Dear Parents,

‘AN ARMENIAN JOURNEY’ - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who helped make ‘An Armenian Journey’ a great success!

Last Saturday, in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, our school choir performed the song ‘Giligia’ at the Concourse Concert Hall. The great Armenian-Australian soprano Natalie Aroyan, together with other Armenian dancers and musical performers told a wonderful and inspiring story of triumph through tragedy.

I would like to share the note of appreciation from the organising committee to highlight the success of our students:

On behalf of the Armenian Evangelical Church and Natalie, I would like to thank the AGBU Alexander Primary School Choir’s participation during Natalie’s concert on Saturday, “An Armenian Journey”. The children’s singing was absolutely wonderful, they performed beautifully and made us proud. They were a very valuable compliment to Natalie’s concert and she would not have achieved the success she did without their participation.

So thank you once again, our very best wishes in their future performances and we look forward to working with you again in the future. Vartsgernit gadar!

The video of the choir’s performance is on our YouTube channel and shared on our Facebook page.

ARMENIAN TEACHERS BLESSED & ACKNOWLEDGED

Last Sunday, a special service and blessing took place at the Armenian Apostolic Church on the ‘Feast of the Holy Translators’. With the invitation of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian, all Armenian teachers from our community’s day and Saturday schools were acknowledged for their contribution in the teaching and dissemination of Armenian literature and language.

During the reception that followed, a pleasant dialogue was established with words of praise and support. On our behalf, I thanked His Grace for this great initiative, who in turn promised to make it an annual event.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

The Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemorative Committee Australia with its sub-committees is well into planning and preparation for the 100th anniversary commemoration in 2015 to honour the immortal memory of our martyrs.

The Committee has announced it will produce a remembrance book to heighten awareness of the Genocide and the resolve of Armenians in this endeavour. The book will include tributes from community members and accordingly seeks the partnership of sponsors to assist in defraying the costs associated with the publication of the book and the key commemorative event to be held on 24th April 2015 at the Sydney Town Hall. Check the Newsletter for more information and contact details.

24th October, 2014

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
2014 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to
Stephen

Canteen Notice
LUNCH SPECIAL CHANGES
Additional Lunch Special days have been added to the updated Canteen Calendar.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
School Board Members $200
Congratulating the Demirjian family on the birth of Sarkis Karnig Demirjian

Alexander School Mums’ Dinner Outing!
Organised by the P&C Committee
Saturday, 25th October 2014
@ 7.00pm
Level 2, Harbourside Shopping Centre, Darling Harbour
Banquet $50 - Set Menu
Please contact: Karis Khatchadourian - 0410 217 295

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 91 points
YEREVAN - 75 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
25/10 Teddy Bear’s Picnic - 10am-12pm
Alexander School Mums’ Dinner Outing
01/11 Soccer Tournament @ GIS - Years 3-6
04/12 2015 Captain Speeches & Election
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
17/12 Last Day Term 4 for students
31/12 NYE 2015 with Georgig Chirishian

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 4 – WEEK 3
Kindergarten:
Stephen
- Remember -
5 Teachers’ Award = 1 Honour Award

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 3

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TOTAL: $20.65
ACCUMULATED: $515.90

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianapostolicchurchsydney.org.au
On Wednesday, the students of Years 3-6 participated in the Surf Life Saving NSW Junior First Aid Course. The students thoroughly enjoyed the two hour session learning what to do if they were the first person at the scene of an accident. The course covered all the important life saving issues and was presented in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Each student learnt and performed the valuable skills of C.P.R. and by the end of the two hours, was able to bandage every known part of the body. It was great to see the students having fun while learning very important skills for life.
News from the Classroom...

Our Canberra Adventure

Day 1:
On a Monday morning the 15th of September, Year 5/6 woke up an hour earlier than usual to catch the bus to Canberra. We made it to the bus stop and only waited a few minutes before the bus arrived. After watching two movies on the bus we had already reached our first destination.

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We were so excited that we finally made it to our first destination, The National Film and Sound Archive. Our tour guide explained about the old cameras and films. Then we watched some old films and damaged clips.

After that we went to the famous Parliament House. We first went to the Great Hall where a huge 20 metres wide by 9 metres high tapestry covered the whole wall. We then went to the Senate. Unfortunately it wasn’t a sitting week. Then we went to The House of Representatives which was followed by a mock parliament where we pretended to be politicians.

At the end of the day we checked into Camp Cottermouth. The boys and the girls were in different cabins and were rooming with John Colet students. After we had dinner. Past students had said that the food at Canberra is not nice, but they were proved wrong, it was surprisingly delicious! We then watched a movie and went to bed.

Day 2:
We woke up quite early in the morning. We got dressed and saw the cute kangaroos eating grass. We then had breakfast and set off for the Australian Electoral Commission which was at the old Parliament House. We took a walk in the Senate and the House of Representatives gardens because there was a group that went in before us. We also had recess in these beautiful gardens.

At the AEC we watched a film about democracy in Australia and then we went to a room where we had different stations to study the voting process. Then we had a turn to try out the preferential voting process by engaging in a mock election.

After that we went to the National Museum of Australia where we saw all sorts of art works and historical things like planes, trains, dinosaurs and Australian native animals.

Next we went to Cockington Green. Before we went in we had our sandwiches that we had made ourselves after breakfast. Once we finished we entered the building and we saw many miniature models of houses, stadiums and international monuments. Once we saw all of the models we shopped at the gift shops and made our way out.

Next stop was the Australian War Memorial. We looked at all of the wars that Australia has participated in. We looked at the World War I and World War II displays. We then laid down a wreath next to the pool of reflection.

Then we went back to camp where we had another delicious dinner. Then we went to our cabins but before we went to bed we played “murder in the dark” with our John Colet friends and then it was lights out.
Day 3:
This morning when we woke up we were all sad that we were leaving but happy that we were going home. Today’s breakfast was pancakes and they were the most delicious meal yet! We then packed and we were off to Questacon. It was so fun. We went to the shop first and bought many different science games and trinkets.
Next was the Australian Institute of Sport. It was better than we imagined. We were shown around the many sporting venues by an AIS athlete. There was also an interactive place where we could practice some sports on equipment and interactive video games.
Before we knew it the Canberra trip was over and we were going home. We all had a great time, seeing and learning lots of new things and making many new friends.

Years 5 & 6 Students

NOTE: The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding ($20 per eligible student) under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The school would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.
The Playgroup meets on the last Saturday of each month.
The tree is lit, The lights are aglow
Let’s celebrate the holidays,
The people we know!

Please join us for a
Christmas Luncheon

Saturday
6th December
from 12pm

Gemjian Hall
2 Namba Road
Duffys Forest 2084

Organised by
Alexander Primary School
P&C Committee

For tickets and enquiries contact:
Office: 9486 3266
Karlis: 0410 217 295

Donation: $35

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
- TICKET RESERVATION -

I would like to reserve my place for the upcoming Christmas Luncheon, organised by the AGBU Alexander Primary School P&C Committee.

Saturday, 6 December 2014 @ 12pm

NAME: _______________________________________________________________

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: __________________

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