Dear Parents,

MORE TO COME!

Term 3 is generally a very busy time in a school calendar. The last few weeks have not been any different, in fact the school grounds have been bursting with numerous learning opportunities and activities all day, every day… and it’s not over yet!

Last week we celebrated Book Week with a great success, thanks to the support and effort of all parents and teachers involved. It was wonderful to see a display of admiration towards books that disseminate volumes of knowledge and pleasure as we read and share them.

The celebration encompassed many levels - We witnessed and observed a wonderful show full of laughter… We purchased books we love to read and share… We displayed and presented the character we admired… and we even had the chance to eat and taste the food that we read!

The celebration of books continued this week as we marked National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We will share our activities and experiences in the newsletter next week. In the meantime, we look forward to a very busy and exciting few weeks of sporting, theatrical and multicultural costume show… this on top of all the learning we do here at Alexander school. Now we know why our children love going to school!

C.O.L.A. UPDATE

It gives me great pleasure to state that the storage shed behind the C.O.L.A. is now complete. With only the floor painting and marking of the basketball court left, all is set for the official opening ceremony to be held on Sunday 28th October, during our Armenian Cultural Day and Fair.

MULTICULTURAL COSTUME SHOW

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Please check the newsletter for important transport arrangements required on this day.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

31st August 2012
DATES TO REMEMBER

**Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month**

- 03/09 Interschool Debating Final* (*New date)
- 04/09 Integrated Sports Day - Years 3-6
- 05/09 Sports Carnival Canteen Orders 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
- 20/09 I, Bunyip - Glen Street Theatre
- 21/09 Armenian Independence Day
- 28/10 Armenian Cultural Day 2012
- 09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

*Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.*
Donations to Alexander School

In Memoriam for the Late Jirair Constantian
Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian $50
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sonia Tchetchenian $50
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian $30

In Memoriam for the Late Gaby Koussan
Mr & Mrs Assadour and Eugenie Kazandjian $50

In Memoriam for the Late Yeran Tashkapoulian
(Passed away in USA)
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sonia Tchetchenian $50

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 memorials.

All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

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Among the 12 cultures to be represented on the day, our students will display traditional Armenian costumes.

This is a good opportunity to showcase our school to the rest of the community. Please let us know if you are able to help us with transport on the day and can arrange pick up from The Concourse in Chatswood at 3pm.

Please indicate your response below and return to school by Friday, 5th September.

MULTICULTURAL COSTUME SHOW
Years K - 6

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________ CLASS: __________________

Please tick box and return form to school Office by Friday, 5th September.

☐ YES, we will be able to help with transport and arrange pick up on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

☐ NO, we will not be able to help with transport or arrange pick up on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________________ DATE: ____________

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 6

Order Forms/Money Due by
Wednesday
5th September, 2012

Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

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 $55.90
Guessing Competition $???
TOTAL $377.90

TARGET… $400 $22.10 LEFT TO GO!

BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 6

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**Important Health Message...**

**Outbreak of Measles**

Dear Parents,

Sydney is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles which began in April 2012 and is centred in the South Western Sydney and Western Sydney regions. Many of the cases have been high school students, with a smaller number in primary school. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further given young people have large social networks both within and outside of school.

NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. In Australia, infants and young children are vaccinated with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine at 12 months and 4 years of age. People who are at risk of measles include:

- Infants
- Older children who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine
- Adults born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and haven’t had measles infection in the past.

The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7-18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4 to 7 days.

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. If you have had contact with another case of measles and develop a fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, seek medical advice even before the rash appears.

A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

Should schools become aware of a student with measles they need to advise the local public health unit. Contact details for public health units can be accessed from the NSW Health website at:


Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:


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**FREE DOWNLOAD OF**

**ULTIMATE MATHS INVADERS**

Download a FREE copy of Ultimate Maths Invaders for your family. Build kids’ rapid-fire maths skills which are so easily lost in today’s digital world. To download a copy for your family go to [www.edalive.com](http://www.edalive.com) and follow the prompts.

Ultimate Maths Invaders teaches kids aged 5 - 15 all their tables and number facts while building mental maths ability. Ultimate Maths Invaders extends able mathematicians, deepening and broadening their abilities with advanced challenges in fractions, decimals, percentages, numeration, counting, squares, square roots, powers and directed numbers.

*A photocopied leaflet explaining more about the FREE download of Ultimate Maths Invaders has been handed out with this newsletter.*
SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - LUNCH PACK ORDERS

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**Note:** All rolls come with **lettuce and tomato**.

*The P&C would like to request from all parents who will be attending the Sports Carnival to assist by bring sweets to sell during the day. Please indicate your attendance by calling the school Office.*

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ____________________________  **MONEY ENCLOSED:** $ __________

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**2012 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

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**TERM 3 - WEEK 7**  🌟 www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
FRUIT ‘N’ VEG MONTH 2012

Eating enough fruit and veg is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle and is vital in reducing the risk of health-related disease.

