

# HASG NEWS



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## HASG Newsletter May, 2009

### **From The Principal's Desk:**

May 28, 1918 is etched deep in the hearts of Armenians throughout the world. It is a date where the Armenian nation, united as one and against all odds, was prepared to sacrifice life itself, in order to live and continue to exist.

In what has become a tradition, the students at HASG College invite their grandparents to join them in celebrating this most auspicious date, in Armenian history. This year we had over 85 grandparents and guests join us in the Nalbandian Hall, where the students presented a short program of Armenian readings, song and poetry. We were fortunate that Archbishop Baliozian was present at the college as part of his regular chaplaincy visits and joined our guests to deliver a poignant message and give us his blessing.

The day turned out to be an opportune occasion for me to introduce Mrs. Carolyn Blanden to our grandparents. She was warmly received and welcomed to the HASG College community.

The afternoon ended with students joining their grandparents for lunch and refreshments prepared by our Parents Committee and served by our senior students.

May 28, 2009 was yet another opportunity for us as a community to celebrate the resurrection of our people and use the occasion to reiterate our deep respect for our elders and the place they hold within our culture. I trust this tradition will grow even stronger in the future.

Kaylar Michaelian

### **From the Head of College:**

My first week here at the College has been a wonderfully warm welcome to the School Community. The students have been friendly and shown poise and self-confidence as they have come to introduce themselves. Their good manners have been a delight.

It was a pleasure to meet some of you on Grandparents' Day and I look forward to getting to know you at other College events during this term. I have been fortunate to meet parents who have volunteered to assist with canteen, scripture and parents committee. I have been very impressed with the level of engagement of these parents. There is no doubt that the parents' contributions of time, work, supply of materials and volunteering to assist the school is a great strength of the College Community. I encourage each of you to consider how best you will be able to support the school through this next exciting stage of our growth and development.

I would like to thank those of you who have taken the trouble to introduce me to various elements of Armenian tradition and culture, I have so much to learn and I really appreciate your help in doing so.

Over the next two weeks I have many appointments booked with members of staff, to discuss matters of teaching and learning, but after that I will have an opportunity to meet with any of you who would like to come and discuss issues with me. Please call Mrs Rangji if you would like to make an appointment, I shall look forward to meeting you.

Carolyn Blanden

## News from the Administration Manager:

You will have noticed that this month's Newsletter is 'trimmed down'. In our endeavour to continue clear, concise and timely communication with College parents, we encourage parents to view our webpage on a regular basis, particularly the News and events calendar sections. I currently update the information on the HASG College webpage on a daily basis. We will also send out a "HASG News Flash" information sheet throughout the month, to announce any additional information.

All events and accompanying photos will be displayed via the Events section on the webpage. I encourage every parent to visit this very informative site regularly or on a daily basis: <http://www.hasg.nsw.edu.au>

On Tuesday 9th June, Advance Photography take the class, individual and family photos. This year the company will be handling the full process. The students need to report to college in full uniform, so they are well presented in the photos. We are awaiting receipt of the official order form, this, along with the HASG request for family photo form, will be forwarded to parents, by next week.

Wendy Rangi

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS WHO COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL:**

To improve the safety of students who are waiting after school to be collected by their parents, we have instituted a new system which will be put in place from next week and for this we ask your co-operation.

- Students will be asked to wait for their parents at the top of the school driveway, just past the flag poles.
- Parents are asked to drive SLOWLY up to this area where there will be special car spaces designated "Visitor Parking". Please park in these spaces and then walk across the drive to collect your children.

We trust that this new system will remove congestion from the bus loading areas and improve levels of safety for our students. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Yeretz HASG Leadership Mentoring Program - Ms Lisa Carapiet**

On Tuesday 19 May we welcomed Ms Lisa Carapiet, a Journalist from The Financial Review: Lisa was pleased to be invited as part of the Leadership and Mentoring Program at HASG College.

Ms Carapiet spoke about her school and university days, about her training in Political Science and Law, and how her current role is both challenging and enjoyable.

Ms Carapiet encouraged our students to always do their best at school, aim to achieve their goals and to remember that they may train in one area, but find new directions and horizons to move your skills and career into new and challenging roles.



Ms Carapiet has agreed to mentor a number of our students who have an interest in journalism. Ms

### **Yeretz Leadership & Mentoring Program - Dr Rob Stokes - Tuesday 4th August**

Rob Stokes is the Liberal Member for Pittwater and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Planning. He holds a PhD in Law, Masters of Law, Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and Diploma in Biblical Studies. Rob was previously a Senior Lecturer with the Division of Law at Macquarie University, and has been a practicing solicitor since 1998. Rob has also worked as a school teacher and coach of rugby and rowing. He has also written numerous articles on environmental planning and NSW tax law in a variety of books and top academic journals. Outside work, Rob is Chief Instructor with Mona Vale Surf Club, and lives in Newport with his wife Sophie and three young children.

