Dear Parents,

**ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY & FAIR - SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

Next Sunday, we are ready to welcome the community to our annual ‘Armenian Cultural Day & Fair’. After months of preparation and organisation we have a great program lined up for the day.

The cultural day brings together the children, graduates, parents and the wider community to celebrate the Armenian language and culture. This year we are celebrating ‘500 Years of Armenian Printing’ and the city of Yerevan being chosen as the World Book Capital 2012 by UNESCO. There will be student and guest performances and a special exhibition in the school hall celebrating these milestones. It is with great pride that we join these celebrations halfway across the world, coinciding with Australia’s National Year of Reading.

The exhibition in the hall is looking wonderful and one needs to take their time going around the displays to appreciate what is on offer. The support from the community has been great, as we have received a good collection of very rare books, dating as far back as 1646! This Armenian book called ‘Hagiography of Saints’ was printed in Amsterdam, Holland (Netherlands) over 366 years ago!

Let’s not forget the stalls, the delicious food, sweets, exciting games for all the children and the great atmosphere!

*Come along and enjoy!*  

**APPRECIATION OF LEADERSHIP**

Last Friday, our Captain Sonya Boyadjian was invited to the New South Wales Parliament by the Member for Pittwater Mr Rob Stokes. The occasion was to honour and present certificates of appreciation to school captains in the electorate for their contribution to the community as school leaders.

During morning tea, which was served in the Jubilee Room, our Captain had the opportunity to meet the honourable member of our electorate. A very interesting and an informative tour of this historic building in Macquarie Street was provided with a visit to the Legislative Assembly chamber. The guests, including parents, grandparents and school representatives had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the system of government in our state.

This was followed with the presentation of certificates where the recipients also responded to the question: ‘What you think was the hardest role of being school captain?’

We thank our State MP, Mr Stokes for this wonderful opportunity, which helps the children acknowledge the importance of community service and the responsibilities of leadership. I would like to also thank Mr & Mrs Toros and Margueritte Boyadjian for accompanying us during the visit.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN  

9th November 2012
2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST
Congratulations to
Sonya Boyadjian - Year 6
Ani Manoukian - Year 5
Aramis Malouf - Year 5

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Jonathan Amirzaian
Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards
SEVAN - 112 points
YEREVAN - 122 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
12/11 Kindergarten Orientation / Transition Day
18/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair 2012
19/11 School Closed
20/11 New Prep class Parent Information Day
29/11 Vegetable Garden - Harvest Day!
2013 Captain Speeches & Election
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
12/12 Last Day Term 4 for students
13/12 Staff Planning Day 2113
Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 5
8 Points – YEREVAN ……….. $9.90
6 Points – SEVAN ……….. $7.40
TOTAL: ……….. $17.30
ACCUMULATED: ……….. $565.45

IMPORTANT NOTICE
In lieu of the Cultural Day & Fair
on Sunday 18th November, 2012
THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY
(19/11/12)

ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY - STUDENT REMINDERS
☞ All students are expected to be at school by 10:30am.
☞ All students need to bring their white t-shirts, jeans pants, white socks and sneakers to wear during the performance. They can arrive wearing other comfortable clothing and change later.
☞ The student performance will commence at 1:30pm.
☞ Make sure your children have taken time to eat and drink before the performance.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 4 – WEEK 5
Year 6: Levon Kehyayan, Garo Betchakjian
Year 5: Jessica Jelenkerian, Ani Manoukian
Jonathan Amirzaian
Year 2: Noah Smith
Year 1: Anita Kachichian

ARMS OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Jonathan Amirzaian
Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
Invitation...

Harvest Day @ Alexander School!
We would like to invite school families and friends to our
**Vegetable Garden Harvest Day!**
Thursday - 29 November 2012

Join us from 12pm and enjoy the fruits of our labour. Yumm!

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 26/11/12.

The event is proudly sponsored by the
*Ready Set Grow Program*
*Northern Beaches Health Promotion*
*Northern Sydney Local Area Health District*

**YEARLY SCHOOL AWARDS**
There is a great deal of learning, assessment, testing and evaluation going on this term and we expect students to perform at their highest level, with the encouragement of parents and teachers. With our annual concert and presentation evening only a few weeks away, it is timely to review criteria for the special awards presented to students. Parents are reminded that the criteria below are matched to a students’ performance over the entire year.

**Alexander Medal**
This award will be presented to a student who exhibits a love of learning and a desire to do the best they can at all times, striving for high achievement in all curriculum areas – academic, cultural, sporting and personal development.

The student will need to display a high level of personal conduct.

**Roy Burnett Memorial Award** *(Book Prize)*
This award will be presented to the student who demonstrates an appreciation for Armenian history and culture and the privilege to learn about it.

**Consistent Effort** *(Book Prize)*
This award will be presented to students who have worked well in all academic areas and have shown enthusiasm and a willingness to extend themselves throughout the entire year.

**Citizenship Award** *(Book Prize)*
This award will be presented to students who abide by the School Discipline Code, display ability to solve problems, negotiate conflict and demonstrate fair-mindedness and integrity.

**Award Certificates**
These certificates are presented to students who have shown high achievement or outstanding improvement in Key Learning Areas.

**Graduate Award** *(Book Prize)*
This award will be presented to the graduating student who has exhibited the qualities of a model student during their school life at Alexander School. The student will have achieved, at their level, in Key Learning Areas, displayed admirable personal qualities and shown an allegiance to their school.

**Bilingual Award** *(Book Prize)*
This award will be presented to a student who has achieved outstanding success in both English and Armenian language skills.
Alexander School students will also be having a ‘Garden Stall’ to sell seedlings they have grown... such as Armenian Cucumber, Okra, Pumpkin, Corn and much more!!!