Dear Parents,

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

The Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) Sydney Chapter, in conjunction with the AGBU Alex Manoogian Saturday School is proud to be celebrating their Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary this year, having first commenced in 1963.

Since its inception, the AGBU has worked tirelessly throughout the world and in Australia, to preserve and promote the Armenian identity and heritage through educational, cultural and humanitarian projects.

To commemorate the important occasion and to honour the hard work and dedication over the last 50 years by members of the community, a number of special events have been organised.

As you are aware, the first event is a **50th Anniversary Concert** to be held on **26th October 2013** at the beautiful Wesley Theatre in the city. The organising committee has been working since the start of the year to ensure the success of this event. Alexander students, including some of our graduates will join in the performances on the evening. While full details will be made available to parents in due course, at this stage we would like to inform that special bus transport has been organised for the day. Students will be transported to the venue earlier that day for final rehearsals. Parents of students from both AGBU schools will also receive two complimentary tickets for the event. Stay tuned for further details…

**INTEGRATED SPORTS DAY**

The students were treated to a great sporting experience when they attended the Integrated Sports Day hosted by the Sydney Japanese School. After a fun warm up, the day started with running races. The students then showed their strength in the Tug-of-War. The teams were able to compete in Tamaire, a traditional Japanese game where balls are thrown into high baskets on poles. After stopping for lunch all students did the Ghenkis Khan dance. Next it was time for the Big Ball race. Each child also got the opportunity to take part in the long jump. After this everyone came together for the presentations. It was a fun day for all, filled with meeting new friends and great exercise.

*Best wishes and a safe trip to Years 5 & 6 who are heading off to Bathurst next week!*

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

6th September 2013
SPORTS CARNIVAL - INFORMATION

- We have made arrangements to have school buses transport students to and from the Terrey Hills Playing Fields. The buses will drop students off on the corner of Myoora and Booralie Roads. They will be welcomed by teachers, who will accompany them to the oval via Yulong Avenue (first street to the right after the Terrey Hills shops). There is also access from Dandenong Road, however the area where we will be located is further away from that car park.
- Students must wear Winter Sports Uniform. They will march in full tracksuit. Bring summer sports polo shirts, skirts or shorts to change into in case weather warms up. Please remember the school hat and an overcoat in case of very cool weather!

- Remember to bring travel pass for morning and afternoon bus travel. Keep it safe with you.
- Starting time is 9.00a.m. A program of the day with all the scheduled activities is attached to this Newsletter.
- Students may wear house-coloured hair ribbons but no coloured hair-spray please. Bring streamers and banners to cheer on your team.
- School bags are not required. Pack morning tea, lunch (if not ordering) and a water bottle in a small backpack.
- Limited canteen facilities will be available. Check out the list for details.

- If weather is inclement, a decision will be made by Sunday night as to whether the carnival will proceed. Parents will be notified by a sms text message on their mobile. They may also check on the school website.
- Whilst there are adequate facilities at the oval, parents and grandparents are advised to bring picnic chairs for comfort.
- Coffee/tea and cakes will be available at the Sports Carnival Canteen facility for visitors.
- Finally, it should be noted that Warringah Council has arranged use of the oval at a nominal fee. Let us show our utmost respect to the neighbours and care for the environment, by disposing waste wisely and collecting any rubbish in our path.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

- Lunch Pack (Roll + Drink) $4.00
- Popper Drinks $1.00
- Bottled Water $1.00
- Coffee / Tea $1.00
- House Cup Cakes 50¢
- Cake Slice 50¢

Lunch Pack choice/s include:
Cheese, Ham & Cheese, Mortadella & Cheese OR Salami & Cheese
With Lettuce and Tomato.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 8

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2013 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Talia
Catherine

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 237 points
MASIS - 242 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 3 – WEEK 8

Year 3: Talia
Kindergarten: Albert
Preparatory: Catherine

Mini School Fete @ Lunch

FUNDRAISING FOR BATHURST TRIP

Mufti Day $59.00
Sausage Sizzle $92.50
Cake Stall $122.00
Green & Gold Day $54.00
Mini School Fete $96.65
Lollies in a Jar $???

TOTAL $424.15

TARGET... $440 $15.85 LEFT TO GO!
**News from the Classroom...**

### Integrated Sports Day

Our school participated in the ‘Integrated Sports Day’. The schools who went to the Integrated Sports Day were the German School, Galstaun College, our school and the hosts the Sydney Japanese School. We did this from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock. This means we were there for four hours! But the time went quickly.

The schools that came to compete in the Integrated Sports Day came in Red, Green, Yellow and Blue coloured shirts. At the Sports day we participated in running races, long jump, dancing, tug-o-war, big ball race, throwing balls in the basket, soccer and AFL.

When we got there I felt nervous. I also felt very hot because it was a sunny day.

To improve the Integrated Sports day I would like to get a free lunch and also for me to win more races! 😊

*Written By*  
Noah (Year 3)

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ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT - ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 20th September

On Friday, 20th September 2013, Years 5-6 students will visit the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why and give a small performance on the 22nd Anniversary of Armenian’s Independence. The students’ visit always brings such cheer to the faces of the elderly and no doubt, this special occasion will do the same.

