Dear Parents,

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 12\(^{th}\) February starting at 7.00pm sharp! The evening will give parents the opportunity to gain further understanding of how the classes are arranged and find out what will be going on in your child’s classroom and school this year.

We expect to see all families represented at the Parent Information Evening. This is the opportunity you have to find out exactly what is happening on a day to day basis in your child’s classroom and what our expectations are of students and parents. Parents will also be briefed and updated on some of the major programs in place and will hear about the various ways they can contribute to the school community. The education of children is a huge task. We all need to pitch in and play a supporting role - teachers supporting parents, parents supporting teachers, the school Board and school programs.

Please be reminded that this is not a time to talk about your child’s progress specifically. By all means, make an appointment to meet your child’s teacher if you need to do so. Teachers will also brief and update parents on occasions. Children who attend the evening because there is no one else at home are to remain in close vicinity of the school hall and not go out to play in the playground.

**GYMNASTICS IS BACK!**

We have been successful in securing the services of ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’ to run the well received gymnastics program as part of our weekly sports sessions.

As a result, our Sports day has been changed from Wednesday to Friday mornings. Please check the newsletter for further details.

**TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014**

Class Teachers: Years 5-6 Ms Martine Smith | Years 1-4 Mrs Vicky Dernee | P-K Mr Manoug Demirjian.

Armenian Language: Years P-6 Mrs Seta Keoshgerian. Mrs Seta also teaches Armenian History, Religion and Culture (Culture) lessons to P/K. | Culture lessons for Years 1-6 are with Mr Manoug Demirjian.

Eastern Armenian: The lessons are taught with the assistance of Mrs Gayane Topouzian. She joins the Armenian classroom every Thursdays to deliver these lessons.

Scripture: This year the scripture instruction program has been extended from two terms to the whole year. Mrs Cynthia Tomassian has volunteered to join the weekly Culture classes on Mondays to assist with the teaching of scripture during Terms 1 and 4.

Music: The lessons are taught with the assistance of Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar. She also provides private piano lessons on Tuesdays. Please contact the school office if you want to enrol your child. Lessons have commenced and we would like to remind students to have their books in their bags.

School Office: The office is managed by our two administration personnel, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian and Mrs Sonia Apanian. Mrs Boyadjian will generally be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Apanian on Thursdays and Fridays. They are in the office on Wednesdays on an alternate basis. They will continue their travel on the Ryde bus providing supervision and support. They also assist with the running of the school canteen.

Miss Christine Apanian is our volunteer classroom and office assistant.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

7\(^{th}\) February, 2014
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY

The school “Discipline Policy - Parent Handout” is enclosed with today’s Newsletter. Parents should read this document carefully to familiarise themselves with the strategies implemented at AGBU Alexander Primary School to encourage positive attitude and behaviour.

The school has expectations of its students to maintain standards which will promote personal achievement and school pride. It is the tone of our school to be positive, encouraging and motivational. Children need this same encouragement from parents in order to succeed. Students achieve highest when parents take an active interest and role in their education and school life.

School Standards on Homework:
⇒ It is expected that students will complete set tasks to the best of their ability - untidy work will not be accepted.
⇒ Parents should check and sign each set of homework and/or Diaries of Years 1-6 students.
⇒ Homework should be made a priority when students arrive home of an afternoon. However, teachers understand that students may have extra-curricular after school activities. If homework is unable to be completed, please write a note to the teacher stating reason.
⇒ If your child has difficulty with set homework, please advise your child’s teacher in writing the following day. If the situation persists, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.

School Standards on Uniform:
⇒ Students are expected to wear correct uniform at all times.
⇒ Students wearing incorrect uniform (any part) should provide a note to the class teacher stating reason.
⇒ Students in Years 3-6 need to bring sports shoes to school for fitness and play. Students are allowed to leave a second pair of sports shoes at school to change into for their fitness sessions.
⇒ Students must have school hats at school daily. “NO HAT, NO PLAY”
⇒ Jewellery, nail polish and make-up not permitted. Only one pair, plain stud / sleeper earrings permitted.
⇒ Random uniform checks are conducted and students receive House points for correct uniform standards.
⇒ Students who lose an article of uniform (eg hat or jumper) will have a week’s grace after which time the article must be replaced.
⇒ Students who repeatedly forget sports shoes / hats will have records of misbehaviour sent home.

