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Relaunches March 8

WHERE...
Armenian Apostolic Church:
Edgarian Hall, Chatswood

WHEN...
Fortnightly Sundays - 6.45- 8.30PM

WHO...
All year 6- year 10 students welcome

WHY...
To connect with God and make friends
and meet the great great team leaders!
But most importantly to have fun!

Contacts:
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2009

- MARCH 8: SAUSAGE SIZZLE
MARCH 22:
APRIL 5: PUT PUT GOLF
APRIL 19: FASHION FRENZY
MAY 3:
MAY 17:
MAY 31:
JUNE 14:
JUNE 28:
JULY 12: MOVIE NIGHT
JULY 26:
AUGUST 9:
AUGUST 23: OUTING- TBA
SEPTEMBER 6:
SEPTEMBER 20:
OCTOBER 11: EVENT- TBA
OCTOBER 25:
NOVEMBER 8:
NOVEMBER 22: CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



MASIS - 28 points

ARARAT - 22 points



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/03 First Aid & CPR Training - Parents & Staff
26/03 Parent Teacher Interviews
Student Portfolios
05/04 Palm Sunday Concert & Picnic
08/04 I.C.A.S. - Slips and payment due
09/04 Last Day Term 1
10/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
11/04 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
12/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
15/04 A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Ani Manoukian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

Table with 3 columns: Points, Name, Amount. Includes rows for MASIS (\$11.00), ARARAT (\$10.50), TOTAL (\$21.50), and ACCUMULATED (\$94.65).

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
For details call: Setrak Kassabian - (02) 9419 8056

MEETING NOTICE

A.G.B.U. ALEXANDER
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS COUNCIL

The next P & C meeting
will be held on

Sat. 14th March, 2009

Venue: 10 Tallwood Avenue, Eastwood

Time: 3:30pm

Please contact Heidi Jelenkerian on
0414678584 to confirm attendance.

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 1 - WEEK 5

Year 6: Rebecca Apanian

Florence Basmajian

Maral Boyadjian

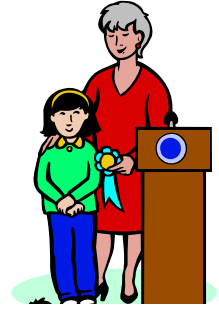
Ilda Zorlu

Year 5: Sevag Keoshgerian

Kindergarten: Tzolare Giragosian

Nina Kehyayan

Congratulations to all these students.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 3-6



Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) is a not for profit organisation owned solely by the University of New South Wales. For over 20 years, EAA has been conducting the **International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**. These assessments, formerly known as the Australasian Schools Competition are much more difficult than the former NSW Basic Skills Tests (replaced last year by the national school assessments). Our school will again offer these tests for Years 3-6, which will take place between May and July.



The school is offering Computer Skills, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics, while Spelling is not being recommended. Writing is marked by hand, not by computer, hence the cost difference.

The school needs to register the number of students sitting each of the tests. Parents who would like to have their child/ren participate in any one or all of the tests are asked to complete and return the form below. Closing date for applications and payment for all tests is **Wednesday, 8th April 2009. Please do not be late.**

Indicate your choice of tests by placing a tick in the appropriate box/es. Provision has been made for families with more than one child at the school. Please return form with payment to the office by **Wednesday, 8th April.**



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 3 - 6

Student # 1. 2.

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ICAS - Computer Skills Test, Wednesday 27th May \$6.60

ICAS - Science Test, Wednesday 13th May \$6.60

ICAS - Writing Test, Tuesday 26th May \$12.10

ICAS - English Test, Tuesday 7th July \$6.60

ICAS - Maths Test, Wednesday 22nd July \$6.60



NAME OF STUDENT/S 1. _____ 2. _____

MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Cheques payable to: AGBU Alexander Primary School)

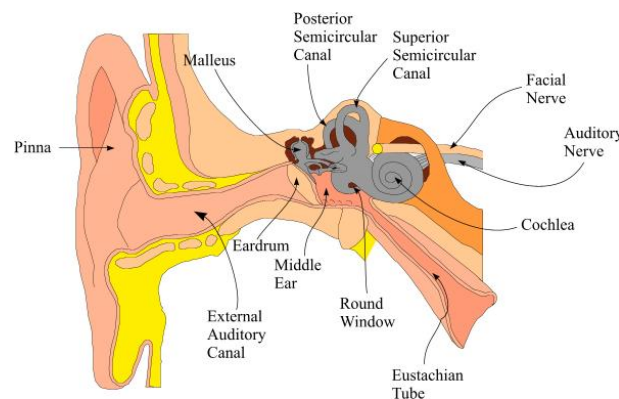
PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

HEARING

HEARING IN THE VERY YOUNG

We can protect our children's hearing even before they are born, by immunisation.

- **Rubella** (German Measles) is quite a mild disease in most but if contacted by a mother in the first few weeks of her pregnancy can cause the infant to be born deaf.
- **Measles** if caught at any age may leave you with a permanent hearing loss. The M.M.R. vaccine is given at 12 months to protect your infant against Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
- **H.I.B.** Vaccine. This is now part of the Triple Antigen Program commenced during the first few months of life. This devastating disease (meningitis) may leave your infant deaf.



HEARING IN THE SCHOOL AGE CHILD

Sound waves are collected by the outer ear, they are funnelled down the ear canal to the eardrum. These waves vibrate the eardrum, and the 3 small bones of the middle ear. The vibrations are then transferred to the cochlear and sent to the brain as nerve impulses.

Glue ear can occur when there is a collection of fluid in the middle ear, which is left untreated. This fluid may become thick, sticky and glue like. The Eustachian - tube allows air into the middle ear cavity and may become blocked. This blockage can be caused by coughs, colds, allergies, post viral infection or even a baby lying down to soon following a milk feed. The ear drum and the 3 small bones in the middle ear cannot vibrate when glue ear is present. Sound then becomes very muffled and it is difficult to hear. It is like trying to listen to the radio just off the station, the sound is distorted and the volume decreased.

Speech may be effected, if words are not heard clearly, they can not be reproduced correctly. Children may have difficulty learning if they have a hearing loss and distortion of speech. With added background classroom noise, it becomes increasingly frustrating for them, poor behaviour and deteriorating schoolwork may follow:

To help identify possible hearing problems these are some signs to look for;

- *Speech delay or deteriorating speech.*
- *Doesn't hear in background noise.*
- *Hates sudden noise.*
- *Forgets instructions.*
- *Poor concentration.*
- *Distracted.*
- *Have two attacks of earache in short time, that require antibiotics.*
- *Does not hear when called from another room.*
- *Likes the T.V. turned up loud.*
- *Watches faces for visual clues.*
- *Shouts or whispers.*
- *Is tired or poor sleeper.*
- *Copies others work.*

Although glue ear is a serious condition, and causes a fluctuating hearing loss it does respond to treatment. For information and/or access to hearing test facilities, please contact your local Early Childhood Health Centre. To obtain the telephone number of your nearest centre please contact the school office.