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Dear Parents,

HOLY COMMUNION - THIS SUNDAY

In school tradition, students will attend the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection in Chatswood on **Sunday 10th February 2013**, to receive blessings and Holy Communion for the start of the new school year.

Students are expected to arrive by 11am to join the Mass and receive Communion. Full school uniform must be worn. Girls will need school hats. Thank you to all the parents for your assistance and cooperation on this matter.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 12th February starting at 7.00pm sharp!** The evening will give parents the opportunity to gain further understanding of how the classes are arranged and find out what will be going on in your child's classroom and school this year.

We expect to see all families represented at the Parent Information Evening. This is the opportunity you have to find out exactly what is happening on a day to day basis in your child's classroom and what our expectations are of students and parents. Parents will also be briefed and updated on some of the major programs in place and will hear about the various ways they can contribute to the school community. The education of children is a huge task. We all need to pitch in and play a supporting role - teachers supporting parents, parents supporting teachers, the school Board and school programs.

Please be reminded that this is not a time to talk about your child's progress specifically. By all means, make an appointment to meet your child's teacher if you need to do so. Teachers will also brief and update parents on occasions. Children who attend the evening because there is no one else at home are to remain in close vicinity of the school hall and not go out to play in the playground.

WELCOMING HIS GRACE BISHOP HAIGAZOUN NAJARIAN - OPEN DAY

On **Thursday, 21st February** we will welcome **His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian**, the new Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Australia and New Zealand. His Grace will be visiting us on our first **Open Day** for the year starting at 11.30am.

As part of our Open Day program and special welcome, the students will provide a brief presentation and concert followed by reception. His Grace will then have the opportunity to talk to parents, members of the school Board and executive. He will also have a chance to visit the school grounds, join the classrooms and meet the students.

I welcome parents, family, friends and all members of the community to come along and experience a day at Alexander school.



Have you seen our school's exhibition in the City of Ryde Library - Celebrating 500 Years of Armenian Printing? ...more on this next week.

8th February 2013

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 12th February @ 7:00p.m. sharp! - School Hall

We hope to see every family represented to hear important information on what is happening in your child's school and classroom.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY

The school “**Discipline Policy - Parent Handout**” is enclosed with today’s Newsletter. Parents should read this document carefully to familiarise themselves with the strategies implemented at AGBU Alexander Primary School to encourage positive attitude and behaviour.



The school has expectations of its students to maintain standards which will promote personal achievement and school pride. It is the tone of our school to be positive, encouraging and motivational. Children need this same encouragement from parents in order to succeed. Students achieve highest when parents take an **active** interest and role in their education and school life.

School Standards on Homework:

- ⇒ It is expected that students will complete set tasks to the **best of their ability** - untidy work will not be accepted.
- ⇒ Parents should check and sign each set of homework and/or Diaries of Years 3-6 students.
- ⇒ Homework should be made a **priority** when students arrive home of an afternoon. However, teachers understand that students may have extra-curricular after school activities. If homework is unable to be completed, please write a note to the teacher stating reason.
- ⇒ If your child has difficulty with set homework, please advise your child’s teacher in writing the following day. If the situation persists, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.



School Standards on Uniform:

- ⇒ Students are expected to wear **correct** uniform at all times.
- ⇒ Students wearing incorrect uniform (any part) should provide a note to the class teacher stating reason.
- ⇒ Students in Years 3-6 need to bring sports shoes to school for fitness and play. Students are allowed to leave a second pair of sports shoes at school to change into for their fitness sessions.
- ⇒ Students must have school hats at school daily. “**NO HAT, NO PLAY**”
- ⇒ Jewellery, nail polish and make-up not permitted. Only one pair, plain stud / sleeper earrings permitted.
- ⇒ Random uniform checks are conducted and students receive House points for correct uniform standards.
- ⇒ Students who lose an article of uniform (eg hat or jumper) will have a week’s grace after which time the article must be replaced.
- ⇒ Students who repeatedly forget sports shoes / hats will have records of misbehaviour sent home.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY - Application for Permission

As part of the school Mobile Phone Policy, parents are reminded that children first **need to request and be granted permission in writing**, before being allowed to carry a mobile phone in their bag.



