Dear Parents,

**IT'S A MIRACLE!**

The overcast weather and rain was unable to stop AGBU Alexander Primary School’s *Easter Celebrations* as many visitors including friends and families made their annual pilgrimage to Duffs Forest - the holy land of Sydney’s Armenian community, blessed by the spirit of St Mesrob. They came to witness and learn about the ‘Miracles of Jesus’, the concert theme for this year, which was performed and re-enacted so magnificently by all the students.

Weeks of preparation and planning by the P&C Committee finally came together as everyone contributed to the success of the day. The smell of the delicious food and sweets filled the warm atmosphere. So did the colour and spectacle of the Hat Parade that was enjoyed by all, as it showcased the inventiveness of our parents. The children looked beautiful, smart and attentive as they performed songs, danced and acted their parts, showcasing the quality and diversity of education at this wonderful educational institution.

Once again it was a unique Alexander style concert that a first time visitor to the school could only describe as ‘magnificent!’ His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Nadjian summed up the occasion by reflecting on the importance of children through the teachings of Jesus. By pointing out the achievements and successes of the school over the years, he also emphasised the significant role it plays in the community and in our lives.

At the end of the day, the success was obvious from the looks on the many faces of the happy and satisfied families trooping home. Thank you!

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**AT THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW**

Our inaugural excursion to the Sydney Royal Easter Show on Thursday was a great experience for all. The school took part in the ‘Schools Program’ on the first day of the Show as part of the ‘Engaged’ program that is developed by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

The overcast conditions and light rain did not hamper our experience, as the children had a wonderful time exploring, discovering and witnessing what the Show has to offer.

We will let the photos published in today’s Newsletter, on our website and the Facebook page do the rest of the talking. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who accompanied and supervised the students making sure it was a safe and fun experience.

Have a safe and blessed Easter break.

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MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

11th April, 2014
**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 11**

8 Points – **SEVAN** .......... $9.60
6 Points – **YEREVAN** .......... $6.05

**TOTAL:** .......... $15.65

**ACCUMULATED:** .......... $184.90

**SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 1 – WEEK 11**

**Year 6:** Stella

**Kinder:** Isabella

Stephen

Harry

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 1**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

**SEVAN** - 200 points

**YEREVAN** - 199 points

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**DATING TO REMEMBER**

18/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
19/04 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
20/04 Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
21/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
24/04 99th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide
25/04 Anzac Day - Public Holiday
27/04 Family Picnic Day
28/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
29/04 First Day Term 2 - Students Return
Life Education Van Visit - Slips & $ due
08/05 Mothers’ Day Luncheon
09/05 Mothers’ Day - Children’s School Stall

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**In Support of the Easter Celebrations**

- Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonia Boghossian $200
- Mr & Mrs Arman and Nayiri Derderian $200
- Mr & Mrs Hovhaness and Mary Kouyoumdjian $100
- Mr & Mrs Edward and Nora Manoukian $100
- Mr & Mrs Harout and Shoushan Akayan $100
- Mr & Mrs Vahe and Marta Khatchadourian $50
- Anonymous $40

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**In Support of Alexander School**

- Mr Vlad Renorek $100

The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials. All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.
LIFE EDUCATION NEW SOUTH WALES VISIT - Tuesday, 29th April, 2014

LIFE EDUCATION provides a positive health-based education program for students in P/K to Year 6 and helps them gain an appreciation and respect for the human body. The aim of Life Education is to reduce drug abuse and the older students discuss the effects of drugs on the body.

The Life Education programs are progressive and each year students participate in a different program building on the knowledge gained in previous years. Programs also help to develop life skills enabling students to make informed choices concerning their health and to be confident in informing their friends and peers of their decisions concerning drugs and other issues. The programs are a fully integrated part of the curriculum. Specially designed teachers’ manuals and children’s work sheets provide ongoing class material to further develop skills and knowledge.

HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organization that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

Please return permission slip and money to the office by Tuesday, 29th April.

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LIFE EDUCATION NSW VISIT - P-6

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Life Education NSW mobile classroom which will visit AGBU Alexander Primary School on Tuesday, 29th April 2014.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: .................................................................................................................................

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ........................................ DATE: ..............

MONEY ENCLOSED: $ .................. ($10.00 per student)

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NB - Harold Products are subject to availability

Students may bring money to buy these listed Happy Harold products directly from the Life Education Van.

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Mothers Day Luncheon
Organised by
AGBU Alexander Primary School P & C Committee
Thursday, 8th May, 2014 at 12noon
Gemjian Hall - 2 Namba Road, Duffys Forest

Student Performance, fun games, music, great food, friendly atmosphere and lots of surprises.
Join us to make this day special for our mothers!

Donation: $20

Places are limited. Reserve your seats by purchasing from the supplied tickets.
Please return extra tickets early next term to finalise numbers.

Remember...
Please remember to check, comment, sign & return the Student Portfolios next Term.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Albert

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1
WINNERS
Team Sevan!

CANTEEN FOR TERM 2
Starting next term, no menu printouts will be sent home. We request that all families check the canteen lunch specials online. More announcements in relation to this will be made next term.
Support your canteen, support your school!
If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office.

We’d like to say a big Thank You to...

Our school mothers and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Christine Apanian, Mrs Maggie Betchakjian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Janette Misislian, Ms Martine Smith with Years 5&6, Mrs Cynthia Tomassian and Mrs Bianca Zorlu.

All new and current members of the Parents & Citizens Committee: Mrs Sonia Apanian (Office Liaison), Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison), Mrs Maggie Betchakjian, Mrs Hasmik Hambardzumyan, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Anita Shamaon, Mrs Gayane Topouzian and Mrs Bianca Zorlu.

All school families including the P & C for organising and running the Easter Concert & Picnic. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!

Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for donating the lovely craftwork for the Easter Concert & Picnic raffle tickets.

All school families for their generous contribution of chocolate Easter eggs. Making sure we had beautiful gift hampers as raffle prizes and the delicacies for the cake stall helped boost our profits for the day.

Mrs Cynthia Tomassian for providing weekly scripture lessons during term one on a volunteer basis, to help children understand and appreciate the Bible and its teachings.

Mrs Hasmik Hambardzumyan for taking on the task of Library Coordinator by accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books in the School Library.

Mrs Karis Khatchadourian for Coordinating the Canteen by making sure the policies and procedures are up to date and the rosters and menu managed accordingly through the school office.

Mr & Mrs Albert and Mary Akayan for donating a Microwave oven for the school canteen.

Mr Vahe Tomassian for donating a new clock for the staffroom.

Mr John Aghabekian for repairing the hot water system and doing the lighting maintenance of the school.

Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the P-K class and for doing special tasks around the school.
Photo Gallery...

Easter Celebrations

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool
FAMILY DAY PICNIC

@ CABARITA PARK
CABARITA RD, CABARITA
Sunday
27th April 2014
From 11.00am
Fun day for Alexander School families

Each family to provide food to share. A list of food items are provided on the attached list. The school will provide charcoal, plates serviettes & cutleries.

BYO Drinks Table & Chairs

RSVP 9th April 2014

Picnic will proceed irrespective of weather conditions.
Photo Gallery...

Sydney Royal Easter Show

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool
Commemoration of the 99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

The Willoughby Concourse, Concert Hall
Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW
Thursday, 24th of April 2014, 7:00PM

Distinguished Guest Speaker
Harut Sassounian
ACCLAIMED JOURNALIST, THE CALIFORNIA COURIER

Under the auspices of
The 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee

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