Next week, we will join the fun around Australia and celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week (27th August - 2nd September) by taking part in the exciting national activities, Read for Australia and Reach for the Stars.

In the literacy activity we will celebrate the joy of reading by joining in the Read for Australia event on Wednesday 29th August. Schools all over Australia are being invited to bring together students of all ages, teachers and the local community to read together at the same time. We will be reading Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey.

The second is a numeracy activity, where students will collect data from observations and measurements about their favourite books. Questions like ‘How many?’ ‘How do you know?’ ‘What makes a good book?’ will be asked and answered. Students will count, group, categorise, order, measure, model, calculate, compare, contrast, predict, explain… Who can find the most words starting with ‘s’? What is the main colour of the cover? How many letters were in the longest word? How old is the oldest book? Could you draw a map for the characters in your book? What is an ISBN and how does it work? Teachers will organise activities suited to all year levels - from simple counting and direct comparisons through to more complex modelling and problem solving. There is a lot more to books than you think!

As you know this is Australia’s National Year of Reading, while Armenia marks the 500th Anniversary of Armenian Printing and its capital Yerevan World Book Capital 2012. So let us continue to celebrate this theme as we head towards our annual Cultural Day & Fair - Sunday, 28th October 2012.

The school has registered for the above activities. You can also visit: www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

I.C.A.S. WRITING RESULTS

Last term, some of the students from Years 3-6 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Writing Test. The students had the task of writing a character description. Descriptive writing is important because writers use this language to help readers imagine the characters in their stories. Their writing was assessed on genre, textual grammar, syntax, punctuation and spelling. It involved great imagination and writing with colourful language. Congratulations to Ani Manoukian, who gained a Credit in the test. The test results and the students’ writing will be returned with this weeks Newsletter. Please take time to read your child’s writing and discuss it with them. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or Mrs Dernee.

HELPING REBUILD THE GYUMRI SCHOOL IN ARMENIA

The devastating 1988 earthquake in Armenia destroyed the Gymri Music School. Twenty-four years later children still have to learn in a ‘temporary’ facility that is in very poor condition. Mr Jon Dee, founder of ‘Rock Aid Armenia’, Australian of the Year 2010 (NSW), recipient of the Armenian ‘Order of Honour’, founder of ‘Planet Ark’ and ‘Do Something’ has been working hard to raise funds to rebuild the music school. He has been able to raise over $440,000 and needs to reach the target of half a million.

To help give the children in Gymri the proper music school they deserve, the students of Alexander school have decided to donate $200 from their ‘Armenian Student Fund’ proceeds towards this worthy cause. If there are families who would like to make a tax deductible donation they can contact the school office.

The full list of book donations to the school Library will be listed next week. If you like to contribute, we still have a number of books waiting to be donated. Please contact the office for more information.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

24th August 2012
DATES TO REMEMBER
27/08 National Literacy & Numeracy Week
29/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
30/08 Cross Country Run & Mini School Fete
31/08 Fathers’ Day Stall
04/09 Integrated Sports Day - Permission Slips Due
10/09 Sports Carnival 2012 - Terry Hills
12/09 Start of Year 5/6 Canberra Trip
14/09 End of Year 5/6 Canberra Trip
19/09 Multicultural Costume Show - The Concourse
28/10 Armenian Cultural Day 2012
09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 176 points
YEREVAN - 186 points

2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST
Congratulations to
Samuel Tateossian - Year 5
Chanel Dikranian - Year 2

SPORTS CARNIVAL
Monday
10th September, 2012
Terry Hills Oval from 9 a.m.
Full details coming soon.

Cross Country Run
Next Week - Thursday, 30 August 2012
The event will be held during sports time.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...
Serly Sarkissian

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
Friday, 31st August
Students will be able to shop for Fathers’ Day on that day.
Students are asked to bring some wrapping paper before Thursday 30th August.
Then on Friday students can bring money to go shopping for their dad!
Fathers’ Day gifts will be provided by the P & C up to the cost of $10 each.
We have organised a good variety of gifts for students to choose from.
If there are extra gifts students can also buy for granddads, uncles etc. as long as they have enough money…. So come prepared!

Thank you for your support.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 6
Year 5: Samuel Tateossian
Year 2: Chanel Dikranian
Noah Smith
Year 1: Anita Kachichian
Kindergarten: Alexandra Dikranian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

DAILY REPORT: Term 3 Week 6

8 Points – YEREVAN .......... $9.55
6 Points – SEVAN .......... $5.65
TOTAL: ............ $15.20
ACCUMULATED: ............ $453.50

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
INTEGRATED SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY: Tuesday, 4th September
As part of the ‘Integrated Schools’ annual activities, this year’s Sports Day is once again being held at the Sydney Japanese School. Children in Years 3 to 6 will attend, supervised by class teachers. Transport will be by private cars of teachers and volunteers, leaving school at 10am and returning at 2pm.

The children will join with other school students in their colour (house) teams so will not be in competition with them. The activities include running races, relays and tabloid games, with the main focus of the day being integration and enjoyment. Our past experience is that this is a most enjoyable day for all.

Children should take morning tea, drink, lunch, sunscreen. They need to wear a t-shirt of the house colour they have already been told. Please be sure it is neat and with no writing on it. Winter sports uniform including the school hat is a must. Please return permission slips by Friday, 31st August.

Remember: Hat ☑, Uniform ☑, Colour T-shirt ☑, Morning Tea ☑, Lunch ☑, Permission Slip ☑. Check!

MINI SCHOOL FETE
Thursday, 30th August 2012
Fun Games... Competitions... Activities... at Lunchtime
Event Cost: 20¢ to 50¢
Prizes!... Fun For All!

FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP

INTEGRATED SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY
Years 3 - 6 Students Only

□ Yes - I do □ No - I do not

Grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Integrated Schools Sports Day at the Sydney Japanese School on Tuesday, 4th September.

I understand he/she will travel to and from school by private cars of teachers and volunteers at 10am and return by 2pm, being accompanied and supervised by class teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: __________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________________ DATE: __________________

GOOD LUCK DEBATERS!

Best wishes to the AGBU Alexander Primary School Debating Team who Debate the Final next Wednesday, against the John Colet School, Belrose

We are very proud of their performance so far.

YEARS 5/6

GOOD LUCK DEBATERS!
Children’s Book Council Book of the Year Awards ~ Short List Titles 2012 ~

**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 - Mag Mekinlay & 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
……………………………………………………………………….. (Name/s of Book/s)

SIGNATURE: __________________________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $_________