

Dear Parents,

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful **1967 Referendum** and the **High Court 'Mabo'** decision. The week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.



Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice. 'Closing the Gap' describes the actions that schools, governments, businesses and the community can take to help achieve equality of life expectancy, education and employment for all Australians.



The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as a foundation for success and to enhance our national wellbeing.

As part of this celebration, Year 3/4 students marked the occasion with a special assembly yesterday. They spoke about the history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia and around the school. They shared stories and described the discovery of Aboriginal rock carvings on bush tracks near the school. Well done to all the students involved and thank you Ms Smith for organising the event.

SNEEZE SAFE CAMPAIGN 2013

'Sneezesafe' is an exciting and fun respiratory hygiene educational program designed to teach children about coughs, colds and flu in the classroom and at home to provide good hygiene habits to help prevent the spread of viruses.



Sneezesafe research reveals a rather frightening nine out of ten children wipe their noses on hands and clothes. It also reveals that colds and flu cause children to miss an average six days of school annually. Using a combination of entertaining online stories, games and teaching materials, *Sneezesafe* has been developed by Australian teachers for Australian school children in the early years of education and is consistent with the Federal Government's guidelines relating to the control of viruses like flu, H1N1 and the common cold. Teaching children how to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' in the classroom means that together we can enjoy a *Sneezesafe* environment.

Once again, the program is being implemented in our classrooms and as part of the teaching kit you will find more information attached with today's Newsletter, including a pocket pack tissue.

31st May 2013

Congratulations!

The Shinning Success of Alexander Graduates!

We would like to congratulate **Talar Kapterian** and **Serop Aslanian** who completed their university degrees at end of last year and were recently awarded with their certificates. We are proud of their achievements and wish them all the best in the future.



Talar Kapterian

Bachelor of Education
(Primary)

University of Technology
Sydney

Enrolment: 1995-2001

Talar will join the teaching staff of Alexander School next term when Mrs Terrey is on maternity leave.



Serop Aslanian

Bachelor of Laws
(Honours)

Macquarie University

Enrolment: 1995-2001

Serop joined the Alexander School Board last year and continues to serve.

To Grow & Serve!

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 116 points

MASIS - 119 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEK 5

Year 1: Alexandra

Prep: Natalia

- Remember -

5 Teachers' Award = 1 Honour Award



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 05/06 I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 3-6
Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
 - 10/06 *Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday*
 - 17/06 I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
 - 19/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 4
 - 20/06 Life Education Van Visit
 - 21/06 Life Education Van Visit
 - 27/06 C.A.R.E.S. Bike Safety visit - Years 4-6
 - 28/06 Last day Term 2
 - 15/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
 - 03/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
 - 15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
- Check the online calendar for more details.*

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 5

8 Points – ARARAT	\$12.20
6 Points – MASIS	\$9.20
TOTAL:	\$21.40
ACCUMULATED:	\$408.75

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LIFE EDUCATION NEW SOUTH WALES VISIT - 20 & 21st June, 2013

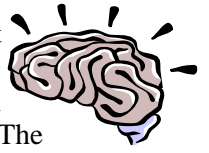


Life Education NSW mobile classroom will be visiting our school on 20 & 21st June, 2013.

New South Wales
FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.

Life Education provides a positive health based education program for students in P/K to Year 6 and helps them gain an appreciation and respect for the human body. The aim of Life Education is to reduce drug abuse and the older students discuss the effects of drugs on the body.

The Life Education programs are progressive and each year students participate in a different program building on the knowledge gained in previous years. Programs also help to develop life skills enabling students to make informed choices concerning their health and to be confident in politely informing their friends and peers of their decisions concerning drugs and other issues. The programs are a fully integrated part of the curriculum. Specially designed teachers' manuals and children's work sheets provide ongoing class material to further develop skills and knowledge.



HAROLD MERCHANDISE



Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organization that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.



Healthy Harold Product Description	Price Including GST
Tattoo	\$0.50
Harold Sticky Note Pad	\$2.00
Harold Activity Bag	\$3.00
Harold Stationary Set	\$3.00
Harold Key Ring	\$2.00

Healthy Harold Product Description	Price Including GST
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00
Harold Wallet	\$4.00
Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00
Large Harold Soft Toy	\$20.00

NB - Harold Products are subject to availability

Students may bring money to buy these listed Happy Harold products directly from the Life Education Van.

Please return permission slip and money to your child's class teacher by **Friday, 14th June**.



LIFE EDUCATION NSW VISIT - P-6

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Life Education NSW mobile classroom which will visit AGBU Alexander Primary School on **Thur/Fri, 20/21st June 2013**.

STUDENT/S NAME/S:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: DATE:

MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ (\$10.00 per student)



 **School Banking**
Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.



 **BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...
Silvy

Photo Gallery... **Reconciliation Week Assembly**

