Dear Parents,

**MOTHERS’ DAY ASSEMBLY**

It was gratifying to see so many of our mothers and grandmothers at our special Mothers’ Day Assembly yesterday afternoon. It certainly brought a sparkle to the eyes of all the students as they performed to one of the most important person in our lives - our mothers. Considering the quality of presentation and student performance, at times it was hard to tell if we were having just one of our weekly assemblies or the annual Mothers’ Day Concert.

The stage came to life with the colourful displays and the projections on the big screen. It was evident that the children enjoyed the beautiful songs, their reciting of great poetry and readings of love and affection towards their mothers. We were all fulfilled by their performances thanks to the guidance of our wonderful teachers who had prepared them so well.

Thank you to the P&C and all the parents who contributed to the afternoon tea following the special assembly. Once again thank you to all who came along and enjoyed the occasion and in turn congratulated all our Mothers for their untiring work and support.

If you have not reserved your seat for the Mothers’ Day Luncheon organised by the P&C, please do so now as it promises to be full of surprises. It’s on Sunday, 20th May at 12.30pm. Check newsletter for details.

**N.A.P.L.A.N. NEXT WEEK**

We have the compulsory National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 next week, with the ‘Language Conventions and Writing’ tests on Tuesday, 15th May. The ‘Reading’ test on Wednesday, 16th May and the ‘Numeracy’ test will be held on Thursday, 17th May.

These tests can be stressful for the children, especially Year Three. The best preparation is good rest during the week of the test, a calm, unrushed morning and a good breakfast before the test. Keep up the home reading each night so that your student does not find the reading part of the test too difficult. There is always a great deal of reading in these tests, except for the Writing. Even the Maths tends to have quite a bit of reading to get through.

Teachers are available to answer any concerns or questions you have in relation to these tests.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES**

Every year non-government schools provide information on student attendance at their school, in order to fulfil requirements under the Australian Government’s funding legislation. It is collected around this time of the year, over a period of twenty week days. On completion of the collection, the data is forwarded to ACARA for publication on its ‘My School’ web site.

We are currently in the middle of this collection period. Considering a number of student absences we had recently due to illnesses, I would like to take the opportunity and remind you that by law all student absences must be explained with a written note (English or Armenia). This should be in pen and signed by a parent. The notes should be sent on the day the student returns to school following an absence.

**HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY**

11th May 2012

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
News From the Classroom...

Debating Workshop

On Wednesday, students in Years 5 & 6 travelled to the Sydney Japanese School to participate in a debating workshop to kick off the 15th year of the Interschool Debating Competition. Students from Sydney Japanese School, Galstaun College and John Colet attended. For the first time, students from the German International School attended to observe how debating works before joining the competition next year.

Students began the workshop moving out of their comfort zone, meeting and greeting students that they didn’t know. Continuing to be tested, the students were asked how they might define topics, to think of reasons for and against different topics, and give rebuttals to others arguments.

Students came away from the workshop with a sense of excitement after sizing up the competition, ready for the first debate in 2 weeks time.

Miss Meaghan Knudsen - Debating Coordinator

Mothers’ Day Luncheon

Organised by
AGBU Alexander Primary School P & C Committee

Sunday, 20th May, 2012 at 12:30pm

CEDRUS LEBANESE RESTAURANT
100 Belmore Street, Ryde NSW 2112

Limited seating. For reservations please contact the school office - 9486 3266.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 46 points
YEREVAN - 52 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 3
Year 6: Garo Betchakjian
Year 5: Ani Manoukian, Samuel Tateossian
Year 4: Stella Pitt
Year 1: Lilit Topouzian, Jessica Misislian
Jasmine Malouf

DATES TO REMEMBER
15/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
16/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
17/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
20/05 Mothers’ Day Luncheon Organised by P&C
22/05 I.C.A.S. - Computer Assessment, Years 3-6
06/06 I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 3-6
11/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
18/06 I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
29/06 Last day Term 2
16/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
17/07 First day Term 3 - Students Return
28/10 Armenian Cultural Day 2012
09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 3

8 Points – YEREVAN ............ $12.20
6 Points – SEVAN ............ $8.70

TOTAL: ................ $20.90

ACCUMULATED: .......... $209.25

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www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENROLLING NOW FOR 2013
Do you have a child who is ready to start school next year or the year after? Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child? Would you like to see them in class, experiencing the real school environment before you make your final decision on the school of your choice?
Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your child - 9486 3266

THERE’S ONLY ONE NEW DOLLARMITE, WHO’S IT GOING TO BE?
Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make 5 deposits at school between 16 April and 30 June 2012 and then provide their best savings tip.

The winning school will receive 25 iPads and a $1500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being ‘Dollarmized’, they will receive an annual movie pass for their family. There also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolations prizes for the students.

BREAKFAST PROVIDES BRAIN FOOD
Eating breakfast each morning improves children’s learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:
- wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- fruit salad and yoghurt.

Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

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Woolworths
Eam & Learn 2012

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Eam & Learn program. The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources - simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket.

From Wednesday 9th May, you can collect Eam & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or at your local supermarket.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

For further information go to woolworths.com.au/eamandlearn
Photo Gallery...

Mothers' Day Assembly