



Dear Parents,

I.C.A.S. SPELLING RESULTS

Congratulations to **Lilit** for achieving a **Distinction** in the ICAS Spelling assessment and being placed in the **Top 6%** of Year 6 participants in Australia. Congratulations also go to **Sara**, **Harry**, **Zabel**, **Kevorg** and **Lara** for gaining a **Credit** in the Spelling competition.

This was only the fourth time that the Spelling assessment was offered and attempted by a small number of our students, who have performed exceptionally well, marking a great overall improvement in this area. 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 contact their teacher.

TIPS ON 'CYBERSAFE' AT HOME

Recently, in the newsletter a 'Cybersmart' information sheet was published, to bring to the attention of our parents the dangers of kids surfing the internet without parental supervision and guidance. As you are aware, the current generation of children are growing up in a cyber age foreign to many parents of today. Parents may not be aware of the dangers their children may be exposed to or how to minimize them. I would like to list the following easy and simple tips for parents on how to keep your children safe whilst they surf the world wide web:-

- Home computers **should** be in a common area of the house **not in the bedroom!**
- Parental **monitoring** is vital - walk past and see what your child is doing.
- Learn about the internet with your child - get your child to **share their knowledge** of the internet with you in a fun environment.
- Spend time online with your child to learn and explore **together**.
- Install **filters** and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. Have up to date filtering or anti virus software installed at home. Some routers, such as the one we use at school, have filtering devices installed in them. Some even have parental controls which can **block** or limit hours of access to any connected device such as ipods, ipads, tablets, mobile phones etc.
- Know the sites they are accessing to ensure **suitability**. Filters can sometimes fail to protect and **can** be bypassed by a 'tech savvy' child.
- Teach your child that information on the internet is **not always reliable**.
- Very close supervision for your young children is recommended. There should be a limit to the **email correspondence**. The '**Hangout**' or chat should be limited to a list of friends and family that has been approved.
- If your child is playing online games it is **your** responsibility to make sure that you know how to play the game too in case of problems. Play online games together.
- Do not let young children 'Google' aimlessly with no supervision. Children need to be informed about search engines and how they work.



The internet and the various applications are a lot of fun and a wonderful tool... maximize the benefits and surf safely together! Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive and that there is no guarantee that adherence to these tips will provide 100% protection or safety for those using the various applications of the internet. The best protection is parental supervision and guidance!

28th July, 2017

Community Service...

In Our 'Year of Service'

AGBU Alexander Primary School students from Year 6 were once again on duty last Sunday, 23 July at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection. This time they were invited to help the Armenian Church Youth Association (ACYA) with the games they had organised on the Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The old Armenian tradition of pouring water on one another was refined to include fun water games for the children to enjoy after the church service. This was Sydney's way of celebrating and marking 'Vartavar' on a pleasant winter's afternoon. In our 'Year of Service' it certainly was a great way of connecting with the community.



HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 29 points

MASIS - 29 points



School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01/08 ICAS - English Test (Years 2-6)
- 02/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
- 07/08 Book Club - Issue 5 Orders Due
- 09/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
- 15/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
- 16/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
- 18/08 Sports Carnival 2017 - Terrey Hills Oval
- 21/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- 22/08 Book Week Show - Author Visit
- 24/08 Book Week Assembly
- 22/09 Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
- 10/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 2

8 Points – Ararat	\$10.95
6 Points – Masis	\$10.60
TOTAL:	\$21.55
ACCUMULATED:	\$436.35

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Photo Gallery...

Mothers' Dinner Outing



60 FAITH, HOPE & LOVE IN OUR LIVES

STUDENT ARTWORK EXHIBITION

8 OCTOBER 2017

AT THE EDGARIAN HALL

The theme is FAITH, HOPE & LOVE IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES
Artwork can be up to A3 size & any medium
Please place personal details on a sticker on the back of the artwork so it is identifiable

Three Age Categories
6 - 8 years
9 - 11 years
12 - 14 years

Register your participation by 28 July 2017
Call 0413364296 or 9419 8056

Artwork must be submitted to the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection by 8 September 2017

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Memoriam for the Late Vartouhi Constantian

Mr & Mrs Baghdasar and Sylvia Baghdasarian & Family	\$100
Mr & Mrs Kevork and Vicky Tashjian	\$100
Mrs Maro Vidal	\$100
Mr Toros Boghossian	\$50
Mr Hampar Baghdasarian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$50

In Memoriam for the Late Eugenie Khouzan

(Passed away in Toronto, Canada)

Mr Kevork Pezikian	\$50
Mrs Foulig Touloubajian	\$50

In Memoriam for the Late Shake Norigian

Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	\$100

In Memoriam for the Late Dr Avedis Yapoudjian

Mr & Mrs Sarkis and Alice Der Bedrossian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian	\$50

*Our condolences to all the families.
May their souls rest in peace.*

The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials.

All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.



Earn & Learn is on again

Starts 26 July 2017



*From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September 2017.
Excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards. While stocks last or until Tuesday 19 September 2017.

Library Circulation Update

A kind reminder to all parents and students that our **Library Day continues to be on Mondays**. Each Monday students will be able to borrow new books and return the books they have read.

The Library rules are as follows:

- Students are allowed to borrow maximum 4 books for a one week loan period provided they bring their Library bags each Monday.
- Students are highly recommended to borrow regularly.
- Students are encouraged to borrow a variety of resources appropriate for their needs and abilities.
- Students will return their books each Monday at their allotted Library time. They will also be able to renew any unfinished books.
- Students who have overdue loans will have limited or no borrowing (depending on the number of overdue books) until the overdue books are returned on Mondays.
- Regularly overdue notices will be sent home for students that have overdue loans.

To remind Library is open on Mondays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Apart from borrowing procedures, as usual on Mondays Library is open for students to have an opportunity to familiarize themselves to new books obtained by the school, search for books at their choice to read in the library during the recesses or do research related to a specific homework or assignment.

LIBRARY BEHAVIOUR

- Walk, don't run.
- Speak quietly so you don't disturb students who are reading or studying.
- Make sure you finish your food and drink outside.
- Be respectful and considerate of everyone in the Library, (Staff and Students).
- Treat the books and other material with care.
- Ask for help if you can't find what you want.
- Return books on time.

NOTE:

Do not leave any books on the floor, please put them back on the corresponding shelves.

Please observe the above rules to keep our Library in an organized and inviting environment. Thank You.

Mrs Armine Sevazlian
Library Coordinator



ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018



Do you have a child who is ready to start school?

Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child?

Contact us to arrange a school experience for your child - 9486 3266

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep) to Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels. The age requirement for students entering **Kindergarten is 5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year, while for **Prep it is one year prior to Kindergarten** enrolment.