Students who were granted permission to carry a mobile phone last year need to **renew their application**. A copy of the policy is available to parents on request. The policy includes the relevant application form.

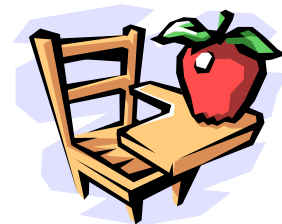
Our School Rules are...

- ☺ We use our common sense.
- ☺ We keep ourselves safe.
- ☺ We respect other people, property and the environment.
- ☺ We strive to do our best.

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- ☺ Մենք մեզ կ’ապահովենք:
- ☺ Կը յարգենք ուրիշները, ուրիշներու սեփականութիւնը եւ միջավայրը:
- ☺ Կը ճգնինք ընելու մեր լաւագոյնը:



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/02 Holy Communion at Church on Sunday
- 12/02 Parent Information Evening - School Hall
- 19/02 Book Club - Issue 1 Orders Due
- 20/02 'The World Needs Music' @ SJS from 1pm
- 21/02 His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Welcomed at Alexander School
~ Open Day ~
- 24/03 Palm Sunday Concert & Picnic
- 15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Please mark these important days in your calendar & check this box regularly for updates. You can also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 2

8 Points – ARARAT	\$11.24
6 Points – MASIS	\$7.85
TOTAL:	\$19.10
ACCUMULATED:	\$19.10

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

CANTEEN OPENS NEXT WEEK - LIMITED FACILITIES

Thank you to the families who responded to our call for canteen duty. At this stage only **limited canteen facilities** will be made available on a **daily** basis. This includes snacks and treats only. Children should continue to have their lunch prepared at home as there will be no canteen orders or sandwiches. Once the roster and menu is finalised, we hope to have the canteen with full services open for a few days a week.

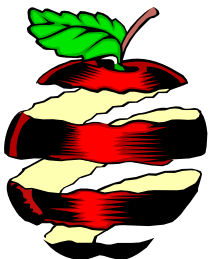


We are always keen to have new mums join the team. If you have not yet signed up for canteen duty, but would like to take an active role, please contact the school Office. Should we have sufficient volunteers, full canteen facilities will be available on additional days.



Children love to see their parents actively involved in their school... even if it's only once a term. The positive effect of your support will reward your child, your school and you.

STUDENT LUNCHBOXES



We are generally very happy with the contents of our students' lunchboxes. Our school would rate fairly well with all the attention given to ensure school lunchboxes contain mostly foods with good nutritional value. Whilst children may complain about lack of variety, try being inventive with the way you serve foods. Please continue to help us with this school program - keep up with the practice of providing low-fat, low-salt, low-sugar foods.

Fruit size can make all the difference between "fruit eaten" and "fruit wasted". Please buy small sized fruit for small mouths to chomp around, otherwise send cut fruit to school. Many of the younger children (K-2) could be wasting good fruit because it is just too hard to eat.

THE SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

Parents are instrumental in the success of our school's healthy food program as providers of good, nutrition-filled lunch boxes.

To help parents with the confusing task of deciding on suitable snack foods, below is a list of what we consider to be appropriate.



ONE ONLY - Snack Food which includes any one of the following: baked biscuits or snacks such as BBQ shapes; yoghurt or other dairy dessert such as Yogo or Petite Miam; slice of plain cake, muffin or fruit toast; fruit straps/bars; breakfast/muesli bars.

(SNACKS WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY: Dunkeroos, roll-ups, LCM's, Incredibites chips, etc)

UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF - Fresh Fruit & Vegetables ... fruit bars and fruit yoghurt are no replacement for fresh fruit.

