Dear Parents,

Palm Sunday - Easter Celebrations

AGBU Alexander Primary School’s Easter Celebrations took place on a beautiful Palm Sunday, as many visitors including friends and families made their annual pilgrimage to Duffys Forest - the holy land of Sydney’s Armenian community, blessed by the spirit of St Mesrob! They came to witness and learn about the ‘Attributes of Jesus’, the concert theme for this year, which was presented so magnificently by all the students.

The Hat Parade was once again amazing with its colour and spectacle, thanks to the great inventiveness of parents who take this challenge most cooperatively. The students looked beautiful, smart and attentive as they performed songs, poems, readings and dances showcasing the quality and diversity of education at this wonderful educational institution.

Father Norayr Patanian summed up the occasion by reflecting on the importance of children through the teachings of Jesus. By pointing out the achievements and successes of the school over the years, he also emphasised the significant role it plays in the community and in our lives. Father Avetis Hambardzumyan concluded the afternoon program with a prayer and blessing of the children.

At the end of the day, the success was obvious from the looks on the faces of the happy and satisfied families and guests going home.

Armenian Genocide & ANZAC Centenary Commemoration

At the end of the first week back from the Easter break, we will travel to a number of venues as part of our Centenary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide and ANZAC day.

Our activities for Friday, 24 April are not being publicised at this stage and will be communicated to our parents and community in due course. In general, the school will hold a wreath laying ceremony at one of Sydney’s Armenian Genocide and ANZAC memorials. We will then head on to the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection and join the congregation to pay our respect and take part in the ‘100 Bell Tolls of Remembrance’.

All of Australia’s churches have been invited to join the Armenian Apostolic Churches worldwide to toll church bells 100 times at 1.00pm, in remembrance of the 100th anniversary to honour the memory of the 1.5 million martyrs.

Have a safe and blessed Easter break.

Manouq Demirjian

2nd April, 2015
We’d like to say a big Thank You to …

- Our school mothers and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair, Mrs Janette Misissian, Mrs Cynthia Tomassian, Mrs Natalie Urriola and Mrs Bianca Zorlu.
- All members of the Parents & Citizens Committee: Mrs Ani Ayanyan, Mrs Maggie Betchakjian, Yerekkin Hasmik Hambardzumyan, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Gayane Topouzian, Mrs Natalie Urriola and Mrs Bianca Zorlu. Mrs Sonia Apanian (Office Liaison) and Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison),
- All school families including the P & C for organising and running the Easter Concert & Picnic. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!
- Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for donating the lovely craftwork for the Easter Concert & Picnic raffle tickets.
- All school families for their generous contribution of chocolate Easter eggs. Making sure we had beautiful gift hampers as raffle prizes and the delicacies for the cake stall helped boost our profits for the day.
- Mrs Cynthia Tomassian for providing weekly scripture lessons during term one on a volunteer basis, to help children understand and appreciate the Bible and its teachings.
- Mrs Armine Sevazlian for continuing to make an important difference with her contribution as Library Coordinator. Apart from accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books, she has also helped make the Library more inviting and accessible to the students.
- Mrs Karis Khatchadourian for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- Mrs Angela Khatchadourian for her effort in beautifying the school gardens and for donating new plants.
- Our graduate George Keoshgerian for helping set up the educational softwares in the Computer Lab. Also providing assistance in the set up of the stage for the Easter Concert.
- Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in Years P-2 and for doing special tasks around the school.
- All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!

Parenting is full of giving: our time, our energy, our love. But parenting is also full of getting, if we are open to receiving. What will you get from your child today? Look for opportunities to accept his time, energy and love.

1 John 3:1

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 179 points
MASIS - 169 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
03/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
04/04 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
05/04 Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
06/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
20/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
21/04 First Day Term 2 - Students Return
24/04 Armenian Genocide & Anzac Centenary Commemoration
25/04 Anzac Day - Public Holiday
28/04 School Photos - Summer Uniform
07/05 Mothers’ Day Assembly
08/05 Mothers’ Day - Children’s School Stall
12/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 10

Year 6: Nina

Let your teacher know when you are ready to collect your Teacher’s Award and be included in this weekly honour list.

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher’s Award

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 10

8 Points — MASIS ............. $12.50
6 Points — ARARAT ............. $7.95

TOTAL: ............. $20.45

ACCUMULATED: ............. $161.60

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

www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
Thank You!

MRS SONIA A帕IAN

On behalf of the School Board, staff and students we like to say a big Thank You to Mrs Sonia A帕ian for her years of dedicated service to the school.

Mrs A帕ian has decided to leave her administrative position to support the family business and will not be returning next term. This is not a final farewell as we hope to continue seeing her in the school community and she has promised to be available when her valuable assistance is required.

She has been associated with Alexander School for many years, first as a parent of two graduates and as office assistant since 2008. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and know that she will be greatly missed by the school community.

SCHOOL CHOCOLATE DRIVE - THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families who so promptly sent in money and also to those who were able to sell another box and help the school reach its target. All money should be received at the office by now. If you have not yet sent in your payment, please do so when the school resumes next term.

We are happy to announce that the funds from this activity will be put towards new resources to benefit the school and all of our students. Once again Thank You for everyone who took part in this activity. Hope we can do it again another time!

PRIZES: The P&C will provided the following Lucky-Dip Prizes: 3 x Lunch Special Vouchers.

Winners: Martin, Harry & Stephen, Sonya

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on Tuesday 28th April. Students are expected to wear their full SUMMER UNIFORM on this day. Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. We would like to point out that the school is not associated with your order and you need to check and follow all instructions on the form and enclose the correct amount.

IMPORTANT: Every student must return their envelope - Even if not purchasing photos.

ARmenian General Benevolent Union

Alexander Primary School

Enrolling Now for 2016

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.
National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015
Letter to Parents

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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| Language Conventions  
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | Reading | Numeracy  
(Number; Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space) |
| Writing | | |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom will be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdraw from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html
**ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION**

**HELP US HELP FEED OTHERS**

**APRIL 24**

**OUTREACH**

100 Souls Project*

Following the Armenian Genocide of 1915, Australian Churches came to the aid of displaced Armenians in need by contributing to the global humanitarian relief effort.

100 years on, the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection in Sydney will walk in the shoes of those in need by donating and serving lunch on Friday 24 April, 2015 to disadvantaged Australians who patron the Exodus Foundation’s Loaves And Fishes free restaurant.

We invite our Community’s participation in this special outreach program in thanksgiving to Australia

**SPONSOR A MEAL FOR JUST $10**

CONTACT: THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood Tel: 9419-8056 Email: church@armenian.com.au

* This will be part of the global project of In His Shoes Ministry
A.C.Y.A SYDNEY PRESENTS

EASTER SUNDAY FUNDAY

SUNDAY THE 5TH OF APRIL 2015
AT THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, CHATSWOOD
IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING PLAY AREA
11:30AM - 1:30PM
COST: ONE GOLD COIN DONATION PER CHILD
FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS & YOUNGER

• COLOURING COMPETITION • EASTER EGG HUNT •
• PAINTING PLASTER EGGS • EGG & SPOON RACES •
• SINGING & DANCING •