# A.G.B.U. Alexander Primary School

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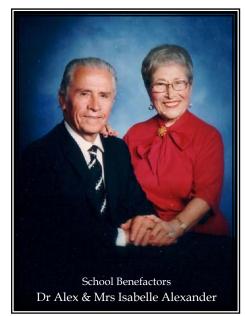
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Dear Parents,

vears ago, as a result of many years of hard and dedicated work by members of the Armenian General Benevolent Union Sydney Chapter, AGBU Alexander Primary School opened its doors for the first time to the Armenian community of Sydney. During the initial year, classes were located at Belrose public school, as the school ground was still being built thanks to our beloved benefactors Dr Alex and Mrs Isabelle Alexander. Their vision to preserve the Armenian language, culture and identity was made possible thanks to the support of the AGBU Central Board and the great generosity of its Honorary Life President Mr Alex Manoogian.

Today, as we welcome students for the 25<sup>th</sup> time, we reflect on our past achievements, successes and challenges and look forward with renewed commitment to our service to the community. Service that has stayed focused on its mission and proudly produced many fine, well rounded and well educated youngsters. It is even more



gratifying to see these graduates, now as young adults, are taking an active role in the community. In the true sense of our motto 'To Grow & Serve' - they have grown and are ready to serve the larger Australian community as well as being ambassadors for their Armenian heritage.

Over the past quarter of a century AGBU Alexander Primary School has set the foundation in educating future leaders. This is not only evident in the community but also in the current School Board where two of its graduates have already taken leadership and are ready to direct their school to the next generation. With your continued support and dedication, their task and that of the School Board, is to ensure that this magnificent educational institution is able to serve the needs of the Armenian community for the next 25 years.

On behalf of everyone, I would like to wish them the best of success in their endeavours, as we get ready in Celebrating 25 Years of Academic Excellence!







This year also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The first genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Australian-Armenian community will be holding special events during the year, coordinated by the 'Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee of Australia'. Alexander School will join in the commemoration to honour the fallen martyrs of Armenia and celebrate our triumph as a nation of survivors, by renewing our demands with vigilance towards the full recognition by the international community and by the successor state of the perpetrators, Turkey. As a community and as Armenians, it is our duty to immortalise our fallen brothers and sisters, and achieve justice and recognition to end denial and historical distortion.

#### **WELCOME BACK!**

A warm welcome to all members of the Alexander school family for another exciting year! A special welcome to our new students. They have settled in well and seem quite comfortable with their new found friends and environment. For the rest of the students, it took no time for them to resume their routines looking relaxed and eager to learn after a long break. It's an excellent start to the new school year!

## SCHOOL ROUTINE NOTICE

Homework &/or Home Reading will be assigned by the teachers for Years K-6 as from next week. Please refer to the "Homework Policy - Parent Handout" (available next week) to familiarise yourself with the school's expectations on home study.





**Uniform** Please note the correct school uniform in the School Diary or in your Enrolment Package. Also refer to the "Uniform Policy - Parent Handout" included with the Newsletter today to understand the school's policy on this. Girls should come to school wearing their sports briefs and are not allowed to wear coloured long boxer type shorts under their summer uniform. Students are also not allowed to wear coloured T-shirt under their summer and/or sports uniform. Plain stud earrings or sleepers are allowed for girls. Dark blue hair ribbons, clips and scrunchies should be worn.

Absences By law student absences from school must be explained with a written note from parents. Notes can be in English or Armenian and should be sent on the day the student returns to school following an absence. Notes are legal records and must be written in pen and signed by a parent. Please ensure the following information is provided in a note: Student's name, date/s of absence, reason for absence, parent's signature, date when note is written. Please find a "Special Reminder" slip attached to this week's Newsletter with a sample note for absence for you to follow as a guideline. Notes are to be addressed to your child's **classroom teacher**.



Library borrowing will commence next week. Library day is Friday. Students must have library bags to borrow books. A library rule is no library bag, no borrowing. Students are rewarded for remembering to bring in their bags. Library bags are simply drawstring bags with dimensions of approximately 30cm wide and 38cm long. Any fabric may be used but please ensure its durability.

Sports Day will be on Tuesday. All students must wear complete summer sports uniform as obtained from school. Please note predominantly white coloured sports shoes and all white socks (not anklets) are required. Summer sports uniform is worn in Terms 1 & 4, and winter sports uniform in Terms 2 & 3.



Students not participating in a sports session must bring a signed note from parents with a full explanation.

Fitness Year 3-6 students need to bring sports shoes to school for fitness and play. Students are allowed to leave a second pair of school sports shoes (predominantly white) at school to change into for their fitness sessions.



School Hats must be at school daily. One of our school rules is ... "No Hat, No Play". Students without hats will not be able to use the playground area during play time. They are to sit down in the shade, read a book by themselves and not play.

Students who do not have a hat break the school Uniform Code and will receive a cross in the Red Book.

