Dear Parents,

**CELEBRATIONS!**

Welcome back to the term of Celebration. In just over two weeks we will be part of the AGBU Jubilee - 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The first event will be the 50th Anniversary Concert, which will take place on Saturday, 26th October 2013.

As you are aware, the event will be taking place at the ‘Wesley Theatre’ in the city. A special bus transport has been arranged to take the students to the venue earlier that day for their final rehearsals. Further details are outlined in the newsletter with a request from parents to indicate their planned arrangements for the afternoon. Please return the slip promptly to help the committee finalise this aspect of the day.

As stated earlier, parents of students from both AGBU schools will receive two complementary tickets for the event. These have been provided with today’s newsletter. If more tickets are required for other family members or friends, they can be purchased from the school office.

The second event is the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance, which will take place at the ‘Waterview’ in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park on Friday, 1st November 2013. Once again tickets for the event are available at the office and we encourage our school families to support this celebration.

The third event is our annual Armenian Cultural Day & Fair on Sunday, 10th November 2013. As you know, our P&C representatives have joined forces with the Alex Manoogian Saturday School Parents Committee to help organise the event. They will be meeting again this Saturday with final details as to how parents are expected to contribute to be made available next week.

Finally, our term of Celebration will culminate with our end of year Concert and Presentation Evening on Sunday 15th December 2013. We will not only be celebrating the Graduation of our Year 6 students but also the success of our inaugural Preparatory (Prep) class. So let’s start the celebration!

**ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS**

In August, some of the students from Years 2-6 participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. This proved to be a very difficult and challenging test which examined the students’ knowledge in number and arithmetic, algebra and patterns, measures and units, space and geometry and chance and data. It involved a great amount of problem solving and logical interpretation of concepts. Our congratulations go to Ani Manoukian, Lilit Topouzian and Christopher Khatchadourian who gained Credits in the test.

The test results will be returned with this week’s Newsletter. Please take time to review the questions and answers with your child as the test is full of thought provoking problems to solve. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

**BLESSEND OF MEMORIAL STONE & CLASSICAL CONCERT**

We like to bring to your attention that tomorrow morning, His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian will preside over the blessing of the grave, plaque and memorial stone erected at Macquarie Park Cemetery to honour the memory of the late Archbishop Aghan Baliozian. The service will commence at 10.00 am and will be followed by a wake on the lawns.

A classical concert featuring talented youth from our community will be held in the sacred ambience of the Church of Holy Resurrection on Sunday 13th October at 4.00 pm to tribute and commemorate the first anniversary of the passing of the late Primate. The concert will be held under the auspices of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian and will showcase mostly Armenian compositions. Admission is free and the community is warmly invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow in the Edgarian hall.

11th October 2013
SWIMMING LESSON ROUTINE
Our Friday school timetable will vary to accommodate our afternoon swimming lessons for this Term.
Students will:

⇒ Arrive wearing swimming costumes under Summer Sports Uniform. A Swimming Bag with all the requirements.
⇒ Have Lunch at morning tea break and a small snack prior to leaving for the pool.
⇒ Travel from school at 12:35pm for a 12:45pm start.
⇒ Return to school at 1:30pm to change into uniform, eat and have a break before classes resume at 2:30pm

Please make sure each student has his/her own Swimming Bag and remember to label every item of school uniform.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 3 points
MASIS - 7 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
12/10 Blessing of Memorial Stone of the Late Primate Abp Aghan Baliozian
13/10 Classical Concert - Tribute for the Late Primate
14/10 Junior First Aid Course - Slips Due
15/10 Junior First Aid Course - Years 3-6
18/10 Start of School Swimming Program
20/10 Working Bee - Spring Clean
26/10 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Concert
01/11 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
02/11 International Soccer Tournament
10/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
In Memoriam for the Late Levon Shohmelian
“Our dear father, who always held the fondest place in his heart of
AGBU Alexander Primary School”
Dr & Mrs Garo and Laura Artinian $500

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 1

8 Points – ARARAT .......... $0.00
6 Points – Instance .......... $0.00
TOTAL: $0.00
ACCUMULATED: $714.05

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Happy Holiday Birthdays to...
Jessica
Christine

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

8 Points – AARARATRARAT
6 Points – MMASISASIS

TOTAL: $0.00

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
No Collection This Week
AGBU 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT - SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER
As part of the AGBU Jubilee the 50th Anniversary Concert will take place on Saturday, 26th October 2013.

