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 Wednesday 22nd August, at the Sydney Japanese School. Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office for further details.

A special Book Week Assembly will be held on Friday, 24th August. Once again we have planned for a Book Week Parade of favourite book characters. We encourage all parents and friends to come and join us in the afternoon, with the extended assembly starting at 1:30pm. Students are allowed to wear Mufti instead of uniform for the day. This will make it easier to handle costumes. They may wear some parts of their costume all day, for example pants or top, if appropriate.

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. Please check the newsletter for more details.

WASTE FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE

We have received a Certificate of Participation from the Northern Sydney Waste Educators Network for taking part in the Waste Free Lunch Challenge this year. The students not only enjoyed participating in the challenge they also learnt the importance of reducing waste generated from their lunchboxes.

As a token of appreciation and for supporting the initiative to reduce waste the school has been offered a compost bin to help with our recycling.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support of the challenge. The challenge for us was not just about reducing waste but also making sure that we consumed less snacks and made healthy lunch choices.

‘5 Ways to a Healthy Lifestyle’ outlines the five focus areas and choices to consider for a healthier lifestyle. The brochure is attached with the newsletter today and supports our Live Life Well @ School Action Plan. Please review and consider the choices you and your family makes every day as we focus on each of these areas over the next few weeks.

Crunch&Sip® Our Crunch&Sip program has been working well, as students get to sit for a few minutes each morning before the start of school, to consume their fruits and vegetables. Please make sure you have two servings of fruits or vegetables, one for the Crunch&Sip break in the morning and the other as after lunch treat. It is also a good time to check and review the number of snacks being placed in our lunchboxes and try to replace them with healthy alternatives.

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17th August 2012
DATES TO REMEMBER
20/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
   ‘Champions Read’
21/08 Book Week Show - Permission Slips Due
22/08 Book Week Show - Young Australia Workshop
   ‘A Mime for all Reasons’ by Jean-Paul Bell
24/08 Book Week Assembly - Character Parade
27/08 National Literacy & Numeracy Week
   Start of Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month
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.

BOOK FAIR NOTICE
❤️ The ‘Book Fair’, as part of Alexander Primary School’s Book Week activities, will be open daily.
❤️ It will be held in the Hall at the second half of lunch.
❤️ Students will be provided with a ‘My Wish List’ form to list their favourite titles for purchase.
❤️ Parents should discuss the choice of books with their children, mark the form with the books for purchase and return to school office with money.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Christopher Khatchadourian
Alexandra Dikranian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

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Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
SCHOOL FEES
Parents are reminded that fees for Term 3 (Payment 2) have been charged to your account. This will be the final account for the year on which to pay. Payment is due by Friday, 9th September. Parents who anticipate any trouble in meeting full payment by this date should contact the school office. Purchases of uniforms henceforth will require payment on ordering since no further accounts will be issued this year.

Note: An invoice for the Term 4 Swimming Program will be provided later this Term.

YOUNG AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP - 22nd August, 2012
As part of our Book Week activity, on Wednesday, 22nd August we will take part in a special performance called ‘A Mime for all Reasons’ by Jean-Paul Bell. This is a thoroughly entertaining show which is said to have ‘a face that could launch a thousand laughs’!

The performance is once again brought to us by the Young Australia Workshop.

THE PERFORMANCE
For any carbon-based lifeform with a sense of humour and an eye for the ridiculous, Jean-Paul Bell makes the most out of the inanimate, turning pots, pans, vegetable steamers and finger puppets into intergalactic space monsters and television soap operas.

Using the everyday as a starting point, Jean-Paul rummages through an imaginary showbag of tricks crammed full of inspiration and surprises. A highly skilled physical theatre performer, he tells stories through movement, creating a theatrical space with illusion and mime.

Described as ‘the best mime you have ever heard’, this mime for all reasons has developed a programme for schools which allows students to easily access the fundamental skills of mime and physical theatre. He includes participation throughout the show, exploring illusion, imagination and character work.

THE PERFORMER
Jean-Paul Bell’s performance career has spanned several decades here and abroad; working in television, feature films, theatres, schools and at comedy venues and festivals. His television credits include Water Rats, Raffety’s Rules and G.P. and his film credits include educational films for Film Australia and Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie.

Jean-Paul has taught mime, movement, clowning and comedy at the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne as well as internationally, and runs humour seminars and training programs for the corporate sector. He is program Director of THE HUMOUR FOUNDATION, a non-profit organisation promoting the health benefits of humour. Its Clown Doctor program brings fun and laughter to children in hospital.

We have invited students from the Sydney Japanese School to join us. As a result, the performance will once again be held at the Sydney Japanese School. Students will be accompanied by their classroom teacher and will be transported in teacher and volunteer parent cars to the venue. Parents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP.

The cost is $5.00 per child. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Tuesday 21st August.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN WORKSHOP
“A Mime for all Reasons” K-6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Young Australia Workshop at the Sydney Japanese School on Wednesday 22nd August. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ____________________________________  DATE: __________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $______  ($5.00 per child)
News from the Classroom...

National Science Week... Backyard Bugs!

On Monday, to celebrate National Science & Energy Savers Week the students were treated to the Backyard Bugs Show. Ranger Vanessa quenched the children’s endless fascination with bugs by bringing a selection of creepy crawlies to school. The students were able to explore these incredible animals in a safe but exciting way. They got to hold and touch a variety of bugs.

As well as experiencing bugs up close the children learnt many fascinating facts about them. The students now know all about insects, (six legged bugs) arachnids (8 legged bugs) and myriapods (bugs with dozens or hundreds of pairs of legs). The facts that the students learnt will stay with them forever because of the hands on way and the wonderful learning environment the children were exposed to.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the anonymous donor for making this great show possible for the children. Their donation is a testament of the community’s support and acknowledgement of the wonderful learning that takes place at this unique educational institution.

Mrs Vicky Dernee
Curriculum Coordinator
**YOUNGER READERS CATEGORY**

Brotherband Book 1: Outcasts - John Flanagan
Truth About Variety Sparks - Jackie French
The Golden Door - Emily Rodda
Bungawitta - Emily Rodda

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CATEGORY**

That’s Not a Daffodil! - Elizabeth Honey
The Last Viking - Norman Jogensen & James Foley
No Bears - Meg Mckinalay & Leila Rudge

**PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY**

Look, A Book! - Freya Blackwood & Libby Gleeson
For All Creatures - Rebecca Cool & Glenda Millard
A Bus Called Heaven - Bob Graham

**EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS**

The Little Refugee - Anh Do & Bruce Whatley
Bilby Secrets - Edel Wignell & Mark Jackson

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**LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS**

The above books which are short-listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards have been purchased by the school. If parents wish to donate books for the Library during Book Week, it would be most helpful if they could donate the average purchase price of these books - $20. Please indicate below and return with your donation. Thank You.

Donations will receive acknowledgement in our Newsletter and a label of appreciation will also be placed in the sponsored book/s with your child’s name. Please Note: Award Winners will be announced on 17th August 2012.

I/we ………………………………………………………... (Name) wish to donate
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