The students are expected to leave the school at around 10:00am. They will be transported by private cars and will be accompanied by school staff.

**The school requires a parent volunteer to help** with the transportation. If you are available and can assist, please let us know by selecting the appropriate box below.

Please return permission slips by Monday, 16th September.

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ALEXANDER REST HOME VISIT  
Years 5-6 Students Only

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Alexander Rest Home at Dee Why on **Friday, 20th September** on the occasion of Armenian Independence Day. I understand he/she will travel to and from school by private cars of school staff and a parent volunteer and will be accompanied by classroom teachers.

**NAME OF STUDENT/S:** ___________________________  

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ___________________________ **DATE:** __________

**I am able to assist with transportation**

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Photo Gallery

Celebrating Book Week… ‘Read Across the Universe’
THANK YOU TO OUR BOOK FAIR SPONSORS

Younger Readers Category
Albert ~ OTHER BROTHER - Simon French
Talia ~ POOKIE ALEERA IS NOT MY BOYFRIEND - Steven Herrick
Matthew ~ THE TENDER MOMENTS OF SAFFRON SILK - Glenda Millard

Picture Book of the Year Category
P&C ~ THE TERRIBLE SUITCASE - Emma Allen & Freya Blackwood
Christopher ~ TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE - Ursula Dubosarsky
Alina ~ IT’S A MIROOCOOL! - Christine Harris & Ann James
P&C ~ PEGGY - Anna Walker
Christine ~ WITH NAN - Tania Cox & Karen Blair

Early Childhood Category
Mary & Jessica ~ A DAY TO REMEMBER - Jackie French & Mark Wilson
Sara, Kevork & Krikor ~ SOPHIE SCOTT GOES SOUTH - Alison Lester

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books
P&C ~ LYREBIRD! A TRUE STORY - Jackie Kerin & Peter Gouldthorpe
Christine ~ TOPSY-TURVY WORLD: HOW AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS PUZZLES - Kirsty Murray

ALSO... THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BOOK FAIR
More books were purchased with the $170 Book Commission from Scholastic

Once again Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School

Photo Gallery... Cross Country Run
**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - Term 4**

The School Sports Program for Term 4 will be swimming lessons for 8 weeks, commencing Week 2 for all students. The School Swimming Program will once again be conducted at Terrey Hills Swim School, offering students a chance to improve their swimming skills. The program is run during school hours by accredited swimming coaches catering for all levels of swimming ability from learn to swim to advanced swimmers. Life saving skills are also taught as part of the swimming lessons.

Please complete the information form (Required by the Swim School) and the permission slip below. Return to the School Office by **Tuesday, 10th September**. More information next week.

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM - TERM 4**

Please complete the information form below for each student in your family and return to the School Office.

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**Please circle the box that best describes your child’s swimming ability.**

- **1** My child is a non-swimmer i.e. cannot glide with face in water.
- **2** My child can swim but needs stroke correction.
- **3** My child can swim 25 metres of each stroke competently.
- **4** My child does lessons at Terrey Hills Swim School.

**Additional information:- Please circle the box that best describes your child’s health.**

- **A** Is on medication __________________________
- **B** Has a medical condition ____________________
- **C** My child has special needs & has a Carer*
  * Please note the Carer must be willing to assist in the water.

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I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the School Swimming Program to be held at Terrey Hills Swim School for 8 weeks commencing **Friday, 18th October**. I understand students will travel to and from school by Shorlink bus services under the supervision of class teachers. Swimming lessons will be conducted by accredited swimming coaches from the swimming facility.

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ___________________________ **DATE:** ___________________________
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPORTS CARNIVAL PROGRAM 2013

Monday, 9th September 2013 - Starting Time: 9:00am

EVENT 1: WARM UP ACTIVITIES

EVENT 2: MARCH PAST IN HOUSES

EVENT 3: AGE RACES

EVENT 4: SKIPPING RACES

EVENT 5: WAR CRY PRESENTATIONS

EVENT 6: SHOT PUT (8+ Year olds)

EVENT 7: LONG JUMP (8+ Year olds) COMPLETED AT SCHOOL

EVENT 8: OBSTACLE RELAYS

EVENT 9: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Junior Wheel Relay
   2. Junior Over & Under

EVENT 10: HOUSE BALL GAMES
   1. Senior Captain Ball
   2. Senior Tunnel Ball

EVENT 11: HOUSE RELAYS
   1. Junior 50m Shuttle Relay
   2. Senior 4 x 100m Shuttle Relay

EVENT 12: SACK RACES 50m P-6 Voluntary by year groups

EVENT 13: TUG-O-WAR Y3-6 6 a side
   Ararat vs. Masis – Best of 3 Races

EVENT 14: THREE-LEGGED RACES: P-6 Voluntary by classes

EVENT 15: PARENT/PRE-SCHOOLERS RACES If time permits

EVENT 16: PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS & AWARDS