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OUR WET ENVIRONMENT - THE DAM

This term Year 1/2 have been studying wet and dry environments. The students were able to explore the school's own wet environment - the dam. These are some of their observations:

We have a dam because all the water is collected there. A dam stores water. Our dam was built before the school. The dam has brown water in it. Our dam has trees, algae and plants. At our dam we saw ducks and lizards. Our dam is shady because the trees are in the way. A dam is good because the plants and animals could drink a lot of water. *Kevorik*



We have a dam near our school. We have a dam because it stores water. The dam attracts birds and other animals. It is a place where plants can grow. The dam was built when our school was a farm. The animals drank water from the dam. The dam looks like a pond. It is just bigger and with holes. When we visited the dam we saw water reeds, land reeds, trees and grass. We saw ducks and lizards and also a rabbit. The ground was mushy sand and soil. It was shady because there were lots of trees. It is a good place for plants and animals because they can drink water whenever they want. *Lilit*

We have a dam to store water. A dam is where animals and plants live. The dam was built before the school. It was a farm. The farmer used to dam so that the animals could drink. Our dam looks like a big pond and there are two pipes going into our dam. When we visited the dam we saw grass, trees, sticks and ducks. The ground around the dam was sandy. It was shady because there were lots of trees. The dam is a good place. *Lara*



We have a dam so the animals can live. The water from our school goes into the dam. Our dam was built before the school. There are two pipes that go into our dam. I like the lizards. *Alexandra*

The dam is a place where plants grow. Our dam was built before the school. The water looks dirty. When we visited our dam we saw weeds and algae. We saw ducks, tadpoles and little lizards. The sand around the dam was soft and mushy. It was shady because there were many tall trees. I liked the dam because it was big and fat.

Christopher

We have a dam to store water. Our dam attracts birds and other animals. Our dam was built when the school was a farm. Our dam looks like a pond. When we visited the dam we saw algae and trees and grass. We saw ducks and lizards. We had fun. *Jessica*



We have a dam. It stores water. Animals and plants live in our dam. Our dam was built before the school. Before our school was built it was a farm. Our dam looks like a pond. When we visited the dam we saw algae and reeds. It was a lot of fun. *Anita*



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2013

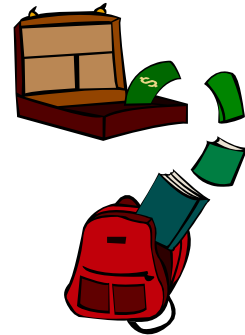
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For Helpfulness & Responsibility



TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by *Thursday, 4th April*. We would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with suppliers are met. If you believe there may be an error in your Tax Invoice please contact the school Office. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit.



Parents are reminded that **Building Fund** contributions are **tax deductible** and special receipts will be issued in order to claim a deduction.

Payment may be sent through the post or paid directly to the school Office. Students delivering money to school should hand fees to the school office immediately on arrival to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost money in transit.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: For K - 6 Students

In response to the national agenda and changes to the *NSW Education Act* resulting from the Wood Royal Commission and the new School Leaving Age, there are significant changes required to school processes and practices around student attendance. Under the *Education Act*, schools are required to ensure that individual students meet certain attendance standards. This includes mandatory attendance for students under 17 years of age unless exemptions are applicable.

From January 2012, all NSW schools will be required to use the state attendance codes to record student attendance on the attendance register or roll. In introducing the attendance codes, the NSW Minister for Education has delegated the power to grant or cancel *Exemption Certificates* to non-government school principals within strict guidelines. This delegated authority ensures that independent school principals have the same level of authority as principals in government schools. It allows principals to provide an *Exemption Certificate* for students to be exempt from attending school for up to 50 days in a year.

Principals need to strictly adhere to the processes and conditions outlined in the *Exemption Guidelines* in order to legally apply the exemption. The process includes an 'Application for Exemption from Attendance at School' that needs to be submitted by parents. This is then reviewed before a 'Certificate for Exemption from Attendance at School under Section 25 of the Education Act 1990' is granted. These forms are available on request from the school office.

As outlined during our *Parent Information Evening*, a note of reminder to all parents that reasonable or justified explanation of student absence needs to be reported. This includes partial absences or leaves for an extended period. The new coding reflects these changes and teachers need to legally report all absences accordingly.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 07/03 School Photos
 - 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
- Please also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site.*

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

8 Points – ARARAT	\$15.50
6 Points – MASIS	\$15.40
TOTAL:	\$30.90
ACCUMULATED:	\$96.30

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Thursday 7th March**. Students are expected to wear their full **SUMMER UNIFORM** on this day. Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. We would like to point out that the school is not associated with your order and you need to check and **follow all instructions** on the form and enclose the correct amount.

IMPORTANT: Every student must return their envelope - Even if not purchasing photos.

TEACHERS' AWARD

Congratulations to our first recipients of the year.

Let your teacher know when you are ready to collect your Teacher's Award and be included in this weekly honour list.

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

TERM 1 - WEEK 5

Year 1: Alexandra

Year 2: Christopher

Kevork

Lara

Anita

Year 3: Chanel

Year 6: Ani, Samuel



Will your name appear here next?

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 88 points

MASIS - 86 points



**BIRTHDAY
OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...

Ani



REMINDER: Don't Forget the Fruit!

Each class has a Crunch&Sip break each day for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Crunch&Sip[®]

Kids Basketball Training!

U12's basketball competitions will start in early April!

In preparation for this comp, we will be training every Sunday morning at Willoughby Leisure Centre (outdoor courts) from 10am - 11am!

Kids of all ages/skill levels are welcome to come down and train with us!

For more information please email us at agbuyouth@gmail.com or contact Talar on 0425 209 471

We look forward to meeting you all very soon!

GIVE IT A GO!! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE??!

AGBU Youth Kids Basketball!!

For more information contact Talar on 0425 209 471

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Absolutely Free!!

Come try it out!!
5 - 11's already playing...



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