

Dear Parents,

REPORTS GO HOME TODAY

Yearly reports go home today. Please discuss them with your child but don't ask them to explain the reports. There are many aspects of the reports which are expressed in adult language and the children are not privy to the meaning of this language. I hope you are happy with the progress they have made this year.

VISIT TO THE WELFARE CENTRE

Today, students from Years 5-6 visited the Armenian Community Welfare Centre to entertain the elderly folk who had gathered in the Edgarian Hall of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Once again they did a magnificent job in brightening up everyone's day with wonderful singing of Christmas Carols. I would like to congratulate them and Mrs Seta Keoshgerian for putting together a great program.

CAMPING OUT!



Last Friday, for the first time in Alexander school history, Year 3 & 4 students had an overnight camp on school grounds. An idea that had been suggested and circulated by parents for many years had a very successful trial run, thanks to the wonderful support of Ms Smith.

It was a great learning experience, where the students had the opportunity to not only set up for camp but also cook and prepare their own meals. Dinner was delicious and breakfast was fabulous! While we can not say much about having a comfortable sleep, we certainly can say a lot about the huge campfire and roasted marshmallows! The best part was seeing them all having time off from their 'small screens', playing with their friends and picking up a book to read quietly before going to sleep... we can't wait for the next one!

BIG THANKS!

As the year comes to a close, there are many people we would like to thank for their unstinting support of the school and the students. As you know our school generates a lot of work, mainly because it's attached very firmly to world wide organisation called the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU). An organisation that in 2013 came to *Celebrate 50 Years of Service to the Community of Sydney*. Thanks to the AGBU, the parents and friends of the school, there are many people among whom we share the work. Thank you sincerely from the staff and students for keeping our school travelling along.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the presentation and graduation on Sunday evening. I'm sure you will be very proud to see the children perform and being rewarded and praised for their year of hard work and effort. It is also a memorable time as we congratulate and farewell our 2013 Graduates.

Once again, I want to take this opportunity to thank all parents and friends for your support of the school this year. May your Christmas Season be peaceful and happy and may the New Year bring nothing but good news, happiness and good health!

SUNDAY - 15th DECEMBER, 2013
PRESENTATION & GRADUATION EVENING - REMINDERS



- ⇒ All students are expected to arrive at **4:00pm** sharp!
- ⇒ Students need to wear **full summer uniform (polished shoes)**.
 - Year 6 graduate will need graduation attire, on hanger.
- ⇒ The Presentation & Graduation Evening will commence at **4:30pm** in the Gemjian hall.
- ⇒ There will be an interval between the two parts. During this time **sandwiches and drinks** will be made available for purchase from the canteen. There will also be tea, coffee, sweets and cakes.
- ⇒ Year 5 students and their families will host a Graduation Party for Year 6 graduates and their families at the end. It is by **Invitation Only**.



More Details: See Newsletter - Week 9

REMINDERS & HAPPENINGS OF WEEK 11

Monday: Party Day & Honour Award Treat - Mufti



To say congratulations and thank you to all the students who have worked hard consistently right though the year, the school will be treating them with a party at 'Lollipop's Playland'!

A bus has been organised to transport them to the venue in Frenchs Forest where they will have structured play supervised by school staff. They will leave school at 9.30am and return by 2.30pm. They will also be provided with food and drink and even a lolly bag!

Party Day is also a **Mufti Day** so students can wear fun, sensible party clothes.

Please remember, that our **Mufti Day Dress Code** will apply as usual. So **NO** open shoes, make-up, hair-spray, midrifts, inappropriate slogans on clothing or jewellery. Students will need a hat and a school bag to help carry books home.

PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH EXTRA CRUNCH & SIP AND MORNING TEA AS PARTY FOOD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL LUNCHTIME.

Please check last week's Newsletter (Week 9) for further details and form.

Please send plastic carry bags (ideally the strong quality one) to school next week for school books and artwork which will be sent home with children.



Tuesday: Final Assembly - Prep & Kindergarten Graduation

You are invited to join us from 1.00 pm

Wednesday: Last Day - 2013



Alexander Rest Home - Christmas Visit (Years 5 - 6)

A fun-filled time of packing up & cleaning classrooms.

Final farewells.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Ani Manoukian

As the school year of 2013 has come to an end, I, Ani Manoukian come to write my final speech as School Captain.

The memories I have had not only in my graduating year such as going to Bathurst with all my friends, but my overall seven years at Alexander Primary will stay with me for the rest of my life.

This year I had the honour of being School Captain. This was a great privilege to have because I have learnt leadership qualities such as responsibility and how to be a good role model to others.

AGBU Alexander Primary School has given me many things that I would not get in any other school. I have learnt my Armenian history and culture. I have learnt to read and write in not only English but Armenian as well. I hope to continue to learn more languages in high school.

Memories and lessons I have gained from this lovely school will stay with me forever not only in high school but also in later life. The friendships I have forged, made my seven year journey the best years in my life so far. There aren't many of us but I know my fellow five Year 6's like they are my siblings.

The teachers have taught me everything from maths to how to be a polite and courteous student. They have supported me through my whole primary school years.

I hope that everyone starting in 2014 will enjoy the school just as much as I have.

I wish everyone a safe holiday, a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15/12 **Christmas Concert and Graduation**
- 16/12 Clean-up & Party Day (Special Treat) - Mufti
- 17/12 Final Assembly - Prep/Kindy Graduation
- 18/12 Last day Term 4 for students
Alexander Rest Home - Christmas Visit
- 19/12 Staff Planning Day

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- 28/01/14 Staff Return - Meeting and Planning
- 29/01/14 & 30/01/14 Staff Preparation Days
- 31/01/14 Students Start 2014 School Year

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 10

8 Points – **MASIS** \$12.75

6 Points – **ARARAT** \$9.15

TOTAL: **\$19.90**

ACCUMULATED: **\$881.40**

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HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 213 points

MASIS - 216 points



**BIRTHDAYS
OF THE WEEK**

Happy Holiday Birthdays to...

Isabella Noah

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CAROLS ON THE LAWN

22 DECEMBER 2013

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6 PM • CAROLS AT 7.30 PM

CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION, 10 MACQUARIE STREET CHATSWOOD

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Share in the spirit of the season with a sing-a-long, fellowship & good cheer

Winner of the Colouring Competition from the Church Bazaar to be announced

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