Dear Parents,

**NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

Last week, we joined the fun around Australia and celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week by taking part in the exciting national activities, *Read for Australia* and *Reach for the Stars*.

*Read for Australia* was held at 2pm on Wednesday 29th August. In this literacy activity, we joined hundreds of schools all over the country to read *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* written by literacy ambassador Aaron Blabey. The students gathered in the school hall to read aloud as the book was displayed on the large screen. This was also the first time the story had been translated into Auslan and was viewed by all as we read along. The students then picked up their favourite book and found a comfortable spot for another session of ‘Open Air Reading Parade’.

*Reach for the Stars* explored the mathematics in our classroom books. These are just a few of the results from the national numeracy activity: The longest word was 97 letters long! The first book published in Australia was printed by a convict called George Howe in 1802… more results in our classrooms.

**MULTICULTURAL COSTUME SHOW**

I would like to thank all the parents for promptly returning the form in relation to the Multicultural Costume Show that is set to take place on Wednesday, 19th September at The Theatre on The Concourse, in Chatswood between 1.30pm to 3pm.

The form has been updated and we would like parents to once again indicate their position to help us organise the event. Please check the newsletter for details.

**VISIT TO THE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION OF ‘I, BUNYIP’**

While our students have the opportunity to experience and enjoy a variety of travelling shows and productions during the year, there has been the request and objective to get them to experience a real theatrical production. Earlier this year, the opportunity was presented at our local Glen Street Theatre with the acclaimed magical show *I, Bunyip*.

This enchanting and interactive theatrical treat for our students will take place on Thursday, 20th September. Special student priced tickets have been reserved well in advance as this extremely popular show has been sold out for most of the performances in that week.

The mesmerising show, developed in consultation with five different Aboriginal communities, portrays the mystical world of creatures from Indigenous folklore. You can visit [www.glenstreet.com.au](http://www.glenstreet.com.au) for a ‘sneak peek’ of this children’s theatre spectacular.

7th September 2012

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

- **Sevan** - 250 points
- **Yerevan** - 252 points

**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 3 – WEEK 8**

Year 5: Jonathan A., Kevork K.
Year 4: Serly S.
Year 3: Tzolare G., Nina K.
Year 2: Jessica M., Jasmine M., Kevork D., Christopher K.

**FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP**

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**TOTAL**  $400.10

**TARGET… $400**

**TARGET REACHED!**

**MULTICULTURAL COSTUME SHOW - Wednesday, 19th September**

The school has been invited to take part in the MOSAIC and Community Group’s Spring Festival organised by Willoughby City Council. The Multicultural Costume Show will take place on **Wednesday, 19th September** at The Theatre on The Concourse, in Chatswood between 1.30pm to 3pm.

Please indicate your response on the UPDATED form below and return to school by **Wednesday, 12th September**.

**MULTICULTURAL COSTUME SHOW - Update**

**Years K - 6**

**STUDENT/S NAME/S:** ____________________________ **CLASS:** _________________

**Please tick box and return form to school Office by Wednesday, 12th September.**

☐ **YES, I will be able to help with transport from school to Chatswood on Wednesday 19th September.**

*Please Note: Travel time from school is 12.00pm. Volunteer drivers will be given complementary show tickets.*

☐ **YES, I will be able to arrange pick up of my child/ren from Chatswood on Wednesday 19th September.**

*Please Note: The show is expected to end at 3pm. Please contact the school if you also like to watch the show.*

☐ **NO, I will not be able to arrange pick up from Chatswood on Wednesday 19th September 2012. I also understand that my child/ren will not be taking part in the show and will remain at school to travel home as usual.**

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ____________________________ **DATE:** _________________

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**Mini Fete @ Lunch**
SPORTS CARNIVAL - INFORMATION

- We have made arrangements to have school buses transport students to and from the Terrey Hills Playing Fields. The buses will drop students off on the corner of Myoora and Booralie Roads. They will be welcomed by teachers, who will accompany them to the oval via Yulong Avenue (first street to the right after the Terrey Hills shops). There is also access from Dandenong Road, however the area where we will be located is further away from that car park.

- Students must wear **Winter Sports Uniform**. They will march in full tracksuit. Bring summer sports polo shirts, skirt or shorts to change into in case weather warms up. Please remember the *school hat* and an overcoat in case of very cool weather!

- Remember to bring travel pass for morning and afternoon bus travel. Keep it safe with you.

