

Dear Parents,

'TARKMANCHADZ' ART EXHIBITION

It was gratifying to see so many of our students and their families at the opening ceremony of the *Children's Art Exhibition* last Saturday evening. The exhibition for primary-aged children on the '*Feast of the Holy Translators*' was organised by the coordinators of the 'Sunday School'. It was under the auspices of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Students had contributed individual artwork depicting the essence of the Armenian Alphabet and the founding fathers. After the opening of the curtain to unveil the wonderful art display in the Edgarian Hall, His Grace spoke warmly about the children and what they had produced. He was keen to talk to them and discover their thoughts and reasoning as to how, what and why they had produced their wonderful pieces of artwork in the way they had.



Guests had the opportunity to walk around and observe all the creative drawings, praising the children and encouraging them to continue producing wonderful pieces of art. The exhibition was on display until the following day. (Check the Photo Gallery in the Newsletter.)

WORKING BEE

Many thanks to the families who attended our Working Bee last Sunday. Thanks to everyone's effort, we managed to clear the weeds from the gardens, trim the trees and remove the dead ones around the pond. Gutters were cleaned, including the COLA which was set up for Cultural Day. We also managed to install the new shelving in the storage shed thanks to the donation made by the Mothers' Christmas Club.

Thank you to: Mr Vasken Amirzaian, Mr & Mrs Souren and Sylvia Bozikian, Mr & Mrs Gregory and Salina Dikranian, Mr & Mrs Vahe and Seta Keoshgerian with George and Sevag, Mr Victor Khatchadourian and his brother Steven. Mr Serge Manoukian, Ms Martine Smith, Mr Vartan Sevazlian, Mr Vatche Topouzian and the children who worked very hard and provided help were needed.

There is always a great feeling of community and a sense of satisfaction when our families get together, enjoy each others company and work for the good of the school in such a willing way. Well done everybody and Thank You - heaps!!



STUDENT TEACHER

Over the last two weeks Alexander school has once again had the pleasure to support the University of Sydney's Professional Experience Program. The students of Years 5 and 6 have been delighted to have *Miss Natalie Jones* in the classroom. Miss Jones has had the opportunity to participate in the day to day functioning of the school and observe classroom procedures and lessons. Being a third year student Miss Jones has taken on the responsibility of planning and implementing a number of lessons in the classroom each day. The students have been eager to participate in the lessons that she has presented and have enjoyed her input in the classroom. She has also had the opportunity to form bonds with the other children of the school and staff members by helping out and participating events such as aerobics, school assemblies and our special potato luncheon. Miss Jones will be at school for another two weeks. I am sure that everyone will miss her greatly when her professional experience concludes.

25th October 2013

THANK YOU...

Mr & Mrs Iskender and Rosa Narman

For donating a hand crafted barrel, to help with raffle or prize draws at special events.



Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School.

THANK YOU...

Mr & Mrs Victor and Angela Khatchadourian

For donating a new chainsaw, that will greatly assist in maintaining the school grounds.



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BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK



Happy Birthday to...
Christine



School Banking

Banking Day: Thursday

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

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



ARARAT - 60 points

MASIS - 56 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 4 - WEEK 3

Year 2: Anita



- Remember -
5 Teachers' Award = 1 Honour Award

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26/10 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Concert
- 27/10 Requiem Service in Remembrance of AGBU Founders & Benefactors
- 01/11 AGBU - 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- NAPLAN 2013 Test Fees Due - Yrs 3 & 5
- 02/11 International Soccer Tournament @ GIS
- 10/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair
- 11/11 School Closed
- 06/12 End of School Swimming Program
- 07/12 Armenia's Earthquake Remembrance Day
- 13/12 Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
- 15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 3

8 Points – ARARAT	\$7.30
6 Points – MASIS	\$6.65
TOTAL:	\$13.95
ACCUMULATED:	\$745.95

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www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Hot Potato!

From the Garden to the Kitchen!

On Tuesday the students were treated to a delicious lunch thanks to the Year 3/4 class and our vegetable garden! Last week, Prep and Kindergarten students had harvested all the potatoes that were planted in our vegetable garden. They had even learnt to sort and count them to see if we would have enough to make a meal for everyone. Thanks to the support of Ms Smith we ended up having a variety of potato salads, wedges, baked potatoes, stuffed potatoes and even mashed potatoes!

It was great to see the children trying the different recipes and enjoying the meal with all their friends. Special thank you to Serly Sarkissian for her contribution of potato salad and to all the families who supported the activity. The fresh potatoes were certainly given the thumbs up!



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY & NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

All students in **Years 3 and 5** throughout Australia were required to sit for these tests in line with educational accountability requirements set by the Australian Government. The first assessment was on *Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation*, the second on *Reading* and the third on *Numeracy*.

The school is charged on student bases by the Board of Studies in the implementation of these tests.

Please send the slip below with payment of the **\$40** fee to the office by *Friday, 1st November*.



N.A.P.L.A.N. 2013 TESTS Years 3 and 5 Only

Enclosed is payment for my child/ren's NAPLAN tests.



STUDENT/S NAME/S: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ _____
(\$40 per student)

