IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS
FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

As you would all be aware, the AGBU Alexander Primary School Board is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the Alexander School provides the best educational outcomes possible for its students.

To this end the board have been looking at ways in which we could do the following:

1. Improve educational outcomes for the students
2. Increase the student population
3. Ensure the growth and prosperity of the school

Therefore it is with great confidence and pleasure that the AGBU Alexander Primary School Board warmly welcomes Ms Gail Stewart to the position of Registrar and is charged with directing and overseeing all aspects of student enrolment, marketing and to provide guidance and assistance in developing the school.

The Board is enthusiastic and excited to have Ms Stewart, former Deputy Headmistress at SCECGS Redlands Cremorne and educator at Ravenswood Gordon. Her exceptional professionalism, experience and talent in the field of education will be vital and instrumental in shaping the future of the school. Ms Stewart was a key member of the team who rebuilt SCEGGS during the 1980’s and 90’s from a relatively small, struggling independent school to the Redland co-educational institution it is today.

Ms Stewart’s extensive and exemplary depth of knowledge gained both within Australia and abroad heralds an exciting opportunity for innovative development and growth for AGBU APS. We stand fortunate with the knowledge that we have the active guidance and involvement of such an impressive educational leader.

We eagerly look forward to the exciting path and future that lays ahead and we hope that you will also embrace this important initiative by the Board to build towards the future of the school.

APS Board

Invitation
Morning Tea with Ms Stewart
Tuesday 7th August, 2012 @ 10am

We welcome parents and the community to a special Morning Tea to meet our new Registrar Ms Steward. It is also a good opportunity for potential parents to visit our school and meet with members of staff.
Dear Parents,

**SYDNEY SYMPHONY AND OLYMPIC PARK EXCURSION**

Last Friday students were able to immerse themselves in the Olympic Spirit with their excursion to Sydney Olympic Park. On arrival at the Park the students were treated to a symphony concert. The pieces the students heard covered a range of compositions spanning nearly three hundred years of music history and included arrangements written by current Australian composers. The concert was conducted and presented by Jessica Cottis, who introduced the students to the instruments that make up an orchestra. The students were able to view and listen to many instruments that they may not have come into contact with while gaining experiences such as using their bodies to keep in time with the music played. The students were exposed to the music of Strauss, Faure, Tchaikovsky, Stanhope and Shostakovich.

After recess the students became detectives navigating themselves through a clue trail around the park. The students were able to go back to the Year 2000 by following the trail around the park and discovering some of the tales of those who made history at the previous Olympics. All the students enjoyed the adventure while gaining knowledge about the athletes, volunteers, events, symbols and participating countries at past Olympics.

**ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS**

Congratulations to Ani Manoukian for receiving a Credit in the ICAS Science Competition. All students who participated in the competition were tested on a wide variety of thought provoking skills ranging from observing, measuring, interpreting, predicting and concluding to investigating, reasoning and problem solving.

The students’ tests and results are included in this week’s newsletter folder. Challenge yourself with some of the questions which will test the brightest of minds. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact me or their class teacher.

3rd August 2012

VICKY DERNEE
Curriculum Coordinator

**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

**SEVAN** - 87 points

**YEREVAN** - 72 points

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 07/08  Morning Tea with the Registrar @ 10am
- 09/08  Ready Set Grow - Gardening Session
- 14/08  I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
- 15/08  Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
- 20/08  Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- 21/08  Book Week Show @ SJS
- 24/08  Book Week Assembly
- 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 3

Year 5: Christine Boyadjian
Year 3: Tzolare Giragosian
Year 1: Anita Kachichian

**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 3**

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**TOTAL:** $19.60

**ACCUMULATED:** $420.10

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Debating News...

Next Stop… The Finals!

On Wednesday of this week, Year 5 & 6 debated against the Sydney Japanese School. Our debating topic was “It is better to travel than to arrive”. We as the Negative team consisting of Levon, Garo, Ani and Sonya, argued that neither one is better than the other because one cannot exist without the other: they are just as important as each other. We argued and rebutted strongly, putting forward a convincing case. The adjudicators awarded the debate to Alexander Primary. We then watched the 2nd debate between John Colet and Galstaun College. Their topic was “We should play to win”. The adjudicators awarded the debate to Galstaun College.

The results were Alexander Primary with 3 wins, Sydney Japanese School with 2 wins, Galstaun College with 1 win and John Colet with 3 wins. This meant that Alexander Primary was through to the finals, debating against John Colet.

On Wednesday 15th August, we shall be debating in the finals. All parents are welcome to attend to cheer our team on. The venue is to be confirmed. Congratulations to all the children in Year 5 & 6 for all their hard work in preparing and practising the debates and thank you to all the parents who were able to transport the children to the different venues.

Miss Meaghan Knudsen
Woolworths Earn & Learn

Next week is the final week of the Woolworths Earn & Learn program which end on 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.

FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP

Mufti Day - Term 1 $48.00
Mufti Day - Term 2 $22.00
Cake Stall $69.00
Food Sale $60.00
Lunch Special $??..??
Mini Games $??..??

TOTAL $199.00

TARGET... $400 $201.00 LEFT TO GO!

Photo Gallery...

Veggie Garden

Important: No Lunch Special on Monday (6/8/12)