



Dear Parents,

REGISTRATION APPROVED - STAFF HIGHLY COMMENDED

On Thursday, Board of Studies NSW inspector Christine Taylor visited the school to evaluate and approve our Registration. She arrived in the morning and after a few hours she was pleased and satisfied enough to recommend from the Minister an extension of our **Registration until December 2019**.

The inspector examined in great detail all our teaching programs to make sure there were clear links between them and the scope and sequence of learning. She then tried to match these with the children's work and their results. She also checked our staff qualifications, timetables, enrolment records, class rolls as well as policies. She was given a tour of the school buildings to make sure the required emergency and safety features were in place, including facilities such as a designated library area, computers with internet connection, plus indoor and outdoor recreational areas.

She found everything in order and commented that the school was very well resourced. She felt the learning environment was calm and relaxed, and the students relationship with teachers very positive. She highly commended the teachers on their programs and did not make a single recommendation, which is a great credit to all the teachers and in particular to our curriculum co-ordinator, Mrs Dernee. Compliments were also extended to the students for producing wonderful work.

With not a single recommendation, I believe we have passed Registration with flying colours and I feel honoured to be associated with great teachers who give so much to this school. I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate all those who were involved in the Registration process. Once again thank you Mrs Vicky Dernee for your guidance and support, Mrs Seta Keoshgerian for being the heart and soul and Ms Martine Smith for showing us how learning can be a fun and a life long experience.

N.A.P.L.A.N. NEXT WEEK

We have the compulsory National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 next week, with the 'Language Conventions and Writing' tests on **Tuesday, 13th May**. The 'Reading' test on **Wednesday, 14th May** and the 'Numeracy' test will be held on **Thursday, 15th May**.

These tests can be stressful for the children. The best preparation is good rest during the week of the test, a calm, unrushed morning and a good breakfast before the test. Keep up the home reading each night so that your child does not find the reading part of the test too difficult. There is always a great deal of reading in these tests, except for the Writing. Even the Maths tends to have quite a bit of reading to get through.

Teachers are available to answer any concerns or questions you have in relation to these tests.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON - WHAT A FINE DAY!

Over the past 24 hours we have had the pleasure of receiving numerous phone calls and messages of congratulations from members of the community, who have flooded us with nothing but wonderful words of praise over our Mothers' Day Luncheon.

At this stage, I would like the photos that are published in today's Newsletter and on our website (including Facebook) to do the talking. A detailed report will be provided next week when more of what was achieved has sunk in; including our special notes of appreciation towards everyone who made sure the day was a huge success.

WINTER UNIFORM

The school will change into its Winter Uniform starting next week. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the uniform policy. A reminder that we have a long sleeved polo shirt for winter sport. Thank you for your cooperation.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY ~ ՇՆՈՐՀԱՒՈՐ ՄԱՅՐԵՐՈՒ ՕՐ

9th May, 2014

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

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep) to Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels. The age requirement for students entering **Kindergarten is 5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year, while for **Prep it is one year prior to Kindergarten** enrolment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Thursday 22nd May**. Students are expected to wear their full **WINTER UNIFORM** on this day. Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. We would like to point out that the school is not associated with your order and you need to check and **follow all instructions** on the form and enclose the correct amount.

IMPORTANT: Every student must return their envelope - Even if not purchasing photos.

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

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.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 10 points
YEREVAN - 9 points

TEACHERS' AWARD
TERM 2 - WEEK 2

Kindergarten:
 Alina
 Vanessa

Preparatory:
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 21/05 Interschool Debating Comp. # 1
- 22/05 School Photos
- 04/06 I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 2-6
 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
- 09/06 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- 14/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 2

- Points - SEVAN	\$00.00
- Points - YEREVAN	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$00.00
ACCUMULATED:	\$207.90

NO COLLECTION THIS WEEK

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

The Gurdjieff Ensemble performance on Thursday, at St. Andrew's College was sold out! Due to popular demand a second performance has now been organised for tonight...

Gurdjieff Ensemble 2nd Performance

AGBU Hall

2 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay

Friday 9 May 2014 @ 7:30 PM

Donation \$20

Tickets will be available at the door!

You will hear a feast of Armenian's most beautiful and sacred music by Komitas and Gurdjieff. Proceeds will go towards supporting the artists.

FOOD REVOLUTION DAY 2014 AIMS TO INSPIRE KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO COOK



The third annual **Food Revolution Day** will be held on **Friday 16 May** and this year the focus will be on inspiring kids all over the world to get excited about food and cooking from scratch. As a major part of the day, Jamie Oliver will be broadcasting a cooking class to school children across the globe. He hopes to break the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ attempt for the for the most participants in a cookery lesson in 24 hours (multiple venues).

With over 40 million children worldwide now overweight or obese by the age of five (WHO figures, March 2013), Jamie now says it is the duty of governments, businesses, schools and parents to work together to help reverse this preventable situation.

Jamie explains: "Everyone knows that over the last few years I've been passionate about getting kids and young people to be taught to cook, whether in schools or at home. I believe that we all now have a duty to teach children to understand what food does to their bodies if we're going to make any progress in tackling obesity and diet-related disease, that means governments, businesses, everyone. Now is the time to focus the energies of everyone involved in Food Revolution Day on teaching kids and keeping cooking skills alive at a time when we need them more than ever.

"Getting kids cooking from as early as possible helps them to develop an essential life skill which will have a huge impact on their future health and wellbeing. "Thanks to TES, I can personally present a cooking lesson to many thousands of school kids all over the world and I hope that through the wonderful Food Revolution ambassadors, many more young people will be able to join in the fun of cooking, using fresh ingredients.

"I'm also hoping to attempt break a GUINNESS WORLD RECORD title for the 'most participants in a cookery lesson in 24 hours (multiple venues)', and we've got amazing ambassadors and friends all over the world planning to make this a huge global event."

Year 5 & 6 students of Alexander school will take part in Food Revolution Day by preparing the Lunch Special for the Friday, 16 May 2014. Details next week...

Photo Gallery...

Mothers' Day Luncheon



More photos on Facebook...



<http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool>

