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, auntsies... 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.

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**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 1**

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

www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
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, aunties etc. as long as they have enough money… so come prepared!

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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

TERM 2 - WEEK 1
www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
**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.*

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*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.

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.

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.

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I am able to assist with transportation

YES [ ]
NO [ ]

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the debates at the following venues:

SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ____________________________
Photo Gallery...

Family Day Picnic

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

More photos on Facebook