Dear Parents,

**GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

Our gymnastics program for the term has been a great success thanks to ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’. The students are making excellent progress with the weekly sessions. The program is well structured and caters for outcomes set out in the curriculum. In this week’s session the students gained experience in Bars & Beam. The instructors have also made positive comments in terms of the goals set and targets achieved by students. We are all pleased with the results. The photos published in today’s Newsletter give a better view of all the fun and action!

**QUESTACON SCIENCE SQUAD SHOWS**

Last Friday students of Prep to Year 2 participated in the Questacon Science Squad Shows at the Sydney Japanese School. The workshops was not only entertaining and fun, but also very beneficial to the students, helping them understand some of the concepts presented in the Science Curriculum.

The topics covered included ‘Senses’ and ‘Sound Effects’. The students discovered how we use our senses and learnt how vibrations make sounds using straws, cups and a bucket. They had an opportunity to play an instrument in a ‘silly’ band and made sound effects to tell a spooky story. When asked what they thought of the show, the answer was… ‘It was great fun!’

Next week… How we grew a giant pumpkin in our school garden and what we did with it!
EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Palm Sunday, 24th March

Just over two weeks to go before our annual Palm Sunday concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic.

We hope all families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us. A reminder that it is compulsory for all students to attend. Teachers put much effort into organising concerts and preparing each student for their individual part.

How you can help make the day a success?

⇒ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
⇒ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (See below)
⇒ Assist the P&C with the roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
⇒ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.

Easter Eggs for Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle is always very popular due to the exciting and abundant hampers on offer as prizes. It is the generosity of school families which enable us to prepare such wonderful baskets. We would like to call upon families to donate Easter chocolates again this year. A variety of chocolates would be appreciated – little sized eggs, medium sized eggs, large-sized eggs, bunnies, chicks, hollow eggs, cream-filled eggs – whatever. Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets. We also use excess chocolate eggs/bunnies as prizes for egg & spoon races. Please send your contribution to the school office as soon as possible and no later than Thursday, 21st March. Also, if you have any unwanted baskets lying around at home, we would happily use them for the hampers.

Easter Cake Stall

The organising committee has made a special request for all families to contribute cakes or sweets and make the Easter Cake Stall the best ever! Home-made fare, in particular traditional Armenian choreg, are always best sellers and fetch good prices. Some ideas for traditional Armenian sweets – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kagha, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava… Another popular selling item is homemade cake – uncut and sold whole.

REMEMBER!

Design and make your fancy hat for the Easter Hat Parade!

IMPORTANT!

At our Easter concert students are expected to wear a plain white T-shirt, their summer sports shorts/skirts and white sports shoes & socks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/03 P&C Meeting
12/03 Book Club - Issue 2 Orders Due
17/03 Working Bee
19/03 StartSmart Financial Literacy Program
24/03 Palm Sunday Concert & Picnic
29/03 Good Friday - Public Holiday
30/03 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
31/03 Easter Sunday
01/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
11/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
12/04 Last Day Term 1
15/04 A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 6

8 Points – Masis ................... $14.55
6 Points – Ararat ................... $12.60

TOTAL: .......................... $27.15

ACCUMULATED: .................. $133.45

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SCHOOL CHOCOLATE DRIVE - INFORMATION

We are commencing our annual Easter chocolate drive:

- This is a great school fundraiser but it can’t be successful without your assistance and we really appreciate your support. Starting from today each participating student will receive one carry-pack to take home and sell. Each pack contains 50 Block (Cadbury) or 30 Block (Mars Group) chocolate packs, with each selling for $1 or $2 respectively. Total value of carry-pack is $50 (Cadbury) or $60 (Mars Group).
- If everyone can sell one carry-pack we hope to raise enough funds that can be used towards new equipment and resources to benefit the school and all of our students.
- As there is a time limit on our chocolate drive we must have all money and any unsold chocolate returned no later than Monday, 8th April.
- If you can resist eating them all yourself try selling them to friends, relatives or Mum and Dad can even take them to work…they are usually very welcome around morning tea time or as an afternoon pick-me-up!
- If you have any queries, need to return money, unsold chocolate/s or if you would like another carry-pack to sell please see the office personnel, as they will be co-ordinating the drive.

PRIZES: For each carry-pack sold the P&C will place one ticket in the lucky dip draw for your chance to win the following thank you prizes. Lucky-Dip Prizes: 3x $5 Canteen Vouchers.

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY - 17th MARCH 2013
From 9am... Further details next week...

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 113 points
MASIS - 108 points

MEETING NOTICE

COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

The next P & C meeting will be held on

Monday
11th March 2013

Venue: Staff Room
Time: 1.00pm
Contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian
0416 262 177 or school office

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 6

Year 6: Jonathan
Year 5: Krikor Narek
Year 2: Jessica Lilit

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...
Narek

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 2

Order Forms/Money Due by
Tuesday
12th March, 2013
Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.
The Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection

Sunday School Presents

Children's Art Exhibition

Under the auspices of

His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najaraian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand

Primary school aged children of our community are invited to participate in a creative display of artwork depicting the Easter themes of - Palm Sunday - Glorious Resurrection - Ascension

Exhibition Times & Details:

Opening Ceremony ~ Saturday 6 April ~ 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 7 April ~ 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Edgarian Hall ~ 10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

Entries to the exhibition should be of A3 size and submitted by post or delivered to the church office by Thursday 28 March

A select range of original artwork will be displayed at the exhibition

For more information contact:
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Photo Gallery...

Sports Day - Gymnastics Program

Special effects action shots.

Photo Gallery...
AGBU Alexander Primary School

Easter Celebrations

Palm Sunday - 24th March, 2013
from 1pm

On their way from Jericho, Jesus and the disciples neared Bethphage, on the slope of the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. Two disciples went into the village, as Jesus told them, to bring back a donkey and its colt. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, an unmistakable sign of His kingship. Matthew 21:1

Songs of Praise... Songs of Joy...
Songs for the Young & Old... Poetry to fill the Heart with the Spirit of Easter... Colourful Easter Hat Parade...

A delicious lunch will be served. A day filled with enjoyable activities!

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