AT LEAST ONE SERVE OF - Bread ... sandwiches

Sandwiches are the most ideal lunch food but we do understand that children need some variety and often have home-cooked meals to replace sandwiches.

SUITABLE LUNCH DRINKS FOR SCHOOL - fruit juice, milk, water.

SCHOOL BANKING - Youthsaver Account with Commonwealth Bank

School Banking at Alexander school has developed and grown over the past few years. We now have a large percentage of students taking part in the savings program.



'Equip your child for life - like you would for school' - Youthsaver account opening kit is enclosed with today's Newsletter for those students who have not yet joined or are new to the program. In the packaged envelope you will find all the required information and forms to start your child's account.

Once the accounts are set up and ready to go, your child/ren will be able to take part in 'School Banking Day' now set for **Thursdays**. This is when students can bring their deposits to be banked through the School.

Parents who are interested in getting their children to join the savings program can contact the office for more information. For new students, if your child already has a Youthsaver account, they too can join the program.

Message from the Bank...

Dear Parent,

Teaching your child the all-important skills of money management and saving when they're young can empower them for success in the future. Commonwealth Bank Student Banking is a special initiative designed to do just that. Through education and fun, we aim to help make your child a Super Saver.

Student Banking - teaching kids Super Saver powers.

The Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program runs within primary schools to help boost your child's understanding of money and saving.

- ◆ **Educational resources** - We provide schools with fun resources to assist teaching of basic skills.
- ◆ **Weekly banking** - Your child can do their banking at school where it's easy for them to make regular deposits. Student Banking coordinators often allocate a class banking day and a banking monitor to help teach children the responsibility of saving.
- ◆ **Money for their school** - When your child signs up for Student Banking or makes a deposit at school, the Bank will pay a commission to your school. This money can help buy new books, computers, sports equipment or whatever else the school may need.



Get your little Super Saver started now.

It's easy to get your child involved with Student Banking. Just sign them up for a Youthsaver account. It's packed with fun features your child will love.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

When children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

For more information on a Youthsaver account please call 13 2221, visit commbank.com.au/dollarmites or drop into any Commonwealth Bank Branch.



SHORELINK RYDE BUS



BUS SUPERVISOR CONTACTS

Mrs Margo Boyadjian ~ 0411 069 804

Mrs Sonia Apanian ~ 0451 083 994

Please keep these contact numbers handy for any bus related issues.
For example delays or emergencies.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Lieu of Flowers for the Late Misak Bedikian

Mr & Mrs Savash and Talar Bedikian	\$500
Mr & Mrs Ari and Bianca Zorlu	\$250
Mr & Mrs Bedros and Ilda Zorlu	\$150
Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Vahe and Seta Keoshgerian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	\$50

Our condolences to the Bedikian, Elmasian and Zorlu Families. May his soul rest in peace.

In Support of Alexander School

Mothers' Christmas Club	\$1,790
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.	
Armenian Apostolic Church Council	\$500
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$100

In Memoriam for the Late Bedros Chanakian

Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$50
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The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials.

All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.

YOU HAVE E-M@IL

With the ever increasing changes in communication technology, the school needs to maintain and update its database by collecting email addresses of school families and friends. Please complete the form below and return to the office at your earliest convenience.



SCHOOL DATABASE UPDATE - EMAILS

FAMILY NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Please add our email/s to the database. We understand they will be used in line with the school's Privacy Policy.

Name 1: _____ Email 1: _____

Name 2: _____ Email 2: _____

Photo Gallery - Final Days of 2012...



BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...
Nina

LIBRARY BAGS

Congratulations to all the students who remembered to bring their library bags for borrowing this week. If you forgot to bring yours in, try to remember next week.

LIBRARY DAY IS FRIDAY

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 1

Order Forms/Money Due by
Tuesday
19th February, 2013

Orders after this date cannot be processed.
Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 22 points
MASIS - 20 points

AWARD