**Paint Shirts** All students must have a paint shirt for art and craft lessons. Shirts should be of **thick** fabric to prevent staining of uniforms. Shirts should also have long sleeves with elastic through the wrist band so that long-sleeved shirts and jumper (in winter) are fully covered.



**Prep/Kindergarten** students should have a change of underwear and socks in their school bag daily.

Sunscreen Parents are reminded that application of sunscreen on children in the morning is essential. It is recommended that students carry sunscreen (roll-on types only) in school bags to reapply. An SPF factor of 15+ (or greater) broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is recommended.

Healthy Lunches Our school health policy insists that only nutritional foods – low fat, low sugar – are consumed at school. We are very proud of the quality of food our canteen provides. We remind all

> parents to support our policy by continuing to send only healthy type foods in lunch boxes. We expect only one snack type of food for Morning Tea. Definitely no sweets, chips, chocolates, jam, nutella and "junk" food are permitted.

> > Fresh fruit and vegetables are essential foods for children.

Occasionally and in moderation, the school canteen will treat students with a cake stall. The school Newsletter will advise parents of these days.

Information Update Forms "Student Information Update" forms for each student has been sent home with todays's Newsletter. The Student Information forms are replaced in our school filing system at the beginning of each year. Therefore, it is important for the school to identify any changes to student details including telephone numbers, address or health risks (e.g. asthma and/or allergy development). Please remember, signatures of both parents in residence are required.

Parents are requested to have completed/updated forms returned to school by *Wednesday*, 4<sup>th</sup> *February*.

<u>Label Clothing</u> All removable clothing including jumpers, hats, track suit tops and pants, must be clearly marked with your child's name. This will assist the school with lost clothing.

<u>Birthdays</u> **Prep-K students only** are welcome to celebrate their birthdays at school with a cake. Cakes should be as plain as possible with only a small quantity of icing. Parents should notify the school office or class teacher one day in advance if they plan to celebrate at school with a birthday cake. Please do not provide "Party/Lolly Bags" as part of the celebration.



<u>Plastic Newsletter Folders</u> are to be returned to school after correspondence is sent home, preferably on the following school day. Folders are collected from classrooms daily for redistribution.

<u>Covering Books</u> Teachers will send home textbooks and exercise books over the next week or so. Please cover textbooks, diaries and exercise books with **clear contact only**. Some book covers for exercise books will be made by students and/or supplied by the school before contact is applied. Clear contact must be used as teachers will group books into subject areas based on the colours of book covers. This assists with easy sorting and classifying.

<u>School Supplies</u> All supplies for **Years P-2** are provided by the school. Please note: Textas and erasers are not permitted for P/K students.

Students in upper grades need to purchase the following personal stationery supplies:

Years 3-6: Two pencil cases that need to remain at school for classroom use only. One is to be left in the English and the other in the Armenian classroom. Each pencil case should have a packet of lead (HB) pencils (No Pacers), eraser, sharpener, 30cm ruler (wooden or plastic, not metal), glue stick, scissors, highlighter, two red pens (medium point), coloured pencils and textas. Please note that correction fluid (liquid paper or whiteout) is banned. They also require two blue pens and a geometry set, an A4 ring binder, a USB, headphones for their laptops and a mouse (optional).

Dictionary and Atlas at home with a collection of the above for home study use only.

<u>Toys</u> are not permitted at school. P-K class teachers will advise parents with a note, when and if toys are permitted for "News" sessions. Toys will be confiscated. (*Please note: Nintendo DS, PSP and iPods are permitted during bus travel only, and responsibility for safekeeping rests with students*)



<u>Bus Passes</u> have been distributed to most students. Students are permitted travel without a pass only until the end of February. Passes must be presented thereafter otherwise students are required to pay fare. Please check your child/ren's bus pass to ensure details are correct. Contact the school office immediately should there be any errors.

<u>Canteen</u> will not be available for lunch orders at this stage. Depending on the response we get from parents, we hope to have the Canteen fully functioning two days a week. Parents who are able to assist with canteen duty, regularly or casually, are requested to complete the form on Page 5 and return to the school Office by Wednesday.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:00pm sharp! School's Gemjian Hall

We hope to see every family represented to hear

important information on what is happening in your child's school and classroom.



# RELINK RYDE BUS



## BUS SUPERVISOR CONTACTS

Mrs Margo Boyadjian ~ 0411 069 804 Mrs Sonia Apanian ~ 0451 083 994

Please keep these contact numbers handy for any bus related issues. For example delays or emergencies.

