



Dear Parents,

BACK TO A BUSY TERM

During our Staff Development Day, in addition to regular planning for what is set to be a very busy Term 2 we were able to finalise the review of all the school policies that were updated and revamped during the first term. Thanks to the effort of executive staff, teachers and coordinators we now have up to date policies that cover all areas of school operation and meet the mandatory requirements set by the Board of Studies.

Last term, we successfully submitted the application for the renewal of our Registration with the NSW Board of Studies. Final preparations are now being carried out by all members of staff with less than a week before our inspection visit on Thursday, 8th May 2014. The purpose of the inspection is to assess our application for renewal of Registration by considering the school's compliance with the requirements of the *Education Act 1990*.

The agenda will involve meeting with the inspectors, reviewing relevant documentation including teaching programs and checking the school's facilities, premises and buildings. As part of the application process we have already prepared and transferred a large volume of documents electronically. These documents include teaching programs for each Year level in each of the Key Learning Areas (KLAs). Documentation showing relevant school policies, allocation of times and the qualifications of our teachers. We have also included the assessment plans for each of the KLAs for each Year level, indicating how student performance is assessed, monitored and recorded.

It may all sound daunting, but this is what teachers are expected to do on a daily basis. Therefore, I believe our preparation since the start of the year is well on task and we are ready for this assessment and review.

WELCOME!

We welcomed a new student into Kindergarten during the final week of term. **Elizabeth Ananyan**, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Aram and Ani Ananyan has made an excellent start and a smooth transition from the United States. We wish her all the best and know the many friends she has already made will make her feel welcome for many years to come.

FUN WITH HEALTHY HAROLD

The students had a great start to the term with a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education van.

P/K were invited to a picnic with the Healthy Harold crew. They had lots of fun following the map to the picnic spot in the park, as well as providing some delicious party food. Along the way they learnt about handling illness and injury, syringe safety and safety in the park.



Years 1-4 explored cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children and relevant scenarios, discussions and problem solving. The session taught the students how to be safe and behaviour appropriately online.

Years 5/6 participated in the program 'It's Your Call' where they learnt about the consequences of a range of legal drugs and the factors that influence health and behaviour. They gained skills and strategies about how to deal with unsafe situations, social dilemmas and the safe and appropriate use of communication technology.

All the children enjoyed their valuable educational experiences with Harold. We would like to extend a big thank you to Louise who guided all the students through the various programs.



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MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON - OPEN DAY

The P&C Committee and teachers are busy finalising the organisation of the *Mothers' Day Luncheon*, which will be held on Thursday, 8th May. As part of the celebration the students will take part in a special concert, where they will have the opportunity to thank their mothers and grandmothers through poetry recitals, presentations, songs and dance. We hope you can join in our celebration to honour the special person in our lives - our mother.

Please note the event is for mothers, grandmothers, aunts.... If you would like to join them please contact the office as we only have *limited seating*.

The day has also been set as an **Open Day**. I welcome parents and members of the community to come along and experience a day at Alexander school. Please note, on this occasion **appointments are essential**. You may contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

FAMILY DAY PICNIC

The overcast weather and rain last Sunday did not hinder the school families joining in a picnic organised by the P&C Committee. It was evident that after two weeks of holiday the children were glad to see each other and have a relaxed time playing and enjoying each others company. Thank you to the organising committee and all the parents who supported the event.

2nd May, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

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!



HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*


 **SEVAN** - 9 points 
YEREVAN - 7 points

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEK 1

Year 6:
Narek

Kindergarten:
Sonya



DATES TO REMEMBER

08/05	Mothers' Day Luncheon Organised by P&C Board of Studies - Inspection Visit
09/05	Mothers' Day - Children's School Stall
13/05	NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
14/05	NAP - Reading Assessment
15/05	NAP - Numeracy Assessment
	Book Club - Issue 3 Orders Due
16/05	Food Revolution Day - Lunch by Years 5/6
20/05	I.C.A.S. - Computer Assessment, Years 2-6
22/05	School Photos
04/06	I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 2-6
09/06	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 1

8 Points – SEVAN	\$13.20
6 Points – YEREVAN	\$9.80
TOTAL:	\$23.00
ACCUMULATED:	\$207.90

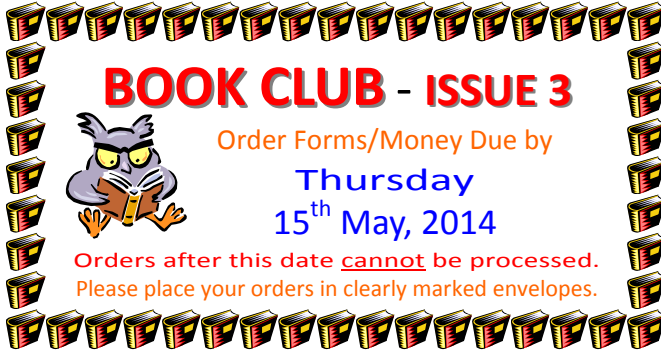
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BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Talia



BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 3



Order Forms/Money Due by

Thursday

15th May, 2014

Orders after this date cannot be processed.

Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.



Mothers' Day Children's Stall

Friday 9th May, 2014

School shopping for Mothers' Day

Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their mum on Friday, 9th May .

The gifts will be provided by the P&C up to the cost of \$10 each.

If there are extra gifts students can also buy for grandmothers, aunts etc. as long as they have enough money... so come prepared!

Photo Gallery...

Fun with Healthy Harold



ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2015

Do you have a child who is ready to start school?

Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child?

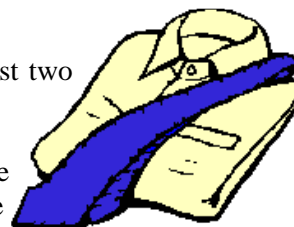
Would you like to see them in class, experiencing the real school environment before you make your final decision on the school of your choice?

Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your child - 9486 3266



WINTER UNIFORMS - ORDERS

The school will change to Winter Uniforms starting *Week 3 of Term 2*. During the first two weeks of Term 2 either uniform will be acceptable.



Parents who wish to purchase items of Winter Uniform must do so by completing the form below and returning to the school Office early next week. Alternatively, contact the Office to arrange a suitable time to visit the school.

To ensure your Winter uniform needs are met, please ask your children to try on old uniforms and check if garments need replacement. As we keep limited uniform stock at school, late orders may not be filled quickly.

**Note:* The prices are subject to change. Current as at: 31st January 2014.



FAMILY NAME:

WINTER UNIFORM	PRICE*	AVAILABLE SIZES	SIZE REQUIRED	QUANTITY
Girl's Tunic Pinafore – Small	\$60.00	4 - 10		
Girls' Tunic Pinafore – Large	\$64.50	12 - 16		
Girls' Long-Sleeved Blouse	\$24.00	4 - 18		
Girls' Blue Ribbon Tie	\$ 7.00	N/A		
Girls' Winter Tights (Grey)	\$ 10.00	S-M-L-XL		
Boys' Winter Trousers (Grey)	\$37.00	6 - 16		
Boys' Long-sleeved Shirt	\$25.00	6 - 18		
Woollen Jumper (Winter)	\$68.00	7 - 14		
LWR Woollen Jumper	\$40.00	7 - 14		
Sports Tracksuit - Jumper	\$28.00	6 - 14		
Sports Tracksuit - Pants	\$21.00	6 - 8		
Sports Tracksuit - Pants	\$22.00	10 - 16		

Other garments:

*All prices are inclusive of GST
Current as at: 31st January 2014*



REMINDER: Don't Forget the Fruit!

The school has a Crunch&Sip break at the start of each day, for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Crunch&Sip[®]

INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION Years 5 - 6

The Forest District Debating Competition for Years 5 and 6 will get under way this term. There will be a Debating Workshop to teach debating skills and formats to all students of the five schools on **7th May**. This will be held at the Sydney Japanese School. Debating rounds will commence soon after with our first debate on Wed. 21st May at our school. The competition will comprise of five rounds of debates with the final being held on 27th August 2014.

Below is a schedule of debating venues and we ask parents to **sign-off on all venues** to grant permission for your child to attend. Travel to and from venues will be private cars of school staff and parent volunteers. Our students will be accompanied to debating sessions by Ms Smith.

Please return signed form to school by *Tuesday, 6th May*.



FOREST DISTRICT INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION - Years 5 - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren _____

to attend the debates as outlined below. I understand s/he will travel to and from school

by private car of school staff and parent volunteers and be accompanied by Ms Smith.

**I am able to assist
with transportation**

Please Note:

The school requires parent volunteers to help with the transportation.

If you are available and can assist, please let us know by selecting the appropriate box. →

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEBATE	DATE	VENUE	TRAVEL	PARENT'S SIGNATURE
Workshop	Wednesday 7 th May	Sydney Japanese School	Private cars of staff & parents	I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the debates at the following venues: SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
# 1	Wednesday 21 st May	AGBU Alexander Primary School		
# 2	Wednesday 4 th June	Sydney Japanese School	Private cars of staff & parents	
# 3	Wednesday 18 th June	German International School	Private cars of staff & parents	
# 4	Wednesday 30 th July	John Colet School	Private cars of staff & parents	
# 5	Wednesday 13 st August	Hamazkaine A&S Galstaun College	Private cars of staff & parents	
Final / Party	Wednesday 27 th August	German International School	Private cars of staff & parents	

Photo Gallery...

Family Day Picnic



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