Concert Venue: Wesley Theatre - 220 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD @ 6.00pm
Rehearsal: 3:00pm
Students: Kindergarten to Year 6
Dress: Navy blue / dark blue jeans pants
- No stonewash. Please make sure they are as dark as possible
- Please check with the school if they are suitable
White socks & Black shoes
White polo shirt with the emblem of the school choir will be provided by the school

Transport: Special bus transport has been arranged to take the students to the venue earlier that day for their final rehearsals. Students who are catching the bus are expected to be at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection (10 Macquarie St, Chatswood) by 2.15pm. The bus will depart at 2.30pm sharp!

The students will be supervised by classroom teachers and will be given food and drink before the concert and during the interval. Please indicate your response below and return to school by Tuesday, 15th October.

AGBU 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: K-6
STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________  CLASS: __________________

Please tick the appropriate box and return the form to the office by Tuesday, 15th October.

☐ YES, my child/ren will catch the special bus transport from Chatswood to the Wesley Theatre at 2.15pm.

☐ NO, I will transport my child/ren to the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney CBD at 3.00pm.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ________________________________________  DATE: ________________

TERM 4 - WEEK 1  www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
Armenian Student Fund

Dear Stella and Narek...

The following letter was written by the Alexander students, to the two young orphaned Armenians they sponsor. Mr Mihran Kessikbachian (Founding Member and a close friend of the school community) was given the task of delivering the letters personally during his visit. From the fund, an additional $100 contribution was also placed for each child. We look forward to Mr Kessikbachian’s return and the news we hope he will bring with him.
**Junior First Aid Course**

“The even children can be lifesavers”

**WHAT IS IT?**
The Australian Lifesaving Academy NSW have developed a Junior First Aid Course specifically for Years 3 to 6 students.

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**
Research has shown that children as young as 5 years of age can learn and effectively perform elements of Basic Life Support. There is great potential for younger people to train as effective first aiders.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**
The course is aimed at NSW students in Years 3 to 6.
The course has relevance to two curriculum learning areas — Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

**WHAT THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN?**
- What is First Aid;
- Recognise the need for First Aid, the difference between a little accident and big accident;
- Understand and recognise Danger;
- Identify common hazards (inside and outside);
- Know how to get help, and what to expect when they call 000;
- How to check for a response from an injured person;
- Understand the importance of rolling an unconscious person onto their side;
- Recognise if someone is breathing or not, and how to perform CPR;

**WHAT THE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE?**
Each student will receive an Australian Lifesaving Academy NSW Junior First Aid bag including:
- Certificate of Participation
- Current A4 ALA NSW CPR Flow Chart
- Pocket Size First Aid Booklet
- ALA NSW Beach frisbee
- ALA NSW Junior First Aid Worksheet

**WHEN AND WHERE?**
Professional trainers will come to our school on Tuesday, 15/10/13 to deliver the course at 11am. They will bring all equipment and resources.

**HOW LONG AND HOW MUCH?**
The course is completed in 2 hours and is comprised of basic learning presented in an interactive and fun manner. The cost of the course is just $10.00 per student.

Please fill in the permission slip below and return with your payment to the school office by Monday.
50th Anniversary Ball
Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the AGBU
Sydney Chapter & Alex Manoogian Saturday School

Entertainment:
KARNIG & HOVIK

Friday, 1 November 2013, 7:30pm
Venue: Waterview, Bicentennial Drive
Bicentennial Park (off Australia Avenue)
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney NSW 2127

Entry Donation: Adult $12.50, 18 & under $10

Includes Antipasto, 3 course dinner, unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks
plus bottle of Scotch per table

Dress: Formal with a touch of Gold!

To reserve tickets please contact:
Taleen Marcarian 0411 545 715
Nora Sarkisajian 0427 640 682
Seta Koosherjian 0430 209 237
Hovhaness Kouyoumdjian 0408 283 826

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6:00pm, Saturday, 26 October 2013
Wesley Centre
220 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD

Donation: $20.00

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Armenian General Benevolent Union
Alexander Primary School
Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
Sunday 3rd November
10am - 4pm

Celebrating 50th Anniversary
of the AGBU
Sydney Chapter
& Alex Manoogian Saturday School

Come and join us on our annual cultural day
for a day of fun, entertainment and food!

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