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Dear Parents,

BOOK WEEK - 'READING IS MY SECRET POWER'

On Monday, as part of our Book Week activities, the students gathered in the Gemjian Hall to support the theme for this year 'Reading is My Secret Power'. During assembly, the students sang the theme song as well as a number of other bilingual songs that reflected on the importance of books and reading. This was followed by a reading from one of the short-listed books, nominated for the 2019 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards (CBCA).

During assembly, we were joined by a special guest **Mrs Tina Djoulfaian**, the author of the 'Hye Stories' children's book series. Mrs Djoulfaian was invited to join our reading session, by presenting and reading two of her books from the series, which currently stands at ten. The students then had the opportunity to ask interesting questions about these wonderful Armenian books and how they have been published.



The books have been well received by the school community and are available in the two standardised versions of the language, Eastern Armenian and Western Armenian. While these books are for very young, Mrs Djoulfaian explained her plans to publish more books aimed at younger readers with the purpose of encouraging them 'to find value in their Armenian identity through the Armenian language.'

At the end of assembly, the students were paired with a book to take part in an **Outside Reading Activity**. They found a nice comfortable and quite spot to read and share stories together. It was a fitting way to end the afternoon and discover the 'secret power' of books!

Much to the delight of the children, the **Book Fair** has been running during lunchtimes, with students having the opportunity to purchase books thanks to the support of their parents. We also like to thank all the families that have supported the school Library, by donating from the CBCA short-listed books. The full list of book donations will be published next week.

YEAR 6 IN BATHURST

Years 5/6 have been in Bathurst with Mrs Dernee since Wednesday. We wish them a safe return trip this afternoon. I'm sure they had an exciting and educational trip with the students from the John Colet School. News of their visits and activities at the gold fields including photos will be reported in detail next week.

23rd August, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



FATHERS' DAY STALL

Friday, 30th August

Students will be able to shop for Fathers' Day on that day.

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.



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Martin Ananyan

Sofia Jebian

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



ARARAT - 66 points

MASIS - 78 points



DATES TO REMEMBER

27/08	Orientation / Open Day
28/08	International Sports Day - Years 3-6
02/09	ICAS - Digital Technologies Years 3-6
04/09	ICAS - Science Years 2-6
06/09	Cross Country Run
09/09	ICAS - Writing Years 3-6
10/09	Orientation / Open Day
11/09	ICAS - Spelling Years 2-6
16/09	ICAS - English Years 2-6
18/09	ICAS - Mathematics Years 2-6
21/09	Armenian Independence Day
24/09	Orientation / Open Day
25/09	Junior First Aid

Year 5 & 6

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP



Green & Gold Day	\$90.00
Asia Day	\$205.00
Mufti Day	\$60.00
Games Day	\$108.00
Lunch Special - Pizza	\$80.00

TOTAL **\$543.00**

TARGET... \$540  **TARGET ACHIEVED!**

BOOK FAIR NOTICE

- ♥ The 'Book Fair', as part of Alexander Primary School's Book Week activities, will be open daily.
- ♥ It will be held in the Hall at the second half of lunch.
- ♥ Students will be provided with a "My Wish List" form to list their favourite titles for purchase.
- ♥ Parents should discuss the choice of books with their children, mark the form with the books for purchase and return to school office with money.

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 5

Year 2: Lio, Lucas
Sevana
Sofia
Kris

Year 1: David



ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 5

8 Points - Masis	\$4.00
6 Points - Ararat	\$3.50
TOTAL:	\$7.50
ACCUMULATED:	\$383.85

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Book Week ~ Hye Stories





INTRODUCING

Hye Stories

Armenian Children's books,
written and printed in
Sydney, Australia
with a transliteration system
and English translation.

Now available for purchase in
both Eastern and Western
Armenian dialects from
AGBU Alexander Primary School.

Price: \$10 per book.

To view the complete series, please visit:
www.hyestories.com.au

Rubbish! - By Mic Conway

On Tuesday, as part of our Book Week activities the students travelled to the Sydney Japanese School to take part in a special performance called 'Rubbish' by Mic Conway, who presented a show to learn about the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

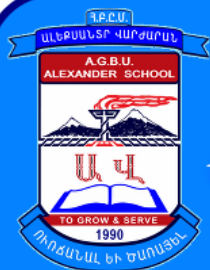
"Magic Mic" Conway got the message across with a circus of comedy, magic and mayhem! He put the fun into **Recycling** with all kinds of junk musical instruments. He **Reused** the garbage out of the bin to make magic and **Reduced** his audience to tears of laughter with his songs and serious silliness!

Musical garbage bins and rubbish, junk costumes, light juggling, magic with water bottles and cans, ripping newspapers, a cranky little boy puppet and loads of audience participation made for a load of rubbish! - entertaining and educational rubbish.



Outside Reading Activity





ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep to Year 6

ORIENTATION & OPEN DAYS

Preparatory & Kindergarten

TUESDAYS 27 AUGUST
10 SEPTEMBER & 24 SEPTEMBER 2019



**ENROLLING
for
2020**

*Come along and see how we nurture your child in our
unique environment and caring community.*

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep) to Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels.

The age requirement for students entering **Preparatory** is **4 years by 31st July** (3½ years at the start of the school year), while for **Kindergarten** it is **5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year.

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