Dear Parents,

I.C.A.S. COMPUTER SKILLS RESULTS

The first results of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were received this week. Congratulations to Krikor Demirjian and Ani Manoukian for achieving Distinction awards in Computer Skills. They have respectively been placed in the Top 8% and 9% of the State. Congratulations to Levon Kehyayan, Jessica Jelenkerian, Jonathan Amirzaian and Narek Topouzian for achieving a Credit award in Computer Skills.

We are not surprised by these pleasing and strong results, which the school has been able to achieve over the past few years. It is the outcome of our unique computer lessons designed to teach advanced computer skills across a range of software applications. The ICAS tests are designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of computer skills that not only cover general knowledge or word processing, but also extend to graphics and multimedia, internet and email, spreadsheets and database. Our students in Years 3-6 were well above the NSW & ACT average in all areas, and if we consider the fact that only select students from each school are registered to take part in this assessment competition we should be very proud of their achievement and the tangible results of our special computer skills program.

Well done to all the students who attempted this test and achieved results that were also very close to gaining Credits. All the results are with your newsletter today. Please set some time to review them with your child/ren. You will be pleasantly surprised by the level of difficulty in the questions and how much your children actually know!

CPR & EMERGENCY CARE TRAINING

On Monday, as part of our Staff Development Day, members of staff successfully completed the yearly review of their ‘Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation’ training. Our trainer from The Australian Lifesaving Academy (the professional first aid training arm of Surf Life Saving NSW) also provided ‘Emergency Care Training’, a course specially designed to meet the needs of school personnel. They will be back later in the year to conduct the ‘Junior First Aid’ course for the students.

Once again, this means all of our staff and office personnel are updated and trained to deal with emergency situations if the need arises. I believe these training sessions should be done by everyone, because it not only teaches you how to handle a difficult and testing situation but also builds up your confidence.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on Wednesday 1st August. 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. I 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.

COMING UP...

We have commenced another very busy school term. As we prepare ourselves to a number of important and major events, I can assure you that it will be a great learning and exciting experience for all of us.

Starting next week, we have our excursion to the Sydney Symphony at the Sports Centre in Sydney Olympic Park. The students will then head to the visitors centre and take part in fun fact finding activities.

More about our term activities next week. In the meantime please check the online calendar.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

20th July 2012
2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Ani Manoukian - Year 5
Kevork Demirjian - Year 1
Lilit Topouzian - Year 1
Alexandra Dikranian - Kindergarten

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

- Holiday Birthdays -

Happy Birthday to...

Stella Pitt
Samuel Betchakjian

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 1

Year 6: Sonya Boyadjian, Garo Betchakjian
Levon Kehyayan

Year 1: Kevork Demirjian, Lilit Topouzian
Jasmine Malouf

Kindergarten: Alexandra Dikranian

Cancer Council recommends you protect yourself in 5 ways:

SLIP on clothing that covers your arms and legs
SLOP on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen
SLAP on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat
SEEK shade
SLIDE on wrap around sunglasses

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 33 points
YEREVAN - 28 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
25/07 Sydney Symphony Permission Slips Due
Cake Stall - Year 5/6 Canberra Fundraising
27/07 Sydney Symphony & Olympic Park Visit
31/07 I.C.A.S. - English Assessment
01/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
School Photos - Winter Uniform
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
09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

8 Points – SEVAN .......... $15.50
6 Points – YEREVAN .......... $11.70

TOTAL: .......... $27.20

ACCUMULATED: .......... $383.35

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Lieu of Flowers for the Late Nevar Artinian

Mr & Mrs Vahe and Nora Artinian $ 500
Dr & Mrs Garo and Laura Artinian $ 500
Mr & Mrs Marcel and Marie Saul $100
Mr & Mrs George and Fimi Bayramian $100
Mr & Mrs Vahe, Annie, Chris and Rita &
Michael Boyadjians $ 150
Mr & Mrs Noubar and Knar Soghomonian $ 100
Mr & Mrs Sarkis and Lucy Aroyan $100
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian $100
Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian $50
Mr & Mrs Arto and Daniela Tchetchenian $50
Mr & Mrs Chris and Katrina Tchetchenian $50
Mr & Mrs Berj and Jaqui Yardemian & Family $50

Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonia Boghossian $50
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian $50
Mr & Mrs Serop and Maggie Mikaelian $50
Mr & Mrs Garo and Margo Zerounian $50
Mr & Mrs Manouk and Laura Demirjian $50
Mr & Mrs Jack and Marie Terzian $50
Mr & Mrs Ara and Maro Khohararian $50
Mrs Foulig Touloumbadjian $50
Mrs Haygouhi Soghomonian $50
Mr Kevork Pezikian $50

May her soul 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.

SYDNEY SYMPHONY & OLYMPIC PARK EXCURSION: Friday, 27th July

On Friday, 27th July, all students will travel to the Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush Bay. They will first visit the Sydney Symphony Education Concert at the Sports Centre where they will listen to Symphony music and learn about the different instruments of the orchestra and the players. The students will then head to the Visitors Centre to take part in fun fact finding activities. They will head back to school at 2:15pm.

Students will leave school first thing in the morning. The bus will leave at 9:00am sharp and return by 3:00pm. Travel will be by North Sydney Bus Charters and be accompanied by class teachers. The cost of the excursion will be $25 per student.

Please return the permission slip and payment by Wednesday, 25th July.

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Sydney Symphony & Olympic Park excursion on Friday, 27th July, 2012.

I understand students will travel by North Sydney Bus Charters and be accompanied by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____________________________________________  DATE:  _________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________   MONEY ENCLOSED: $_______  ($25 per child)
YEAR 5/6

FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP

CAKE STALL

- **When?** Wednesday 25th July
- **Time?** Morning Tea & Lunch Time
- **Where?** Canteen
- **What?** Lots of Cakes!
- **How Much?** Between 20¢ - 50¢

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**Woolworths**

**Eam & Learn 2012**

Dear Parents,

Due to the success of the campaign thus far, Woolworths has extended their Eam & Learn program until the 12th August 2012. That’s three more weeks to earn valuable stickers for our school.

For further information go to: woolworths.com.au/eamandlearn

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**WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK...**

**ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEFICENT 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 an extra copy from the school office.*

*Also available on the school website.*