During Weeks 7 - 10 of Term 3 (27th August - 21st September), we will be participating in Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month.

Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month is a fantastic chance for children and their families to get excited about fruit and veg. There will be lots of classroom lessons, school activities and competitions so everyone can get involved.

Each week we will be publishing some useful and practical information about fruit and veg. Watch this space!

Why eat fruit and veg everyday?

Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in antioxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- coronary heart disease
- some forms of cancer
- overweight and obesity
- constipation
- high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- help improve control of diabetes.

Aim to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefits.

MUSHROOMS!!

Just look at the size of the mushrooms we have grow at Alexander school!

As part of our Ready, Set, Grow! gardening lessons, we had set up our mushroom growing kit with the help of our gardening instructor Mr Cameron Little.

This is the result after a few weeks of love and care inside one of the Year 3 & 4 classroom cupboards!

Healthy Kids Association - Membership

Dear Parents,

Our school cares about your child’s health and nutrition! Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That’s right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen and teachers. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen.

Healthy Kids Association also provides a free parent e-newsletter with important nutrition information and great recipes that can help you stay on top of what is going on in the world of nutrition.

To sign up, simply visit www.healthy-kids.com.au.
AGBU Alexander Primary School was a hive of activity this week as Book Week was celebrated with style. The students encapsulated the theme of ‘Champions Read’ by the many and varied activities they undertook throughout the week. As well as attending the hilarious ‘A Mime for all Reasons’ and holding a Book Fair at school the students took part in a special Book Week meal. After studying the book *The Tale of Despereaux*, the students from Year 3 and 4 brought the story to life for the other students of the school by treating them to a lunch of watercress and chicken soup. The soup is a pivotal part of the book and shows the students’ love of reading, as it was their unanimous choice to make this dish rather than the usual lunchtime fair.

As a culmination of the week the students transformed themselves into the characters of their favourite books. A plethora of books were represented. These came from past and present, were traditional and modern and from countries near and far. Not only did they depict these characters well but they were able to inform the audience about their character, telling them why this character was special to them and what their favourite part of the story was. They were able to recommend many wonderful books to their peers, encouraging them to read a wide variety of books and well known traditional tales.

As well as representing their favourite characters the students sang specifically designed Book Week songs and recited poems which related to the students’ knowledge and love of books. Not only did the spectacular costumes make the afternoon a colourful and entertaining experience for all but also engendered an excitement in the books that were being read by the children.

**Book Week… A Mime for all Reasons**

Last Wednesday, as part of our Book Week activities the students experienced the delights of mime. Jean-Paul Bell presented stories through movement in *A Mime for all Reasons*. Described as ‘the face that could launch a thousand laughs’, Jean Paul Bell brought laughter and entertainment to the audience while delivering a powerful program which explored illusion, imagination and character work. Armed with a large Gladstone bag of household goodies Jean-Paul Bell brought to life simple items such as paper bags, toilet paper, plastic gloves and vegetables steamers.

The students were able to access the fundamental skills of mime and physical theatre with their participation throughout the show. They came away with smiles on their faces inspired by what they had learnt. Ask your child what they can do with a paper bag or some toilet paper and I am sure that they will be able to surprise you.

Mrs Vicky Dernee
Curriculum Coordinator
THANK YOU TO OUR
BOOK FAIR SPONSORS

Younger Readers Category
P&C ~ BROTHERBAND BOOK 1: OUTCASTS - John Flanagan
Ani Manoukian ~ TRUTH ABOUT VARIETY SPARKS - Jackie French
Sonya & Christine Boyadjian ~ THE GOLDEN DOOR - Emily Rodda
Noah Smith ~ BUNGAWITTA - Emily Rodda

Picture Book of the Year Category
P&C ~ LOOK, A BOOK! - Freya Blackwood & Libby Gleeson
Mrs Nevart Artinian† ~ FOR ALL CREATURES - Rebecca Cool & Glenda Millard
Kevork, Anita & Lara Kachichian ~ A BUS CALLED HEAVEN - Bob Graham

Early Childhood Category
P&C ~ THAT'S NOT A DAFFODIL! - Elizabeth Honey
Talia Shamaon ~ THE LAST VIKING - Norman Jogensen & James Foley
Krikor & Kevork Demirjian ~ NO BEARS - Meg Mckinalay & Leila Rudge

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books
Jessica Jelenkerian ~ THE LITTLE REFUGEE - Anh Do & Bruce Whatley
Christopher Khatchadourian ~ BILBY SECRETS - Edel Wignell & Mark Jackson

ALSO... THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BOOK FAIR
More books were purchased with the $170 Book Commission from Scholastic

Once again Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School

Photo Gallery - Book Week