- Starting time is 9.00a.m. A program of the day with all the scheduled activities is attached to this Newsletter.

- Students may wear house-coloured hair ribbons but no coloured hair-spray please. Bring streamers and banners to cheer on your team.

- School bags are not required. Pack morning tea, lunch (if not ordering) and a water bottle in a small backpack.

- Limited canteen facilities will be available. Check out the list for details.

- If weather is inclement, a decision will be made by Sunday night as to whether the carnival will proceed. Parents will be notified by a *sms text message* on their mobile. They may also check on the school *website*.

- Whilst there are adequate facilities at the oval, parents and grandparents are advised to bring picnic chairs for comfort.

- Coffee/tea and cakes will be available at the Sports Carnival Canteen facility for visitors.

- Finally, it should be noted that Warringah Council has arranged use of the oval at a nominal fee. Let us show our utmost respect to the neighbours and care for the environment, by disposing waste wisely and collecting any rubbish in our path.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

- Lunch Pack (Roll + Drink) $4.00
- Popper Drinks $1.00
- Bottled Water $1.00
- Coffee / Tea $1.00
- House Cup Cakes 50¢
- Cake Slice 50¢

**Lunch Pack choice/s include:**

- Cheese, Ham & Cheese, Mortadella & Cheese OR Salami & Cheese
- With Lettuce and Tomato.

ARmenian STUDent FUND

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 8**

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**Total:** $15.85

**Accumulated:** $454.10

*Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church*

[www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au](http://www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au)
ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT - ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 21st September

On Friday, 21st September 2012, Years 5-6 students will visit the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why and give a small performance on the 21st Anniversary of Armenian’s Independence. The students’ visit always brings such cheer to the faces of the elderly and no doubt, this special occasion will do the same.

The students are expected to leave the school at around 10:00am. They will be transported by private cars and will be accompanied by school staff.

The school requires a parent volunteer to help with the transportation. If you are available and can assist, please let us know by selecting the appropriate box below.

Please return permission slips by Friday, 14th September.

ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT
Years 5-6 Students Only

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why on Friday, 21st September on the occasion of Armenian Independence Day. I understand he/she will travel to and from school by private cars of school staff and a parent volunteer and will be accompanied by classroom teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ____________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________ DATE: ____________

I am able to assist with transportation

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EXCURSION TO THE THEATRE: I, Bunyip - Thursday, 20th September

With the objective of enhancing the theatrical experience of our students, the school will visit the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose to watch the magical production of ‘I, Bunyip’.

The enchanting and extremely popular show will take place on Thursday, 20th September. The students will leave the school at 9.30am and are expected to return by 11.30am.

**I, Bunyip**

Created by Erth Visual & Physical Inc.

From the makers of the acclaimed Erth’s Dinosaur Petting Zoo, comes this amazing new work filled with enchanting characters just waiting to meet your students! Developed in consultation with five different Aboriginal communities, I, Bunyip portrays the mystical world of creatures from our Indigenous folklore.

Erth takes children on a journey through the heart of the Australian landscape with their unique life-like puppets and stunning visual effects. They will meet a host of charming creatures like Nyols, Yawk Yawks and Turongs, and they’ll have the chance to experience freshwater mermaids and mischievous tree-dwelling creatures.

Known for their spectacular puppetry and performances, Erth’s dinosaurs and dragons have transfixed children across the globe. Make sure your students don’t miss this chance to meet I, Bunyip’s spirit creatures and embrace the stories that have been told since time began.

For a sneak peak check out the video at www.glenstreet.com.au

The special student price is **$16.00 each**. Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Monday 17th September.

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EXCURSION TO THE THEATRE

‘I, Bunyip’ - K-6

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the theatrical production of ‘I, Bunyip’ at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose, on Thursday 20th September. I understand he/she will travel from school by private cars of teachers and volunteer parents, being accompanied and supervised by teachers.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____________________________  DATE: _______________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________  MONEY ENCLOSED: $_____ ($16.00 per child)
The Integrated Sports Day

On the 4th of September 6, 2012 Years 3-6 went to the Sydney Japanese School to have our annual Integrated Sports Day. Many schools participated such as the German School, Galstaun College, Italian Bilingual School, Sydney Japanese School and our school.

Miss Knudsen put all the students from Years 3-6 into four teams yellow, blue, red and green. We arrived at 10am and were lead to the back of the school where there was a 200m running course. Each colour had a tent which you would put your bags, have lunch and cheer on your team.