#### **CANTEEN - Volunteer Workers**

In order for the Canteen to run smoothly for our children's benefit, the P&C requires Volunteer Workers: (*Please circle and indicate your preferences below*)



P & C needs to know this information to get the Canteen roster formulated. Please return the

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with the Term 1 fees. Please return the permission slip by *Monday*, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## SPORTS DAY GYMNASTICS PROGRAM YEARS P - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren to take part in the Sports Day Gymnastics Program provided by 'Be Skilled Be Fit' over a ten week period. Starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

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#### **MOBILE PHONE POLICY - Application for Permission**

As part of the school Mobile Phone Policy, parents are reminded that children first **need to request** and be granted permission in writing, before being allowed to carry a mobile phone in their bag.



Students who were granted permission to carry a mobile phone last year need to **renew their application**. A copy of the policy is available to parents on request. The policy includes the relevant application form.



## http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool



## VARTANANK: Holy Communion - Thursday, 12th February 2015



In school tradition, all students and staff will attend the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection, Chatswood on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015, to receive blessings and Holy Communion for the start of the new school year and on the occasion of St Vartan.



This year, we have received an invitation from His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian (Primate of the Armenian Church of Australia & New Zealand) to join in the special Mass on St Vartan's day.

On this special occasion, the students will reflect on the importance of the 'Battle of Vartanank' and its significance to the survival of Armenians as Christians. The invitation

has also been extended to other Armenian schools and parents are invited to share the morning with us. Light refreshments will be served following the church service.

We expect to arrive at the Armenian Apostolic Church by 10.30 a.m. for a brief talk by one of the clergy followed by a Church Service & Communion. Students are expected to arrive back at school by 1.30pm. Full summer school uniform must be worn. Girls will need school hats. Students will travel to and from school by a charter bus.

Please return permission slip below to class teachers by Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February.
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I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection on **Thursday**, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 on the occasion of Vartanank to receive Holy Communion and/or blessing. I understand students will be accompanied by class teachers and travel to and from school by a charter bus

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#### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

The Armenian Student Fund program continues this year at AGBU Alexander Primary School and we hope to raise enough money to continue sponsoring two children in Armenia. We know our small effort makes a real difference to these families in need.



This program was incepted in our school program in 1994. Today, Alexander school students continue to sponsor two young Armenians - Stela Vartanian (15 years) & Nareg Saghatelian (15 years) through the Armenian Apostolic Church child sponsorship program.

### How do we raise money for this program?

Students are requested to make a regular donation of a silver or gold coin each week. It is a good idea to have the children donate money from weekly pocket money or earnings regardless how small the donation. The learning experience to share and give selflessly, is a valuable one.

Collection is taken during Recess on Thursdays and students earn points for their House Teams. A weekly report on collections is given during the weekly Assemble and in the Newsletter.

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#### BOOK CLUB - Coming Soon!

Scholastic Book Clubs - bringing children and books together.

Books are a very important part of children's growth and development, and research suggests that the ability to read is critical to independence, success and personal fulfilment. It is said that, kids who read succeed!

Scholastic Book Clubs offer a good variety of age-appropriate books from Australia and the world at prices below recommended retail prices. Students purchasing from Book Clubs also help in earning Reading Reward Points for our school. These points are used to redeem valuable learning resources for the library and classrooms.





Pamphlets will be sent home regularly throughout the year, with 8 issues all in all. The school distributes book club pamphlets which are recommended as age specific for your child(ren), however, should you wish to receive upper levels, please contact the school Office.

All book club orders must be placed using the order form in the pamphlet. Money and completed order form (including your child's name) should be placed in an envelope clearly marked "BOOK **CLUB ORDER"**. Students should place envelopes in *green* classroom baskets for collection to the school Office.





#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

02/02 Sports Day Permission Slip Due

04/02 Canteen Volunteer Workers forms due Student Information Update forms due

Parent Information Evening - School Hall 11/02

12/02 Holy Communion at Church

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#### **TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS - 2015**

**TERM 1:** 30/01/2015 to 02/04/2015 **TERM 2:** 21/04/2014 to 26/06/2014 **TERM 3:** 14/07/2014 to 18/09/2014 **TERM 4:** 06/10/2014 to 16/12/2014



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### SHUSHAN PETROSYAN



#### KEVORK HADJIAN



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### STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

- 1. The School collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling to the pupil and to enable them to take part in all the activities of the School.
- Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School's legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.
- Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts, and Public Health and Child Protection laws.
- 4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.
- 5. The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes, including to facilitate the transfer of a pupil to another school. This includes to other schools, government departments, medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers and counsellors.
- 6. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians.
- The School may store personal information in the 'cloud' which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.
- 8. The School's Privacy Policy sets out how parents or pupils may seek access to personal information collected about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School's duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.
- 9. The School Privacy Policy also sets out how you may complain about a breach of privacy and how the School will deal with such a complaint.
- 10. As you may know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
- 11. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and similar news is published in School newsletters and magazines, community newspapers and on our website. Photographs of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions may be taken for publication in School newsletters and magazines, website or any other marketing material. Please advise us if you do not wish photos of your child to appear in such publications.
- 12. We may include your contact details in a Class List and School Directory.
- 13. If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

28/04/2014