Dear Parents,

**CELEBRATING WITH YEREVAN - WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2012**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has chosen the Armenian city of Yerevan as the 2012 World Book Capital as part of the agency’s ongoing efforts to promote books and reading. The official announcement was made earlier this year, making 2012 a significant year for the nation. The number 12 must be Yerevan’s lucky number, which is also Armenia’s 12th Capital city and was the 12th World Book Capital for 2012! The year also marks the 500th Anniversary of Armenian Printing with the first Armenian book being printed in Venice in 1512 thanks to the efforts of Hagop Meghapart.

As you can see, **Yerevan World Book Capital 2012** promises to turn a new page in our book history as we also join to celebrate with a number of significant events. The theme for our annual **Armenian Cultural Day & Fair (Sunday, 28 October 2012)** will be based on this celebration.

The schedule of events for Yerevan World Book Capital 2012 places a special emphasis on children and young adults as carriers of knowledge into the future. Many programs will help instill the love of reading, reciting, writing and even learning how to publish and print books for children. It is with great pride that we join these celebrations halfway across the world, coinciding with Australia’s National Year of Reading.

The celebrations were launched at our school this week with a special reading program to help instill in the children the love of books and reading. On Monday the students were given the opportunity to select a book from the library and read during the week. Then on Friday, as an ‘Open Air Reading Parade’ everyone was invited to find a comfortable spot around the playground to sit down and read for about thirty minutes.

It was wonderful to see everyone joining in and enjoying a quite time with their books. These programs and events will continue next term as we head towards Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week and culminate on Armenian Cultural Day. The students have already started incorporating this event into their Armenian Language and Cultural lessons and will have a great program to present on the day.

**ENJOY THE HOLIDAY PERIOD WITH AIDA SARGSYAN!**

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I hope our parents get the chance to enjoy the mid-term break with their children. In our busy schedule we sometimes tend to miss the opportunity of enjoying each others company.

I hope to enjoy the company of our children and their parents at the Aida Sargsyan concert next Saturday, 7th July at North Sydney Leagues Club. I’m sure it will be a great and memorable night for all!

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

29th June 2012
2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST
Congratulations to
Sonya Boyadjian - Year 6
First Honour Award recipient of 2012

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA
Enclosed with today’s Newsletter you will find a copy of ‘Snapshot 2012 - Independent Schooling in Australia’. Produced by the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA). The publication provides up-to-date statistics and information about independent schools and the sector as a whole, including data on enrolments and funding.

Snapshot 2012 is a useful and easy to follow guide to understand more about independent schooling. The independent schools sector has continued to grow in Australia. It now holds 14.2% of student enrolment. With the Catholic and Government sectors respectively serving 20.5% and 65.3% of students.

It is important that as a sector we are better informed to help us combat the general misinformation and the inaccurate claims made about independent schools that appear frequently in the media.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Kevork Kachichian

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 223 points
YEREVAN - 222 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 2 – WEEK 10
Year 5: Jessica, Jonathan, Christine, Kevork Ani, Samuel
Year 4: Krikor, Stella, Narek
Year 3: Taniel, Nina
Year 1: Christopher

DATES TO REMEMBER
07/07  Aida Sargsyan Concert @ North Sydney Leagues
16/07  School Development Day - Pupil Free
17/07  First day Term 3 - Students Return
27/07  Sydney Symphony & Olympic Park Visit
31/07  I.C.A.S. - English Assessment
01/08  Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
14/08  I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
15/08  Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
10/09  Sports Carnival 2012 - Terry Hills
28/10  Armenian Cultural Day 2012
Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 10

8 Points – YEREVAN .......... $9.30
6 Points – SEVAN .......... $8.80
TOTAL: .......... $18.10
ACCUMULATED: .......... $356.15

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
Last Thursday, our Year 3 & 4 students had an interesting visit to Eco House and Garden at Kimbriki. They were given a guided tour of the site by sustainability expert Peter Rutherford and his assistant Pen.

The following is a letter from the class to Peter and Pen:

Dear Peter and Pen,

Thank you for a brilliant beyond brilliant excursion to Kimbriki. We all had great fun, especially me. You took me even deeper into my understanding about rubbish (Narek).

What I learnt from the excursion to Kimbriki was that we should take care of everywhere we go (Silvy) and that everything we eat comes from the soil (Serly).

What I liked the best about Kimbriki is that they attempt to recycle everything (actually 70% of the rubbish) and the Eco House garden is wonderful (Tzolare). I liked eating the Australian native raspberries (Stella).

Thank you Peter for giving us a plant so we can grow our own native raspberries at A.P.S (Ms Smith).