## Student of the Week Term 2 2009

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<b>Kindy</b>	Tiana Papazian	Kevork Demirdjian	Tia Nalbandian	Serj Tahanian
<b>Year 1</b>	Lori Manjkian	Sevak Petrosyan	Jack Soghomonian	Aleen Taberdian
<b>Year 2</b>	Nareg Taprazian	Gayane Kortian	Nejteh Moskofian	Ben Tchopourian
<b>Year 3</b>	Vartine Robertson	Daniel Papazian	Tenny Karapetian	Garen Kopoushian
<b>Year 4</b>	George Matta	Kyler Boghossian	Kristina Jamcotchian	Michael Khederlarian
<b>Year 5</b>	Rita Bassil	Siranush Harutunyan	Katya Kahramanian	Monique Manookian
<b>Year 6</b>	Narineh Borghonzian	Sarina Evanian	Narine Gulumian	Nyree Kelleyan

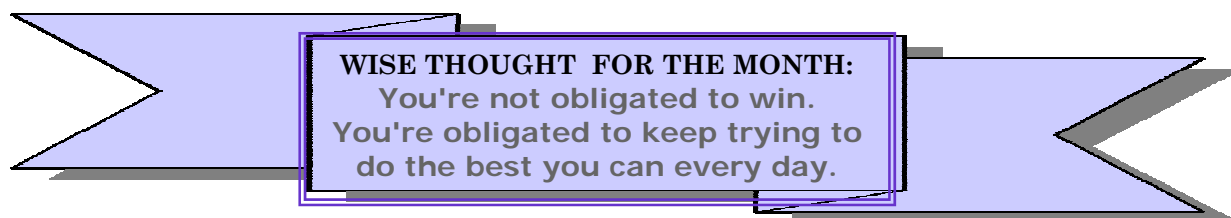
### HASG WORKING BEE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 27 JUNE

The next **HASG Working Bee** will be held at College on Saturday 27 June, from 8am to 12 noon.

Please RSVP either by telephoning the office on Tele: 9970 6984 or else email:  
admin@hasg.nsw.edu.au

All participants will need to report to James Buckland, Caretaker on site on the 27th June.

Please remember your participation is much appreciated and forms part of the "Participation Levy" program. Thank you. Wendy Rangi



### THE HASG CANTEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The College and Parents Committee has now set up a Volunteer Schedule, to enable all parents to participate in assisting the canteen, at least twice per year.

The program is due to commence during the second week of Term 3. We will send you a reminder of the date, closer to that time.

The Canteen Supervisor will either telephone or text you two weeks prior to your rostered day. Whilst it is compulsory to attend, if you are unable to do so, perhaps nominating your mother, sister or friend to represent you and your family, would be a good idea. Please remember your attendance (or nominated person) is part of your Participation Levy exemption.

To encourage participation, the Parents Committee will offer as an incentive, a weekly draw with the prize a gift voucher to the value of \$30 for you to spend on yourself, as a token of 'thanks' from HASG College.

Any queries please contact Hilda Shahmoradian or Ofik Charmahali via Tele: 9970 6984, thank you.

## Grandparents Day

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 H.A.S.G. College paid tribute to the heroes of Armenian Independence day 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1918. It has become a tradition in our college in recent years where we combine the celebration of Armenian Independence day and Grandparents' Day and welcome our Grandparents in our College by showcasing our College and students with a small cultural programme.

This year also the day started at 11:00 a.m. by the arrival of our dear Grandparents who were taken on several tours around the campus by letting them visit different classrooms and observing the daily classroom activities. They stopped at the kindy block and watched kindergarten and year one students performing a few Armenian songs and dances they have learned so far for our up-coming concert on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009. They then moved up to Nalbandian Hall to watch the programme.

Students read texts, recited poems and sang songs in relation to Armenian Independence Day which were thoroughly enjoyed by our elders. The programme concluded with a brief address by Mr Mikaelian who thanked the grandparents and their continuous support towards our college. A beautifully prepared lunch by our dedicated mums from the parents' committee was served with the help of our senior students during which infants and primary students were allowed to spend time with their grandparents. It was great to see the smiling and satisfied faces of our grandparents as they were leaving our college

Aida Sarian



There are many more wonderful photos displayed on the HASG College Webpage  
<http://www.hasg.nsw.edu.au/gallery>

# HASG EVENT CALENDAR—TERM 2

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
28 May	Thurs	11am-3pm	Grandparents Day/Armenian Independence Day, Nalbandian Hall	K-6
3 June		10:15am-2:00pm	"Sadako" play at Independent Theatre, North Sydney	Years 4, 5 and 6
4 June	Thurs		Streetball @ GIS	Yr 7
9 June	Tuesday	All Day	School Photo 2009-Individuals & family	K-12
<b>10 June</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>ICAS Science Competition</b>	
18 June	Thurs	11.45am	HS Assembly – presentation by Mrs Pam Pritchard – ROTARY Polio Education & Fundraiser Representative	Yrs 7-12 15minute presentation then Q&
19 June	Friday		Career's Market Years 10-12	Via Careers Councillor
20 June	Sat	6pm	Armenian School Concert Nalbandian Hall  Trip to Armenia	K-12
23 June	Tues	TBA	ICAS Spelling Competition	
23 June	Tues	TBA	ICAS Writing Competition	
24 June	Weds		Cross Country @ HASG	Yrs3-6
25 June	Thurs	9.30-tbc	Kindy Info Morning	HoC, Admin & Kindy
27 June	Sat		Cultural Evening	
<b>3 July</b>	<b>Friday</b>		<b>Last day for Term 2</b>	
6-10 July	Mon	TBA	Professional Development Days for Staff	All Teaching staff

## HASG Art Exhibition — 1 July to 2 August, 2009

A note for your diary - The HASG College will be holding an Art Exhibition to showcase our college to the College community and Northern Beaches residents. We have several imminent artists from this area, as well as Armenian artists who will contribute to this fundraising event for the College. Invitations will be sent at a later date.

Opening will be on Friday 31 July, 2009 at 7pm.

Saturday 1 August opening will be from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 2 August opening will be from 10am to 3pm.

Any queries, please call Wendy Rangi on 9970 6984.