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Dear Parents,

HOLY COMMUNION - THIS SUNDAY

In school tradition, students will attend the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection in Chatswood on **Sunday 2nd March 2014**, to receive blessings and Holy Communion for the start of the new school year.

Students are expected to arrive by **11am** to join the Mass and receive Communion. Full school uniform must be worn. Girls will need school hats. Thank you to all the parents for your assistance and cooperation on this matter.



GYMNASTICS PROGRAM



PE, SPORT & GYMNASTICS PROGRAMS

Our gymnastics program for the term has so far been excellent thanks to 'Be Skilled Be Fit'. The students are making wonderful progress with the weekly sessions. The program is well structured and caters for outcomes set out in the curriculum. In this week's session the students gained experience in Bars & Beam. The instructors have also made positive comments in terms of the goals set and targets achieved by students. We are all pleased with the results. The photos published in today's Newsletter give a better view of all the fun and action!



COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

As indicated last week, the P&C Committee was formalised last Thursday. The new Office Bearers and Assistants are:

- (Yereckin) Hasmik Hambarzumyan (Chairperson)
- Karis Khatchadourian (Secretary)
- Gayane Topouzian (Treasurer)
- Anita Arzoumanian (Events Coordinator)
- Bianca Zorlu (Events Coordinator)
- Maggie Betchakjian (Canteen Assistant)
- Sonia Apanian | Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison)

The Canteen Coordinator is: Mrs Karis Khatchadourian

The P&C members can be contacted via the following group email: PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au

Once again thank you and best wishes for the upcoming activities. For the rest of the school families, please get right behind and support the new P&C to make 2014 our 'Year of Success'!

***** Please check the newsletter for a special dinner outing organised by the P&C. *****

TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by *Thursday, 4th April*. We would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with suppliers are met. If you believe there may be an error in your Tax Invoice please contact the school Office. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Parents are reminded that **Building Fund** contributions are **tax deductible** and special receipts will be issued in order to claim a deduction.

Payment may be sent through the post or paid directly to the school Office. Students delivering money to school should hand fees to the school office immediately on arrival to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost money in transit.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE: For K - 6 Students

In response to the national agenda and changes to the *NSW Education Act* resulting from the Wood Royal Commission and the new School Leaving Age, there are significant changes required to school processes and practices around student attendance. Under the *Education Act*, schools are required to ensure that individual students meet certain attendance standards. This includes mandatory attendance for students under 17 years of age unless exemptions are applicable.

Since January 2012, all NSW schools are required to use the state attendance codes to record student attendance on the attendance register or roll. In introducing the attendance codes, the NSW Minister for Education has delegated the power to grant or cancel *Exemption Certificates* to non-government school principals within strict guidelines. This delegated authority ensures that independent school principals have the same level of authority as principals in government schools. It allows principals to provide an *Exemption Certificate* for students to be exempt from attending school for up to 50 days in a year.

Principals need to strictly adhere to the processes and conditions outlined in the *Exemption Guidelines* in order to legally apply the exemption. The process includes an 'Application for Exemption from Attendance at School' that needs to be submitted by parents. This is then reviewed before a 'Certificate for Exemption from Attendance at School under Section 25 of the Education Act 1990' is granted. These forms are available on request from the school office.

As outlined during our *Parent Information Evening*, a note of reminder to all parents that reasonable or justified explanation of student absence needs to be reported. This includes partial absences or leaves for an extended period. The new coding reflects these changes and teachers need to legally report all absences accordingly.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



SEVAN - 61 points

YEREVAN - 65 points



DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Mr & Mrs Varoojan and Silva Iskenderian \$2,000

On Australia Day this year, Mr Iskenderian was nominated as the 'AGBU Australian Of The Year'.

He is a Founding Member and Benefactor of our school, including the school's Gemjian Hall and Kindergarten Room.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 02/03 Holy Communion at Church on Sunday
- 23/03 Working Bee
- 26/03 Music Viva @ Kinma School
- 06/04 Easter Concert & Picnic
- 09/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
- 10/04 School Excursion to the Easter Show
- 11/04 Last Day Term 1

You can also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

8 Points – YEREVAN	\$12.60
6 Points – SEVAN	\$11.20
TOTAL:	\$23.80
ACCUMULATED:	\$56.65

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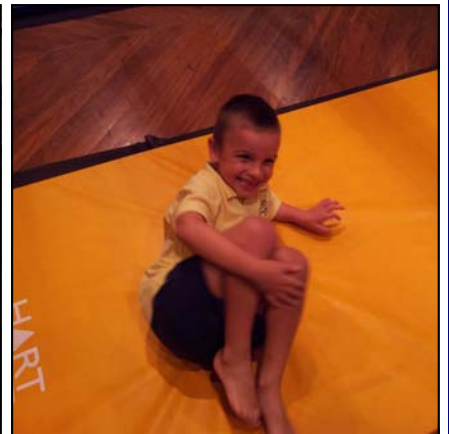
WORKING BEE

SUNDAY - 23rd MARCH 2014

From 9am... Further details coming soon.

Photo Gallery...

Sports Day - Gymnastics Program



Alexander School Mums' Dinner Outing!

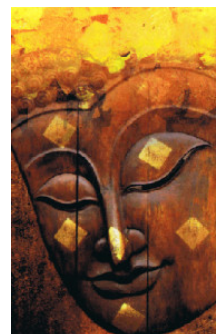
To welcome and introduce the new school mums to the rest of the Alexander school community, an outing has been organised by the P&C Committee.

Saturday, 15th March 2014 @ 7.30pm

Thai Naan
RESTAURANT

230 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

Banquet \$35 - Entree & Main Meal



Please call the School Office on 94863266 to reserve your seats.



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An evening of Music and Literature

Dedicated

To the 145th Anniversary of Komitas Vartabed

Presented by the Ministry of Diaspora

Under the Auspices of his Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian

Primate of the Diocese of Australia & New Zealand.

Organised by Hayastan-Spyurk Australian Cooperative Committee

*With the participation of internationally renowned merited artist of the Republic of Armenia - recipient of Komitas Medal **Sarkis Najaryan***



Opera Singers, Roza Hovsepyan & Lilit Grigoryan

Piano accompaniment **Chris Nazarian**

Friday 11th April, 2014 at 8pm

At the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection

10 Macquarie Street Chatswood

Donation \$30

For tickets please contact: Vardoui Lapedjian 0414 697 290 | Alla Darbinyan 0416 194 531