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Dear Parents,

WORKING BEE - THIS SUNDAY!

Thank you to all those wonderful people who have volunteered to join our Working Bee to help clean and tidy the gardens and grounds. It's on this Sunday, and we have plenty to do... Please join us from 9am.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS & OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 6th APRIL

We are all looking forward to our annual Easter concert and picnic. Once again the students are preparing a great programme and we extend a special invitation to all members of the community to join us in our celebration. The day has also been set as our first **Open Day** for the year.

It is an opportunity for current and future friends and families to visit the school and view our activities. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Every Thursday, students line up near the Canteen during morning tea, ready to be served by Mrs Sonia Apanian. However, they are not there to purchase from the Canteen, but have lined up in the teller's line for School Banking, which is open for business.

It is pleasing to see children being responsible with their money and making wise decisions on saving or investment. No matter how small their deposits are, the regular visit to the 'bank' teaches them the skills and gives them the opportunity to set their own goals and investment targets.



The 'Dollarmites' program is part of Commonwealth Bank's *Youthsaver Account*, specially tailored to meet the needs of children and their parents. If you are interested and would like further details, you may contact the Office. Even if your child has a different bank account, it might be worthwhile opening another one for them to bank through the school.

THE 5 KEYS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS*



Confidence: Take some risks sometimes, because it's OK to make some mistakes and learn from them. Try new activities and don't be afraid to speak up when you need to.



Resilience: Stay calm, even when things go wrong, keep a sensible view of what is really important and choose to be positive even when things don't turn out well for you.



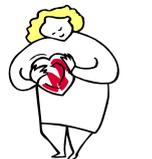
Persistence: When the going gets tough, the tough get going, the harder you try, the greater your success and sometimes you have to do things that are not pleasant or very enjoyable, but your have to keep trying.



Organisation: Plan what you have to do and the time you have to do it.



Getting Along: Be tolerant of others and remember that everyone is different and we all make mistakes. Remember school rules and play by the rules. Think carefully about what you are doing and remember to use your common sense!



* With acknowledgement to *You Can Do It! Education Programs*.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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

- 18/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
- 19/04 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
- 20/04 Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
- 21/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
- 25/04 Anzac Day - Public Holiday
- 27/04 Family Picnic Day - Save the date!

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 8

8 Points – **YEREVAN** \$13.20

6 Points – **SEVAN** \$11.55

TOTAL: **\$24.75**

ACCUMULATED: **\$123.95**

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HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



SEVAN - 134 points
YEREVAN - 140 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 8

- Year 6: Serly
- Year 5: Nina
- Year 3: Jessica
- Year 1: Albert
- Kindergarten: Alina



REMEMBER!

*Design and make your fancy
hat for the Easter*

Hat Parade!

**BIRTHDAYS
OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...

Anita
Lara



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EASTER CAKE STALL - CONTRIBUTION

The P&C would like to ask **all families** if they can please indicate the type of sweet they will be making/bringing for the Easter Cake Stall. Some ideas for traditional Armenian sweets – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava or homemade cake (uncut and sold whole). Please return slip to the school office early next week to help us organise the event. **Once again, Thank You for your support.**

✓ YES, I will be contributing to the Easter Cake Stall and I will be making...

Type of Sweet: _____ Quantity: _____

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2014

Letter to Parents

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from **13-15 May 2014**.

| TUESDAY 13 MAY | WEDNESDAY 14 MAY | THURSDAY 15 MAY |
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| Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing | Reading | Numeracy (Number; Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space) |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 16 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdraw from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

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Ճաշկերոյթ եւ Աշակերտութեան Հանդիսութիւն

Կիրակի 6 Ապրիլ, 2014

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A.G.B.U. Alexander Primary School
Easter Celebrations

Sunday - 6th April, 2014

from lunchtime



*Join in the festivities of this special day
as we reveal the miracles of Jesus.*

A delicious lunch will be served. A day filled with enjoyable activities!



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