Our School Rules are...
😊 We use our common sense.
😊 We keep ourselves safe.
😊 We respect other people, property and the environment.
😊 We strive to do our best.

Մեր ընդհանուր կարծիքը էջ... հատված է: 
😊 ինչպես երեխան է պահանջել;
😊 ինչին մեր համար կարևոր է;
😊 ինչ անջատում են որևէ մաս ապահովվածություն զանգվածություն;
😊 ինչ որին կարգավորում մեր գիտակցություն: 

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday, 12th February @ 7:00p.m. sharp! - School Hall
We hope to see every family represented to hear important information on what is happening in your child’s school and classroom.
DATES TO REMEMBER
12/02 Parent Information Evening - School Hall
19/02 Book Club - Issue 1 Orders Due
02/03 Holy Communion at Church on Sunday
06/04 Easter Concert & Picnic
11/04 Last Day Term 1

Please mark these important days in your calendar & check this box regularly for updates.
You can also check the electronic calendar in the ‘News & Events’ section of the school’s web site. The electronic calendar can be shared on your phone. Contact the school to find out how.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

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

CANTEEN OPENS NEXT WEEK
Thank you to the families who responded to our call for canteen duty. The Canteen Calendar for the first term has been provided with today’s Newsletter. The calendar is subject to change and it is important that parents also check the school website to confirm the latest menu or canteen days.

We are always keen to have new mums join the team. If you have not yet signed up for canteen duty, but would like to take an active role, please contact the school Office. Should we have sufficient volunteers, full canteen facilities will be available on additional days.

*Children love to see their parents actively involved in their school… even if it’s only once a term. The positive effect of your support will reward your child, your school and you.*

STUDENT LUNCHBOXES
We are generally very happy with the contents of our students’ lunchboxes. Our school would rate fairly well with all the attention given to ensure school lunchboxes contain mostly foods with good nutritional value. Whilst children may complain about lack of variety, try being inventive with the way you serve foods. Please continue to help us with this school program - keep up with the practice of providing low-fat, low-salt, low-sugar foods.

*Fruit size can make all the difference between “fruit eaten” and “fruit wasted”. Please buy small sized fruit for small mouths to chomp around, otherwise send cut fruit to school. Many of the younger children (P-2) could be wasting good fruit because it is just too hard to eat.*

THE SCHOOL LUNCH BOX
Parents are instrumental in the success of our school’s healthy food program as providers of good, nutrition-filled lunch boxes.
To help parents with the confusing task of deciding on suitable snack foods, below is a list of what we consider to be appropriate.

**ONE ONLY – Snack Food** which includes any one of the following: baked biscuits or snacks such as BBQ shapes; yoghurt or other dairy dessert such as Yogo or Petite Miam; slice of plain cake, fruit muffin or fruit toast; fruit straps/bars; breakfast/muesli bars, plain pop corn.

**SNACKS WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY:** All chips, roll-ups, LCM’s, chocolate muffins, cream biscuits and wafers.

**UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF - Fresh Fruit & Vegetables …** fruit bars and fruit yoghurt are no replacement for fresh fruit.

**AT LEAST ONE SERVE OF - Bread … sandwiches**
Sandwiches are the most ideal lunch food but we do understand that children need some variety and often have home-cooked meals to replace sandwiches.

**SUITABLE LUNCH DRINKS FOR SCHOOL** - fruit juice, milk, water.

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Term 1 - Week 2 www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
SCHOOL BANKING - Youthsaver Account with Commonwealth Bank

School Banking at Alexander school has developed and grown over the past few years. We now have a large percentage of students taking part in the savings program.

