

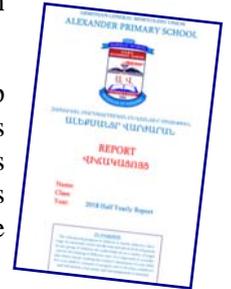


Dear Parents,

### HALF YEARLY REPORTS

The Half Yearly Reports have been distributed today. We 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 have also received a special progress report.



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!

### I.C.A.S. DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS

The first results of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were received this week. From the students who took part in this competition our congratulations go to **Samson**, **Sara** and **Sargis** for achieving **Distinctions** and being respectively placed in the **Top 8%** of Year 5, **Top 5%** of Year 4 and **Top 7%** of Year 3 participants in Australia.

Congratulations also go to **Harry** and **Lara** for achieving **Credit** awards in Digital Technologies.

The ICAS tests are designed to assess students' academic ability in aspects of computer skills that not only cover general knowledge word processing skills, but also extend to graphics and multimedia, internet and email, spreadsheets and database, plus programming.

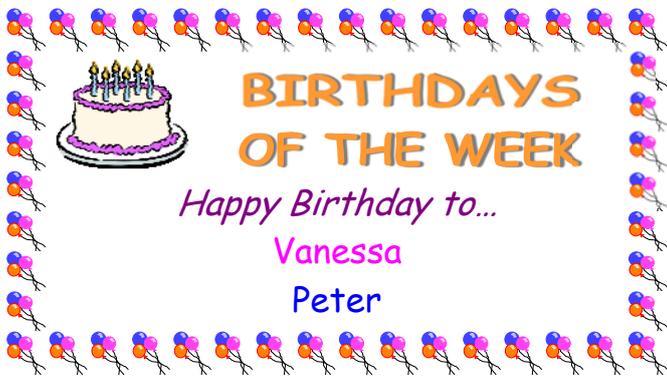


Well done to all the students who attempted this test and achieved pleasing results. All the results are with your newsletter today. Please set some time to review them with your children. You will be pleasantly surprised by the level of difficulty in the questions and how much your children actually know!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS - NEXT TUESDAY

School photos are being taken on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Students are expected to wear their full **WINTER UNIFORM** on this day. Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. We would like to point out that the school is not associated with your order and you need to check and **follow all instructions** on the form and enclose the correct amount.

**IMPORTANT: Every student must return their envelope - Even if not purchasing photos.**



**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...  
**Vanessa**  
**Peter**

**LIBRARY BAGS**

Congratulations to all the students who bring their library bags for borrowing each week.

**LIBRARY DAY IS MONDAY**



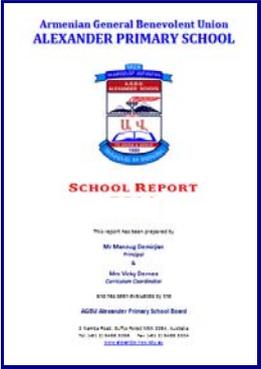
**COMING SOON...**

**ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION  
 ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 SCHOOL REPORT  
 2017**

Includes...

- Academic Performance,
- Teacher Standards,
- School Policies on Enrolment, Discipline, Safe & Supportive Environment, Improvement Targets, Summary of Financial Information and a lot more!

*Grab a copy from the office.  
 Also available on the website.*



**HOUSE POINTS TERM 2**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

**YEREVAN** - 86 points 

**SEVAN** - 89 points 

**TEACHERS' AWARD**

**TERM 2 – WEEK 9**

Year 4: Stephen, Sara  
 Vanessa, Alina

Year 3: Sargis

Kinder: Dzila, Lara  
 David, Isabel



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**03/07** School Photos

**06/07** Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day

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**23/07** School Development Day (Pupil Free)  
 Emergency Care & CPR Staff Training

**24/07** First Day Term 3 - Students Return

**27/07** George's Marvellous Medicine - Theatre

**31/07** ICAS - English Test Years 2-6

**14/08** ICAS - Mathematics Test Years 2-6

**20/08** Start of Book Week and Book Fair

**22/08** Interschool Debating Comp. # 2

**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 9**

8 Points – <b>Yerevan</b> .....	\$7.80
6 Points – <b>Sevan</b> .....	\$6.70
<b>TOTAL:</b> .....	<b>\$14.50</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b> .....	<b>\$306.75</b>

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## News from the Classroom...

### Backyard Bugs!

On Wednesday afternoon, the students were treated to the *Backyard Bugs Show* by 'Rangers on the Run'. Ranger Vanessa quenched the children's endless fascination with bugs by bringing a selection of creepy crawlies to school. The students were able to explore these incredible animals in a safe but exciting way. They got to hold and touch a variety of bugs.

As well as experiencing bugs up close the children learnt many fascinating facts about them. The students now know all about insects, (six legged bugs) arachnids (8 legged bugs) and myriapods (bugs with dozens or hundreds of pairs of legs). The facts that the students learnt will stay with them forever because of the hands on way and the wonderful learning environment the children were exposed to.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the anonymous donor for subsidising this great show and making it possible for the children. Their donation is a testament of the community's support and acknowledgement of the wonderful learning that takes place at this unique educational institution.



More photos on our Facebook page.

Coming Up...

## George's Marvellous Medicine

Based on the book by Roald Dahl

*George's nasty old grandma needs teaching a lesson,  
and he decides the best remedy is a special home-made medicine...*

With the objective of enhancing the theatrical experience of our students, the school will once again visit the **Glen Street Theatre in Belrose** to watch the magical production of **'George's Marvellous Medicine'**.

Don't miss Roald Dahl's inspiration, mischief, music, magic and mammoth laughs live on stage on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July @ 1pm**. The students will leave the school at 12.30pm and are expected to return by 2.30pm.



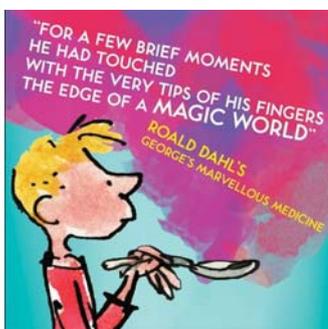
What starts as just another boring day for George quickly turns into a marvellous experiment of epic proportions! Cleverly adapted from the much loved book by Roald Dahl, George's Marvellous Medicine bounds off the page in a spectacular live show for the whole family.



On a good day, George can't stand his Grandma. She complains all the time, she's mean and she smells funny. On this particular day, Grandma is much more annoying than usual and George has had enough. "George – make me a cup of tea! George – rub my feet! George – stop growing!" Ugh. Wanting to put an end to her constant nagging, George creates a special medicine, greater than any medicine in the history of the world. What he doesn't expect is that this medicine may actually work – just not in the way he thinks...

The award-winning team behind the multi-Helpmann Award nominated Australian production of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts brings you this brand-new stage adaptation from the wacky mind of the World's No. 1 Storyteller. Direct from a sold-out season at the Sydney Opera House, George's Marvellous Medicine is packed to the rafters with mischief, music, magic and mammoth laughs. Just remember – do not try this at home!

The special student price is **\$17.00 each**. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**.



## Excursion to the Theatre - Years: Prep - 6

### *George's Marvellous Medicine*

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the theatrical production of **'George's Marvellous Medicine'** at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose, on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$17.00 per child)