What I was most surprised by at Kimbriki was that I forgot we were

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in a tip and I thought I was just in a fabulous garden (Krikor). I was surprised by how many flowers that can be eaten (Stella).

My favourite flower was the red flower of the pineapple sage (Taniel). I was surprised by the compostable toilets. When you do your business you just put bark and spray on it. No water! (Nina).

What I will try to do at home, school and the world to “take care of everywhere I go” is not to fight with people and try to keep my world clean (Serly). I will help create less rubbish, ask other people to take care and not to smoke. (Taniel).

Thank you again we had a great time!
Sincerely
Ms Smith & Years 3/4

Tzolare with a selection of edible flowers, pineapple sage and basil.

At the compost bins, still wet from watering the garden with a mixture of worm wee and other organic fertilizers

Playing one of the two amazing drums that Peter mesmerises the students with.
Community And Road Education Scheme

On Wednesday Year 4, 5 & 6 visited CARES - Community and Road Education Scheme. We arrived with helmets on heads and ready to learn!

Firstly we learnt what you should check on your bike before going riding. You must check that the tyres are pumped, the seat height is correct, the bell is working, the chain is oiled, brakes are working and lights are reflecting.

We began by getting our helmets fitted correctly and being given a bike that was the right size. We then took our bikes around a small obstacle course, weaving in and out of cones, stopping at stop signs and trying to ride straight were skills we were brushing up on.

After recess time, we went inside to watch some safety videos on why helmets are so important for protecting our brains, where we should be riding on roads, giving way and how to turn safely. We were astounded by the sorts of injuries some people had incurred after having accidents involving bikes and cars. We will certainly always wear our helmets when riding a bike.

The real fun was about to begin! We walked around the mini road. Constable Gould explained the rules of giving way, which way to go around a roundabout, stopping at normal crossings and children’s crossing and turning safely. With our BIKE LICENCES in our pockets, we began riding around the mini road. Miss Knudsen was there as a policeman to take away demerit points if any laws were broken. Some lost multiple points for not stopping at a stop sign, going the wrong way around the roundabout and for not stopping at the children’s crossing.

Overall we had a fantastic time! Already the children were asking if we would be coming again next year.

Miss Knudsen & Years 5/6
**Drawing Time...**

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 were fortunate to have Elena Zalata (Stella’s mum) join us in the classroom to teach us drawing and colouring skills.

Nearly all of Year 3 and 4 are keen drawers, producing creative and detailed drawings at home and for their school work. Therefore they relished the opportunity to improve their skills and improve their skills they did!

They began by drawing a chick, focusing on proportion, and drawing lightly until they were sure they got the correct shape. Once they were happy with the shape they began to colour, not in random directions but in the direction the drawing subject suggested. They then smudged in the colour to soften it. All the students achieved great results. Please see some examples below. Then they practiced these skills drawing a fish, then their own idea and then they practiced drawing a 3D shape, colouring to create depth.

On behalf of Year 3 and 4, I would like to thank Elena again for sharing her time and skills in our classroom. The experience was a great success. I would also like to welcome all parents and grandparents who would like to share a skill, hobby or passion in term three, please do. We love visitors!

Enjoy the holidays,

Ms Smith

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**Canteen for Term 3**

An updated canteen menu and calendar of lunch specials have been provided with the newsletter today. Please note the changes to snack as well as lunch specials. Remember to keep your canteen lists in a handy spot.

*Support your canteen, support your school!*

If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office.

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**We’d like to say a big Thank You to ...**

- Our school mums and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Christine Apanian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Salina Dikranian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Ms Martine Smith, Ms Elena Zalata and Mrs Bianca Zorlu. Also Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for providing a delicious lunch special and for preparing and cooking special dinner packs for canteen sales.

- All school families including the P & C for organising and running the Mothers Day Luncheon and the Mothers Day Stall. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!

- Mrs Angela Khatchadourian for her effort in maintaining and beautifying the school gardens.

- Ms Martine Smith & Year 3/4 for their tireless effort in developing and maintaining the Vegetable Garden.

- Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the K-2 class and for doing special tasks around the school.
COMING SOON...

ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL REPORT 2011

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 school office. Also available on the school website.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In support of Alexander School
Mrs Khatoun Hagopian $100

In Memoriam for the Late Nazeli Der Stephanian
Mr & Mrs Krikor and Azad Karaguezian $50
Mr & Mrs E. and B. Manoukian $50
Mr & Mrs Steven and Kristine Khatchadourian $20

In Memoriam for the Late Sona Balekdjian
Mr & Mrs Steven and Kristine Khatchadourian $20

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

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