NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Next week we will start celebrating National Science and Energy Savers Week with a special show on Monday. After lunch, Rangers on the Run will present ‘Backyard Bugs’! Backyard Bugs is a show which focuses on the world of mini beasts and is designed to meet the learning outcomes for HSIE and Science & Technology in the NSW Curriculum.

Three groups of bugs are investigated during the show - Myriapods, Insects and Arachnids. They explore their defining features and amazing abilities, where they live and the role of bugs in the environment. The show is totally interactive and allows children to hold and touch many different bugs in a safe and exciting way. So get ready for a lot of laughing and screaming!

The show is being brought to us thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donation. The donation was made to support the excellent learning that they saw was taking place at Alexander school with the support of caring and nurturing teachers and staff.

BOOK WEEK

Children’s Book Week is 20th-24th August this year and the Theme is ‘Champions Read’. We will have a Young Australia Workshop titled ‘A Mime for all Reasons’ on Tuesday 21st August and a special Book Week Assembly on Friday, 24th August. The Book Fair will also be running that week and children will be able to purchase their favourite books. We have purchased a number of books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA). Parents will once again have the opportunity to donate these books for the Library during Book Week.

Book Week will be followed by the National Literacy & Numeracy Week and the Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month. More information will be coming for these events. Watch the Newsletter pages in coming weeks.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2012

Silvy Giragosian

For Being a Great Gardening Assistant

BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY

Come along to help celebrate this year’s theme

“Champions Read”

Friday 24th August, 2012 - 1:30pm
DATES TO REMEMBER
13/08 National Science Week - Backyard Bugs
14/08 I.C.A.S. - Mathematics Assessment
   Morning Tea with the Registrar @ 10am
16/08 Ready Set Grow - Gardening Session
20/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
21/08 Book Week Show @ SJS
24/08 Book Week Assembly
29/08 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.

2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to
Jonathan Amirzaian - Year 5
Matthew Zorlu - Year 2

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 4

8 Points – Yerevan ............ $10.70
6 Points – Sevan ............ $8.30

TOTAL: ................ $19.00
ACCUMULATED: ............ $420.10

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DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Memoriam for the Late Edward Balcapan
Mr & Mrs Stepan and Shake Barsamian  $50
Mr & Mrs Kerop and Anna Amirian  $30

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

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Sevan - 111 points
Yerevan - 109 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 3 – WEEK 4
Year 5: Jonathan Amirzaian
Year 4: Serly Sarkissian, Krikor Demirjian
   Silvy Giragosian, Stella Pitt
Year 3: Taniel Betchakjian, Nina Kehyayan
Year 2: Samuel Betchakjian, Matthew Zorlu

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
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YEAR 5/6
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  $123.00
Mini Games  $??
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TOTAL  .......... $322.00

TARGET... $400  $78.00 LEFT TO GO!
During the week of **20th - 24th August** we will be celebrating **Book Week**. It will be a very busy and enjoyable week for the children.

On **Friday, 24th August** during our special **Book Week Assembly** we will hold a Book Character Parade, for which the children are asked to dress up as their favourite character. Parents are invited to experience this wonderful event by joining us during the afternoon.

Children are encouraged to think of original characters from books that they enjoy. They will be asked to explain their choice of character in a speech of one minute or less. They will be given time to practise at school before the day. So, please make sure your child has chosen their character in plenty of time. Last minute decisions will seriously handicap them in their ‘speech’ preparation. Start getting ready with ideas.

If you have chosen a character/costume that duplicates one already chosen, you will be asked to please choose again.

**The aim of the Book Week Parade is to engender excitement in books that are being read by the children.** They are to give a talk about their reading of the book. Harry Potter books are older children’s books, so we would not expect them to be chosen by the young children. Please, **do not** choose characters that are more closely associated with TV characters, comic characters, movie characters etc. Please, look into your child’s **favourite books to find real children’s characters** for them to portray in costume. Don’t forget, Armenian characters from Armenian stories or history books are very legitimate and desirable for this purpose.

We try very hard to build our children’s literacy using good quality literature. Please help in reinforcing this effort by choosing good quality characters for them to portray that day.

**Questions to consider answering in your presentation:**

- Who am I?
- What book do I come from?
- Why did I choose this character? Interesting features about your character - Are you a ‘goody’ or a ‘bady’? Do you have powers? Are you a smart character? Do you have/know any secrets that no one else knows about?
- Did you like the story? Talk about the favourite part of the story that you were involved.
- Do you recommend this book to your friends? Why?

Please complete and return to your class teacher. Please note **first come-first serve** for choice of character in case of multiple entries. All students are expected to take part in the parade. Costumes need not be elaborate as we take special notice of initiative and creativity. Students will also be expected to give an oral presentation about their book character. The presentation should be no longer than one minute. If you need help with your character, please talk to your class teacher.

**NAME OF STUDENT/S:** _________________________ _________________________

**NAME OF CHARACTER:** _________________________ _________________________

**TITLE OF BOOK:** _____________________________________________

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