Dear Parents,

**NEW REGISTRAR... AS WE CONTINUE TO ADVANCE**

The school has welcomed the appointment of Ms Gail Stewart to the newly formed position of **School Registrar**. Ms Stewart brings with her many years of experience in the field of education and with the introduction of a ‘Prep’ or pre kindergarten class next year, she will supervise the enrolment and application process. This is yet another positive step in our ‘Year of Advancement’ and will no doubt have the full support of the school community.

There will be a **Morning Tea on Tuesday 7th August** to introduce and meet Ms Stewart. We welcome parents and the community on this occasion. It is also a good opportunity for potential parents to visit our school and meet with members of staff.

**GARDENING LESSONS**

On Thursday the students were introduced to Mr Cameron Little, a gardening instructor assigned to the school as part of the ‘Ready, Set, Grow’ program. Thanks to the support of Eve Clark, our Health Promotion Officer from the Northern Sydney Health District a special gardening program has been set to teach students about healthy choices through their school garden.

Over the next few weekly sessions, the students will learn how to garden with the support of our gardening expert. They will also be learning about key health messages in the classroom from teachers using the classroom lesson plans provided in the ‘Coal Loader’ resource.

During the first session, our veggie garden was reviewed with positive remarks covering the composting and worm farm activities currently underway. The students had the opportunity to learn about different types of seeds, how to take care and finally how to plant them. Next week they will start preparing the site for a new ‘No Dig Garden’, plant their seedling in the garden and after a bit of love and care prepare for harvesting and enjoying shared eating of the produce!

**SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER**

School photos are on **Wednesday 1st August**. Students need to wear their full **WINTER UNIFORM**.

Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. It is important for these envelopes to be returned even if your not purchasing or placing an order.

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

27th July 2012
From the Registrar...

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fter many years at the Redlands School in Cremorne as Deputy Headmistress, and after some years in retirement, I have enjoyed my first week at the Alexander Primary School. My first impressions of the school:- that although the school is small and the classes are small, I recognize the commitment and dedication of the teachers to their students. The students are enthusiastic and energetic and respond most positively to the opportunities provided to them.

As we await NAPLAN test results for 2012, I note that the students' results have been well above the State average which is excellent and indicates the students are being prepared for a twenty-first century education in this the 22nd year of the Alexander Primary School. These results set a good example and provide strong basis for the years ahead. I was delighted to see the bus drive into the school grounds delivering the children safely to the school's entrance. The students happy smiles and their polite 'good morning' indicated to me 'I am happy to be to my school today'.

It was a pleasure to meet young members of the school's alumni who appear to have strong communication with the school with happy memories of primary school years. The school wishes the ex-students who have travelled to the AGBU World Games in Los Angeles every success in the basketball competition.

I am at the school on a part-time basis but will certainly be here on Tuesdays (although not July 31). I would appreciate any communication with the school community should anyone wish to contact me or visit me. Please contact me through the school's Reception or my email :- registrar@alexander.nsw.edu.au.

Gail M. Stewart
Registrar

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 53 points
YEREVAN - 51 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
31/07 I.C.A.S. - English Assessment
01/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
    School Photos - Winter Uniform
07/08 Morning Tea with the Registrar @ 10am
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.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 2
Year 2: Chanel Dikranian
Noah Smith
Talia Shamaon
Year 1: Lara Kachichian
Jessica Misislian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 2

8 Points – YEREVAN ........... $13.75
6 Points – SEVAN ............ $13.40

TOTAL: ............ $27.15
ACCUMULATED: ............ $410.50

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2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Noah Smith - Year 2
Lara Kachichian - Year 1

Environmentally Friendly Snack Foods

Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack.

No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

Remember... We have our Crunch&Sip break before the start of school. Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths has extended their Earn & Learn program until the 12th August 2012.

Coles Sports for Schools

Coles Sports for Schools program will end on 24th August 2012.

Please collect and place your vouchers in the collection boxes at the school.

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In support of Alexander School
Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonia Boghossian $150
Mr & Mrs Rupen and Isabella Malouf $110
Mr & Mrs Vatche and Heidi Jelenkerian $100

In Memoriam for the Late Haig Margossian
Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonia Boghossian $50
Mr & Mrs Varoujan and Sonia Tchetchenian $50

May His 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...
Photo Gallery...  CPR & Emergency Care Training