Dear Parents,

**PERFORMING AT THE BAZAAR**

Last Sunday, the School Choir had a successful performance at the Church Bazaar. Congratulations to the students from Years 3-6 who joined the choir and represented the school with great pride. They performed a number of songs and played an instrumental on the grounds adjacent to the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection.

I would like to pass on the words of appreciation and gratitude of the Church Council as well as thank the parents for their support and cooperation. Our notes of appreciation also go to Mrs Seta Keoshgerian and Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar for preparing them and accompanying them on the day. Once again, this was a good opportunity to showcase our school to the rest of the community, including the efforts or should we say the ‘fruits’ of our Garden and Chicken Coop. The free range organic eggs were a popular sell out, with all proceeds being donated to the Church.

**STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS**

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to inform the school community about changes to our staffing arrangements for the following year. **Ms Martine Smith** has decided to leave her teaching position at the end of this year to pursue her career elsewhere. As you are aware Ms Smith is currently employed as a part time (0.8 FTE) teacher and would like to secure a full time position where possible.

Ms Smith started teaching at Alexander school in 2012 as a part-time (0.6 FTE) teacher and has supported with great success a number of new initiatives and exciting projects. During her time, she has taught the students how learning can be a fun and a life long experience. We wish her all the best in her future endeavour and promise to take good care of the chickens!

*Please check today’s Newsletter for all the information about the final weeks of school.*

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

5th December, 2014
DATES TO REMEMBER
06/12 Ladies Christmas Luncheon Organised by P&C
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
12/14 Armenian Welfare Centre - Christmas Visit
Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
14/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert
15/12 Party Day Picnic (Honour Award Treat)
16/12 Final Assembly - Prep/Kindy Graduation
17/12 Last Day Term 4 for students
Alexander Rest Home - Christmas Visit
18/12 Staff Planning Day
31/12 NYE 2015 with Georgig Chirishian
Check the online calendar for the latest updates.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 9

8 Points – YEREVAN .......... $3.80
6 Points – SEVAN .......... $4.55
TOTAL: ............ $8.35
ACCUMULATED: ............ $625.55

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

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 4 – WEEK 9
Year 6: Serly Silvy
Year 5: Nina
Kindergarten: Sara Lara

PERFORMANCE NOTICE: For the Christmas production of ‘Angel Express’ students are required to wear white. Please send to school any suitable clothes you may have for approval. Students also need to wear white socks and shoes (or their white sport shoes). Contact the office if you have any difficulties.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS: It is requested that all former graduates and students of APS call the office by early next week if they intend to visit us during the final week of school.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & PRESENTATION EVENING - ORGANISATION

Student Arrival Time: All students are expected to be at school by 4:00pm. No later!

What To Wear & What to Bring: Students should come to school in full summer uniform (without hats). Make sure you have polished black shoes, pressed uniforms and tidy hair. Only blue hair accessories for girls, please! At the end of Part I or during the interval students will change into school uniform.

Year 6 graduate will need graduation attire, on hanger.

Starting Time: The Christmas Concert & Presentation Evening will commence at 4:30pm. It will be held in the Gemjian Hall. We encourage parents to invite friends and family to the production of ‘Angel Express’. Also to congratulate our students and farewell our graduates.

Canteen: There will be an interval between the two parts. During this time sandwiches and drinks will be made available for purchase from the canteen. There will also be tea, coffee, sweets and cakes. Students may go to their parents during this time for some refreshment and be ready to change for Part II.

Note: All families have been requested to bring sweets for the evening. Please complete and return the form provided indicating your choices by early next week. Any additional contributions of sweets from parents would be welcome. Please make sure you supply them to the Canteen area as soon as you arrive.

Awards and Graduation: We will have reserved seating for invited guests and parents of Year 6 graduates. We hope all parents will be compliant with these seating arrangements.

Year 6 Graduation Party: Year 5 students and their families will host a Graduation Party for Year 6 graduates and their families at the end of the concert. Please take party food to the Staff Room.

The party will be held in the Gemjian Hall and is by Invitation Only.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 249 points
YEREVAN - 243 points
YEARS 5-6 STUDENTS TO VISIT ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTRE

On Friday, 12th December, the Years 5 and 6 students will visit the Armenian Community Welfare Centre in Chatswood to entertain the elderly folk of the aged day care facility, at the Edgarian Hall of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Our students are invited back year after year to perform at the centre’s Christmas Party because of the joyous atmosphere they create. This has become a rewarding experience for the elders of our community and we hope, in turn, for our students who will look back on such outings in the years to come with personal gratification.

Students will travel to and from school to the Armenian Community Welfare Centre on a community bus. They will leave at 10:30am and return by 12:30pm. They will be accompanied by and supervised by their classroom teachers.

Please complete the permission slip below & return it to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday, 9th December.

Parents are welcome to attend the performance which is expected to commence around 11.00am

Please bring your Santa hats!

VISIT TO ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTRE

Years 5 & 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to perform for the aged day care facility at the Armenian Community Welfare Centre, Chatswood on Friday, 12th December, 2014. I understand students will travel to and from school by community bus and will be supervised by teachers.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________ DATE: ________________

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SWEETS STALL

The P&C would like to ask all families if they can please indicate by placing a tick in the box below, the type of sweet they will be making/bringing for the Christmas Concert Sweets Stall. Please return the slip to the school office early next week to help us organise the event. Once again, Thank You for your support.

YES, I will be contributing to the Christmas Concert Sweets Stall and I will be making…

Please Tick:

- Cake
- Armenian Sweet
- Home Made Biscuits
- Slice
- Other: ____________________________

NAME OF STUDENT/S: __________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________________________ DATE: ________________
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

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.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Support of Alexander School
Dr & Artin and Maro Jebejian $250
Armenian artists of ‘From Yerevan with Love’ $200
Mr & Mrs Sarkis and Lucy Aroyan $100
For Natalie’s successful performance of ‘An Armenian Journey

Canteen Notice

LUNCH SPECIAL CHANGES

No Lunch Special - Wednesday 10/12/14
also...
No Lunch Special - Monday 15/12/14 (Party Day)

FOLLOW NORMAL ORDERING PROCEDURES

About Us...

In the latest issue of the Live Life Well @ School journal, a brief school report has been published about our greenhouse and chicken coop. Well done!

Live Life Well @ School

A joint initiative between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Northern Sydney Health Promotion

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Armenian Alexander School

The Armenian Alexander School located in Terrey Hills joined LLWatS this year.

“We wanted to re-establish our vegetable garden which had been destroyed by local animals and build a chicken coup that would assist in providing students with an interactive learning environment that would promote healthy eating,” explained Martine Smith.

With the involvement of parents and students, the school also used program funding to build a structure to protect the garden and coup from the natural environment. It also provides a valuable learning space for students for years to come.

Chicken Coup at Armenian Alexander School
Last week was the final week for borrowing books from the school library. Please make sure that all books are returned by Wednesday.

Year 6 Farewell

APS Signature Bears

$20.00

The special way to remember all your school friends & teachers!

Next Week...
* The final Newsletter for 2014
* Student Reports

Coming Soon...
‘Alexander Review’
Issue 19 - 2014
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO A

New Year’s Eve Celebration 2015

on 31 December 2014 at 7:30pm

At The Renaissance 3 New Street  East Lidcombe

MEZZA, MAIN & DESSERT
UNLIMITED BEER, WINE
AND SOFT DRINKS

ADULTS $150
CHILDREN (5-12 YRS) $75

Special Guest Entertainer

GEORGI G
Christian

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