Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the parents of Years 3-6 for their support by making sure their children are available to join and sing in the school choir this Saturday 18 October 2014.

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, a special presentation entitled ‘An Armenian Journey’ will take place in the Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood. Our students will join with Armenian-Australian soprano and performing artist for Opera Australia, Natalie Aroyan together with other Armenian dancers and musical performances to tell a story of triumph through tragedy.

A copy of the list of requirements sent to parents has been provided in the Newsletter. If parents like to join the evening and have not reserved their tickets please see the attached flyer for the event. Once again thank you for your support and cooperation.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSLATORS**

During the month of October, the ‘Feast of the Holy Translators’ is one of the most favourite and beloved national-ecclesiastical feasts of the Armenian people. Nearly two hundred disciples of St. Mesrob Mashtots and St. Sahak are known by the general group name ‘Holy Translators’.

Celebrating this feast, the Armenian Apostolic Church pays tribute of respect to the bright memory of St. Mesrob Mashtots, Yeghishe, Moses of Khoronk, philosopher Davit Anhaght, whose sacred work and mission later has been continued on by St. Gregory of Narek and St. Nerses the Gracious.

Comprehending and precisely understanding the demands of that period, the ‘Holy Translators’ initiated the sacred work of creating the Armenian alphabet and literature. By the strength of their faith they dispersed the darkness and warmed the human souls. Thanks to the ‘Holy Translators’ the Holy Bible was translated into Armenian and the Armenian people were blessed with the possibility of reading the Holy Book in their native language.

The ‘Holy Translators’ contributed to the spiritual-cultural awakening of Armenia during the 5th Century. After the translation of the Holy Bible, many books of the Church Fathers were translated into Armenian. As a result, many translations, the original copies of which have not been preserved, currently exist only in the translated variant and thus the translations have obtained the value of the original.

The translation of the ‘Holy Bible’ is considered as the ‘queen of all translations’ by scientist around the world, based on its quality and without the loss of its true meaning in translation.

The feast of ‘Holy Translators’ will be celebrated by the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection this Sunday. His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian has invited all teachers of the Armenian language for a special service and blessing, acknowledging their contribution in the teaching and dissemination of the Armenian literature and language.

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

17th October, 2014
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

Prep & Kindergarten Orientation Days - Every Wednesday

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER
18/10 ‘An Armenian Journey’ - Years 3-6 Choir
22/10 Junior First Aid Course - Years 3-6
24/10 NAPLAN 2013 Test Fees Due - Yrs 3 & 5
25/10 Alexander School Mums’ Dinner Outing
01/11 Soccer Tournament @ GIS - Years 3-6
06/12 Ladies Christmas Luncheon Organised by P&C
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
12/14 Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
14/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert
31/12 NYE 2015 with Georgig Chirishian

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.
2014 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Kevork
Jessica
Lara
Sara

Donations to Alexander School

Mr & Mrs Yeghia and Rita Kalajian $500

Thank You for Supporting Alexander School

REMININDERS: ‘AN ARMENIAN JOURNEY’ - SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2015

Year 3-6 School Choir - The following are the student requirements for the evening:
- Full winter uniform for the Boys & Girls. Including jumpers, stockings for girls and polished shoes.
- Arrive at the theatre at 4.30pm for a final rehearsal.
- Students will be supervised by Mrs Seta Keoshgerian, Ms Martine Smith and Mr Manoug Demirjian. Please contact/inform them when you drop and collect your children.
- Sandwiches and water will be provided by the organising committee. Students are allowed to bring extra snacks to be consumed while waiting backstage.
- The concert will commence at 7.00pm. Students will perform during the first half, between 7-8.00pm.
- During intermission, students can be collected from the foyer area if they need to go early. However, the choir is expected to be recalled back on stage at the end.
- After their performance, students will be taken to an allocated seating area in the theatre to watch the rest of the program. Mrs Seta has kindly offered to supervise the students during this period.
- Parents can contact Mrs Seta via SMS only during this period to help arrange collection if they need to be collected early.

For further questions contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian 0416 262 177 or Mrs Seta Keoshgerian - 0430 209 237

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY & NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3 and 5 throughout Australia were required to sit for these tests in line with educational accountability requirements set by the Australian Government. The first assessment was on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, the second on Reading and the third on Numeracy.

The school is charged on student bases by the Board of Studies in the implementation of these tests.

Please send the slip below with payment of the $40 fee to the office by Friday, 24th October.
Background Note:
Mr Vahagn Vardanyan, a native of Armenia, has been living in Singapore for many years. In parallel with his full-time work (Head of High School at the Chinese International School in Singapore), he has been working on his doctoral thesis at the National University of Singapore and his area of research is national identity. In particular, he is interested in studying role of Diaspora institutions in Diaspora-homeland relations and implications they have on the national identity of Diasporans. He has selected three Diaspora communities in this region for his research - Sydney and Melbourne in Australia, and Kolkata in India. The study is to extend the understanding of the Diaspora as a contemporary concept and, in particular, the role of Diaspora institution.

Later this week, he is travelling to both Sydney and Melbourne and plans to meet and talk with several community members each city. His days in Sydney are Saturday Oct. 18 to Monday, Oct. 20. Please find below a flyer in relation to interview-talks. The interview-talks are individual, face-to-face and he can manage to meet up to 6 people during his three days in Sydney. Please contact him if you are willing to participate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for an interview-conversation for a research study (PhD thesis)

Project title: Inclusion of Diaspora into a Nation

The area of this research is national identity. It aims at identification of the relationship between diaspora communities and their homeland nation-state. For the purpose of this research, the case of the Armenian Diaspora and Armenia is being studied. Information gathered during interviews will be analysed, and the findings, as expected, will further enrich the overall understanding of contemporary diaspora.

Anybody, who participates in this study, will be kept anonymous and confidentiality is guaranteed. Any kind of personal information will not be disclosed to a third party, in accordance with requirements of such research study.

Upon arrangement, interviews will be conducted in a location convenient for the participant.

Participants must be
- of Armenian origin (at least one of grandparents);
- at least 21 years old;
- a national (citizen) of a country other than the Republic of Armenia;
- living out of Armenia for at least two years preceeding this interview;
- only one member per household/family can participate in this research study.

It is expected that each interview-conversation will last not more than 2 hours. Only one interview per participant is planned to be conducted.

Please note that no compensation is provided for this study.

Principal Investigator:
Mr Vahagn Vardanyan, PhD student

Department of Geography, National University of Singapore | A0068938@nus.edu.sg | +65 8280 8217

During the study, participants (local subjects) will be provided with a local phone number, aimed at ensuring quicker communication between the subjects and the PI.
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FEATURE MOVIE:

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

Saturday 1st November
6:30 - 10.30 pm

2 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay NSW 2089

$25 for first child
$20 for each additional child (from same family)

TICKETS

Kris 0414 680 250  Tash 0415 492 121
Talar 0425 209 471  Karis 0410 217 295

Parents Name:________________________________________________________

Childrens Name:_______________________________________________________

Contact Number:______________________________________________________

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