Dear Parents,

THE MORE YOU READ, THE MORE YOU KNOW...

‘Use it or Lose it!’ It becomes apparent after each holiday period that most children have a decline in their reading ability. Lack of practice causes some children to regress quite noticeably in their reading skills. Let’s admit, we all know the adage ‘Use it or Lose it!’ All skills in their early stages must be constantly polished. Reading is a very important life skill and we hope that children keep progressing all year.

Support and Encourage. It is important that parents encourage all aged children to keep reading all kinds of materials. They do not need a holiday from reading! They do, however, need to be encouraged in a way that is supportive, non-threatening and surrounded by positive feelings of enjoyment.

It all counts. All parents can help by exuding a positive attitude to reading themselves. Read for information, jokes, sports results, news and communication with relatives. It is all reading and can be demonstrated as a useful part of everyday life. Whilst shopping, you can make children aware of all the times you read to gain information from shop fronts, advertisements, labels and posters.

Give help. Whilst reading for enjoyment, give all the support that is required, even reading just ahead of your young reader. Let them follow your reading and stop to give them a chance to read the next word if they need lots of help. They are learning if they are following with you. It helps them to just hear the sound of words as they see the shape on the page.

Visit the Library. A visit to your local Council Library will help fill up many hours during the weekend and holidays if you are not going away. Libraries have story times and other advertised events for children. Take home a load of books and set aside some times for children to have quiet time to read as often as you can.

Say It Again and Again. Young children love repetition and even if they can ‘read’ the book by heart it is very comforting to them. Older children also like re-reading old favourites but this may be because they are too comfortable with the vocabulary to branch out and work hard on a new book. Try one by the same author as the old favourite. Series are good fun!

Enjoy reading all year round! Movies and TV are fine in their way but reading good stories and for information is good food for the soul. As we say...


SNEEZE SAFE CAMPAIGN 2014

‘Sneezesafe’ is an exciting and fun respiratory hygiene educational program designed to teach children about coughs, colds and flu in the classroom and at home to provide good hygiene habits to help prevent the spread of viruses.

Sneezesafe research reveals a rather frightening nine out of ten children wipe their noses on hands and clothes. It also reveals that colds and flu cause children to miss an average six days of school annually. Using a combination of entertaining online stories, games and teaching materials, Sneezesafe has been developed by Australian teachers for Australian school children in the early years of education and is consistent with the Federal Government’s guidelines relating to the control of viruses like flu, H1N1 and the common cold. Teaching children how to ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ in the classroom means that together we can enjoy a Sneezesafe environment.

Once again, the program is being implemented in our classrooms and as part of the teaching kit you will find more information attached with today’s Newsletter, including a pocket pack tissue.

30th May, 2014

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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.

TERM 2 ACCOUNTS

School accounts are enclosed with today’s Newsletter. Payment of account is due by Thursday, 19th June.

It is expected that all accounts will be finalised by this date. If paying by cheque or money order, please make sure that your payment is to: ‘AGBU Alexander Primary School’.

Payment are also accepted via direct bank deposit. Please refer to your invoice for school account details.

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 4

Order Forms/Money Due by

Wednesday

11th June, 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 - 83 points

YEREVAN - 75 points

DATES TO REMEMBER

04/06 I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 3-6
Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
09/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
11/06 Book Club Issue 4 - Orders Due
16/06 I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
18/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
20/06 Half Yearly Reports
27/06 Last day Term 2
14/07 School Development Day - Pupil Free
15/07 First day Term 3 - Students Return
14/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 5

8 Points – SEVAN ......... $14.55
6 Points – YEREVAN ......... $11.00

TOTAL: ......... $25.55

ACCUMULATED: ......... $282.35

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BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Silvy

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEK 5

Year 5: Tzolare

Year 4: Matthew, Samuel

Talia

Year 3: Anita, Jessica

Christopher

Kindergarten: Lara
News from the Classroom...

Friendship Day @ Kinma School

On the 21st of May, Nina, Taniel and I went to Kinma for the ‘Friendship Day’. When we got there we were greeted by some of the Kinma seniors. One of them took us to their hall. In the hall there were many different schools. Some of the schools were the German School, John Colet and Kamaroi Steiner School.

Our school was chosen to go to the Friendship Day because we were one of the local schools. Friendship Day is a day to celebrate friendship all around the world. The first thing we did was the “friend game”. In the “friend game” you get a piece of paper with someone’s name on it. Then you have to decorate the piece of paper. After that you have to find the person who has their name written on your card.

Before morning tea we learnt how to make friendship bracelets out of string. We all found a Kinma student and they taught us. We all made at least one bracelet. It was fun! Then we taught everyone at our school. They enjoyed making them too!

At lunch we had vegetarian tacos with orange juice. We played for about ten minutes and then the teacher told us to come to the basketball court. From there she sent us in schools to get dessert. For dessert we ate Neapolitan ice cream with sprinkles. After our ice cream we went on a bushwalk for twenty minutes.

We had fun at Kinma and we were all a bit sad to leave. For me the day felt like it went for only one hour.

By Noah

P & K - ‘It’s Fun Learning on the Computers & IWB’
Dear Parents,

Many nutritionists consider breakfast to be the most important meal of the day. It ‘breaks the fast’ and is a healthy habit for all the family.

Eating a nutritious breakfast helps assist children’s physical, mental and emotional development. Children who miss breakfast are less able to concentrate, are more prone to fidgeting and may find learning difficult by mid-morning. Missing breakfast means that there are more nutrients that need to be packed into lunch & dinner meals. Furthermore, there is evidence to suggest that children who miss out on a healthy breakfast are more likely to suffer from obesity later in life.

Lead by example and ensure all the family gets off to the best start with a delicious & healthy breakfast, everyday.
We thank the following business partners for supporting
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Commemorative Committee, Australia

Proudly Presents

AN EVENING WITH
FATHER VAHAN OHANIAN
Vicar-General of the Mkhitarian
Congregation at St. Lazzaro, Venice

Lecture Topic:
The Armenian Question from 1890-1922
in the American Press

Friday, 6th June 2014 • 7PM
Galstaun College Nalbandian Hall
5 Chiltern Road, Ingleside

100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee, Australia includes:

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