‘Prepare your child for a voyage to the Lost City of Savings’ - Youthsaver account opening kit is enclosed with today’s Newsletter for those students who have not yet joined or are new to the program. In the packaged envelope you will find all the required information and forms to start your child’s account.

Once the accounts are set up and ready to go, your child/ren will be able to take part in ‘School Banking Day’ now set for Thursdays. This is when students can bring their deposits to be banked through the School.

Parents who are interested in getting their children to join the savings program can contact the office for more information. For new students, if your child already has a Youthsaver account, they too can join the program.

Message from the Bank...

Dear Parent,

Teaching your child the all-important skills of money management and saving when they’re young can empower them for success in the future. Commonwealth Bank Student Banking is a special initiative designed to do just that. Through education and fun, we aim to help make your child a Super Saver.

Student Banking - teaching kids Super Saver powers.
The Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program runs within primary schools to help boost your child’s understanding of money and saving.

◆ Educational resources - We provide schools with fun resources to assist teaching of basic skills.

◆ Weekly banking - Your child can do their banking at school where it’s easy for them to make regular deposits. Student Banking coordinators often allocate a class banking day and a banking monitor to help teach children the responsibility of saving.

◆ Money for their school - When your child signs up for Student Banking or makes a deposit at school, the Bank will pay a commission to your school. This money can help buy new books, computers, sports equipment or whatever else the school may need.

Get your little Super Saver started now.

It’s easy to get your child involved with Student Banking. Just sign them up for a Youthsaver account. It’s packed with fun features your child will love.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

When children make their first deposit our school will receive $5 and 5% commission of every deposit made (up to $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

For more information on a Youthsaver account please call 13 2221, visit commbank.com.au/dollarmites or drop into any Commonwealth Bank Branch.
SHORELINK
RYDE BUS

BUS SUPERVISOR CONTACTS
Mrs Margo  ~  0411 069 804
Mrs Sonia  ~  0451 083 994

Please keep these contact numbers handy for any bus related issues. For example delays or emergencies.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
Mothers’ Christmas Club $1,350
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.
Armenian Apostolic Church Council $500
Mr & Mrs Kevork and Vicky Tashjian $50

Thank you for your support.

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.

SPORTS DAY GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
The sports program in Term 1 will be a special gymnastics program, provided by ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’. The weekly sessions start on Friday, 7th February.

Cost of program: $102 per student for the ten sessions. It will be Invoiced later with the Term 1 fees. Please return the permission slip by Monday, 10th February.

I grant permission for my child/ren to take part in the Sports Day Gymnastics Program provided by ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’ over a ten week period. Starting Friday 7th February to 11th April, 2014.

I understand students will be instructed by qualified gymnastics coaches.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ________________________________ _____________
PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _______________________________ _____________

DATE: _______________________________ _____________

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CALLING ON THE ARMENIAN YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

The after-school study program facilitated by tutors will resume in 2014 for students from Years 6 to 12 providing assistance in English, Maths and Armenian

Committed tutors will provide leadership, guidance, and academic support to facilitate educational skills and awareness of students

When: Thursdays 4.30 to 7.00 p.m.
Where: Edgarian Hall - Armenian Apostolic Church
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood
Contribution: $10/session (includes snacks & limited Wifi access)
One-off annual registration fee of $20
Students are welcome to arrive from 4.00 p.m.

To register or receive more information contact:
Apcar 0400780780
Ida 0414750850

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. Every student who complete a minimum of three school banking deposits in Term 1 will be in the running to win one of five $50 credits into their School Banking account.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

With the blessing of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Nalagian, Primate
Armenian Church Youth of Australia proudly presents

A COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT SARKIS

Entertainment by Bagdo and DJ Edgar

15 February 2014 at 7pm
Café Birkenhead
Birkenhead Point Outlet Ctr, Drummoyne

Special Youth Blessing Service on Sunday 16 February followed by a BBQ on the Church Lawn