Dear Parents,

**SYRIAN-ARMENIAN RELIEF**

Last Sunday, the Alexander School Choir performed at a community ‘Fundraising Dinner’ organised by the Joint Committee for Syrian Armenian Relief (SOMM).

Our students joined the evening’s program of cultural performances by singing two songs appropriate for the event. Once again, they did a wonderful job and were well received by the audience. The event was supported by around 500 community members and helped raise over $90,000 in donations.

During the evening, $250 was donated on behalf of Alexander school students. The amount was raised through the fundraising efforts of our students. A special ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Sonia Apanian and Mrs Maggie Betchakjian who contributed to the effort by respectively donating and preparing the lunch special as part of this fundraising.

**ABC READING EGGS & EGGSPRESS AWARDS**

Congratulations to Harry Khatchadourian and Silvy Giragosian for receiving recognition certificates from ABC Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. The students have been recognised by the provider as top users of the online reading program, which has been in place at our school since the start of the year.

If you would like to know more about the program and how it is utilised and implemented into our daily learning activities, please speak to your child’s teacher. By finding out more about its features you will be able to help support your child during their home access time.

**SPECIAL VISITORS**

We have had a number of visitors at the school over the last few weeks.

Last Thursday, Mr & Mrs Raffi and Rita Mikaelian together with their two children Lory and Arek paid a special visit.

Mr Mikaelian was visiting us from Lebanon during a family holiday to his relatives in Sydney. He is known to the AGBU community in Sydney, where he was involved at youth and committee level during his residence here.

He currently lives in Beirut and is an active member of the AGBU and its youth activities. However, over the years he has continued to support and keep a close contact with Alexander school. During the visit, a collection of newly published Armenian children’s books were donated by the Mikaelian family. I would like to thank the Mikaelian family for their visit and wish them all the best.

This week we also welcomed from Armenia Prof. Julieta Gyulamiryan, Doctor of Philological Sciences and Professor of the Chair of the Armenian Language and the Methodology of Elementary Education. She is the guest of the Armenian day and Saturday schools for the next three weeks, with the support of the Armenian Minister of the Diaspora and her representative in Sydney. More about her visit and activities next week.

2nd August 2013

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Lilit - Year 2
Tzolare - Year 4

Canteen Notice

LUNCH SPECIAL FOR NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

7/08/13: Hamburger ........................................ $3.50

FOLLOW NORMAL ORDERING PROCEDURES

BIRTHDAYS

OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Sara
Mary

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 3 – WEEK 3

Year 4: Tzolare
Year 2: Lilit
Preparatory: Sara

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 3

8 Points – ARARAT ............... $16.00
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TOTAL: ............... $28.60

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A Thank You letter was recently received from the one of the two children our school sponsors as part of this program. The two children we sponsor are **Stela Vartanian** (13 Years) and **Nareg Saghatelian** (13 Years).

**Stela Vartanian**

Սովորում եմ Էջմիածին գիրտուղուց, Մուսալեռ Ֆրան Վերֆելի միջնակարգ դպրոցի Թ3 դասարանում.

Յաճախ եմ երգի ու դաշնամուրի:

Գնում եմ Ս.Էջմիածին եկեղեցի պատարագների և հավատում եմ իմ Աստծուն և իմ ամէն մի քայլերս անում եմ փառք տալով Աստծուն:

Նորից խորին շնորհակալություն եմ յայտում ձեզ և շնորհաւորում ձեր գալիք Նոր-Տարին 2013 թվականին, ցանկանալով ձեզ քաջ առողջություն և ուրախ և երջանիկ կեանք:

Թող յաջողությունը միշտ առաջնորդի ձեզ իմ անծանօթ, բայց հոգեհարազատ հովանավոր...:

**Fundraising...**

Sausage sizzle to support the AGBU Basketball Team

On Wednesday the 30th of July we had a sausage sizzle for our lunch order to raise money for the AGBU basketball team, to purchase uniforms.

Mrs Boyadjian and Mrs Betchakjian prepared the sausage sizzle. We raised $93.55. It was a very successful fundraiser and a very delicious lunch order!

The AGBU basketball coordinators were very grateful for our contribution. Thank you very much to the parents for cooking the sausage sizzle.

Also thank you to the students and teachers at AGBU Alexander Primary School for supporting the AGBU basketball teams by buying a sausage sizzle.

By Nina (Year 4) and Matthew (Year 3).
News from the Classroom...

Community And Road Education Scheme (CARES)

On Thursday 25th July, Years 4–6 travelled to CARES in St Ives to learn about road and bike safety.

Constable Cooper met us at the reception and she drove us down in groups to the CARES track.

First we spoke about the rules and safety at CARES, what helmets we should be wearing and the Australian Standards that they should pass.

Next we lined up to receive our bikes for the day. Constable Cooper adjusted our seats and checked that our helmets were correct. There were two students whose helmets were either too small or too big so had to borrow ones from the centre.

We then wheeled our bikes down to the obstacle course. Firstly we had to weave in and out of the cones, then ride in a straight line to the stop sign and use our hand signal for stopping. We practiced this a few more times riding up and down the course.

After recess, we went inside to watch bike education videos. These consisted of what rules you should follow when riding on the road, what to look for in a helmet and the horrible injuries that can happen if we don’t wear a helmet.

After lunch, we headed down to the mini road course that everyone was looking forward to. We even had a special visitor who wanted to join our group - the resident Wallaby! Constable Cooper walked us around the track pointing out what the signs meant and how we should obey them. These signs were a stop sign and a solid white line which means you have to stop, Children’s crossing, that you must stop at, Zebra crossing where you don’t have to stop but slow down and scan. Traffic lights like we see on
the road, a roundabout. Turn left at anytime with care. Give way. There were two cul-de-sacs where you could have a rest or make a u-turn and a few speed bumps. After learning all the road rules we were let loose on the track! Each of us had a licence with 13 points and Mrs Terrey and Constable Cooper were watching us just like the police do, and if we disobeyed any road rules we were pulled over and points were taken off us. Some of us were a little over excited and broke some rules and others had a perfect riding record!

Overall we had a fantastic time, the weather was beautiful and made the experience that much better.

Thank you to Mrs Terrey, Mr Manoug, Mrs Seta, Mrs Topouzian and Mrs Betchakjian for helping with transport.

By Christine and Samuel
1963 - 2013

The Armenian General Benevolent Union
Sydney Chapter and
AGBU Alex Manoogian Saturday School
are jointly celebrating
50 Years!

The following events are planned to mark this great milestone.
More information to follow...

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
Saturday, 26 October 2013
Wesley Centre
220 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
Friday, 1 November 2013
Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney

CULTURAL DAY
Sunday, 3 November 2013
AGBU Alexander Primary School
Duffy’s Forest, Sydney
Starting at 11:00am

Please mark these dates in your diaries

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