We started off the day with a welcome from the School Captain then we started with the races. There were 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds.

Then we got to have our morning tea and have a little play with our friends.

We had to compete in the 100m sprint but 11 and 12 year olds did 120m. Long Jump was also another event that we competed in.

After all the group event we had lunch while all the Year 6’s had to run a 1500m race (7 and a half laps). In the period of lunch we were able to run around or play of the playground.

After we did some team events such as ‘tug of war’ which had a rope which was at least 50m long. The second team game was we had to throw small balls into a large basket. The last team game was to pass a huge ball over the heads of everyone in your team twice and put on a table at the end. This was quite a hard game!

Then we got the awards for long jump and the Japanese School students performed a dance for us which we had to then copy. After it was time to go back to school.

Everyone had a very good day out in the hot sun, running around and making new friends.

Written By
Ani Manoukian
SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - Term 4
The School Sports Program for Term 4 will be swimming lessons for 8 weeks, commencing Week 2 for all students. The School Swimming Program will once again be conducted at Terrey Hills Swim School, offering students a chance to improve their swimming skills. The program is run during school hours by accredited swimming coaches catering for all levels of swimming ability from learn to swim to advanced swimmers. Life saving skills are also taught as part of the swimming lessons.

Please complete the information form (Required by the Swim School) and the permission slip below. Return to the School Office by **Wednesday, 12th September.** More information next week.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - TERM 4**
*Please complete the information form below for each student in your family and return to the School Office.*

**STUDENT 1**

| NAME: _______________________________ |
| AGE: _______ CLASS: _______________ |

*Please circle the box that best describes your child’s swimming ability.*

1. My child is a non-swimmer i.e. cannot glide with face in water.
2. My child can swim but needs stroke correction.
3. My child can swim 25 metres of each stroke competently.

*Additional information:-
Please circle the box that best describes your child’s health.*

A. Is on medication ______________________
B. Has a medical condition ______________________
C. My child has special needs & has a Carer*
   * Please note the Carer must be willing to assist in the water.

**STUDENT 2** (if applicable)

| NAME: _______________________________ |
| AGE: _______ CLASS: _______________ |

*Please circle the box that best describes your child’s swimming ability.*

1. My child is a non-swimmer i.e. cannot glide with face in water.
2. My child can swim but needs stroke correction.
3. My child can swim 25 metres of each stroke competently.

*Additional information:-
Please circle the box that best describes your child’s health.*

A. Is on medication ______________________
B. Has a medical condition ______________________
C. My child has special needs & has a Carer*
   * Please note the Carer must be willing to assist in the water.

I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the School Swimming Program to be held at Terrey Hills Swim School for 8 weeks commencing **Friday, 19th October.** I understand students will travel to and from school by Shorlink bus services under the supervision of class teachers. Swimming lessons will be conducted by accredited swimming coaches from the swimming facility.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________ DATE: ____________________

**Term 3 - Week 8**

[www.alexander.nsw.edu.au](http://www.alexander.nsw.edu.au)
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPORTS CARNIVAL PROGRAM 2012

Monday, 10th September 2012 - Starting Time: 9:00am

EVENT 1: WARM UP ACTIVITIES

EVENT 2: MARCH PAST IN HOUSES

EVENT 3: AGE RACES

EVENT 4: SKIPPING RACES

EVENT 5: WAR CRY PRESENTATIONS

EVENT 6: SHOT PUT (8+ Year olds)

EVENT 7: LONG JUMP (8- Year olds) COMPLETED AT SCHOOL

EVENT 8: OBSTACLE RELAYS

EVENT 9: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Junior Wheel Relay
   2. Junior Over & Under

EVENT 10: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Senior Captain Ball
   2. Senior Tunnel Ball

EVENT 11: HOUSE RELAYS
   1. Junior 50m Shuttle Relay
   2. Senior 4 x 100m Shuttle Relay

EVENT 12: SACK RACES 50m K-6 Voluntary by year groups

EVENT 13: TUG-O-WAR Y3-6 6 a side
   Sevan vs. Yerevan – Best of 3 Races

EVENT 14: THREE-LEGGED RACES: K-6 Voluntary by classes

EVENT 15: PARENT/PRE-SCHOOLERS RACES If time permits

EVENT 16: PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS & AWARDS