part of our Book Week activity, on Tuesday, 23rd August the students will take part in a special performance called ‘Tv or Not TV’ by Mic ‘Microphone’ Conway.
Can you imagine life before television??? “TV or not TV” is an innovative, inspiring and action-packed show about how Australians entertained themselves and what children can do now without the ‘box’. Once again, the performance is brought to us by the Young Australia Workshop.

THE PERFORMANCE
Was there fun before the digital screen?
In an age of digital entertainment, gaming and social media, it is hard to imagine how much fun people had without being glued to a screen of some sort. “TV or not TV” is an innovative, inspiring and action-packed programme that shows us there was life before the digital age (and still is)!

Mic Conway combines music, comedy, circus tricks, juggling, illusion, puppetry and tap dancing to encourage children to use their own imagination and resources. We discover through TV fanatic little Rodney there’s more to life than staring at a screen as Mic takes us back through history with an old time radio show, gramophone music, dancing, a mini-melodrama, magic, circus, bush and Aboriginal music. In addition, Mic demonstrates the endless possibilities of creating and improvising music and theatre from household objects. This fun-packed show is full of surprises and involves the audience in the performance and the discussion that follows.

THE PERFORMER
ARIA award winning Mic Conway is an innovative performer who has worked extensively in music, theatre, film, television and theatre-in-education. Working in Australia and internationally, Mic started in Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band, co-founded Circus Oz, and has appeared in numerous films and television shows. He has recorded many albums and CDs (two gold records) and has fronted Mic Conway’s National Junk Band for over ten years and is seen regularly at concerts, festivals and venue around Australia.

Born into a family of vaudeville, theatre and opera performers, he brings many skills to his shows including: music, magic, tap-dancing, juggling, fire-eating and puppetry. Mic has regularly appeared on various children’s television shows, including ABC for Kids, The Wiggles, Humphrey Bear and is even the voice of Wags the Dog in The Wiggles TV shows and DVD’s.

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 Friday 19th August.

BOOK WEEK SHOW
“TV on Not TV” - Years: P - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on Tuesday 23rd 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)
FATHER’S DAY PICNIC

Sunday, 4 September 2016

Lane Cove National Park

Location: Tunks Hill Picnic Area
Located at the northern end of Riverside Drive.
Best entry from Ryde Road

Time: 11am onwards

Food, Drinks & Sweets will be available for sale by the P&C.

Bring your family and friends
Come along and join in the fun & games!
BYO Table & Chairs

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