Dear Parents,

The Armenian Genocide was the Ottoman Turkish Government’s systematic extermination of its minority Armenian subjects from their historic homeland within the territory constituting the present-day Republic of Turkey. The starting date is conventionally held to be 24 April 1915, the eve of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landings in Gallipoli, the day Ottoman authorities rounded up and arrested some 250 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders in Constantinople. The total number of Armenian men, women and children who fell victim between 1915-23 has been estimated to be 1.5 million.

The ‘Forget-Me-Not’ flower is the official emblem of the 100th Year of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide. The Republic of Armenia has issued the illustration on the right as the official emblem of the worldwide observance of the centennial year of the Armenian Genocide. The forget-me-not flower expresses the theme of eternal remembrance and is also meant to symbolically evoke the past, present and future experiences of the Armenian people. The following is an explanation of the various components making up the emblem:

**THE PAST:** The black centre represents the suffering of 1915, and the dark aftermath of the Armenian Genocide.

**THE PRESENT:** The light purple petals represent the unity of Armenian communities across the world - all of whom stand together in the 100th year of remembrance.

**THE FUTURE:** The five petals represent the five continents where survivors of the Armenian Genocide found a new home. The dark purple colour is meant to recall the priestly vestments of the Armenian Church - which has been, is, and will remain at the heart of the Armenian Christian identity.

**ETERNITY:** The twelve trapezoids represent the twelve pillars of the Dzidzernagapert Armenian Genocide memorial in Yerevan, Armenia. The yellow colour represents light, creativity and hope.

Visit [YouTube.com/EasternDiocese](http://YouTube.com/EasternDiocese) to view an animation of the forget-me-not emblem.

The Alexander School emblem also connects us with the history of the Armenian people. At the centre we find our holy mountain Ararat and the torch of the eternal flame. At the base of the torch we find the profile view of the pillars of Dzidzernagapert, depicted in red and where the flame is being fuelled. The flame has been blown to the right, because a century ago there was a plan to exterminate and extinguish the Armenian nation. However, the strong wind that became know as the Armenian Genocide did not blow out the flame that has been burning for over 5,000 years. It has in fact rekindled the birth of the new Republic of Armenia with the inseparable mountainous region of Gharapagh and an Armenian Diaspora.

20th February, 2015

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by **Thursday, 4th April**. We would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with suppliers are met. If you believe there may be an error in your Tax Invoice please contact the school Office. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Parents are reminded that Building Fund contributions are tax deductible and special receipts will be issued in order to claim a deduction.

Payment may be sent through the post or paid directly to the school Office. Students delivering money to school should hand fees to the school office immediately on arrival to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost money in transit.

*Note: The School Board has made no changes to the Annual School Fee, with 0% increase in 2015.*

MEETING NOTICE
COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

The next P & C meeting will be held on
**Friday 27th February**

**Venue**: North Ryde RSL
Cnr Pittwater Road and Magdala Roads,

**Time**: 8.00pm

To Confirm Attendance - Contact:
School office - 9486 3266

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

**ARARAT** - 50 points

**MASIS** - 48 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
27/02  P&C Meeting @ North Ryde RSL - 8pm
08/03  Working Bee
14/03  Armenian Genocide Centenary
   *A Historic - Cultural Evening*
29/03  Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert
02/04  Last Day Term 1
13/12  Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check this box regularly for updates.
You can also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events’ section of the school’s web site.
The electronic calendar can be shared on your phone. Contact the school to find out how.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

**Mothers’ Christmas Club**  $1,400
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.

**Armenian Apostolic Church Council**  $500

**Mr Vlad Rehorek (Konna Electric)**  $50

Thank you to your annual contribution.

*In Memoriam for the Late Carmen Gonjian*

Mrs Marie Hagopian  $30

TEACHERS’ AWARD

Congratulations to our first recipients of the year.
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

TERM 1 – WEEK 4

Year 6: Taniel Nina

Will your name appear here next?

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

**Weekly Report: Term 1 Week 4**

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Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!

The school has a Crunch&Sip break at the start and also the end of each day, for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Our School Rules are...

😊 We use our common sense.
😊 We keep ourselves safe.
😊 We respect other people, property and the environment.
😊 We strive to do our best.

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Ծեր Այսօրը Պահանջում է...

😊 Երեխան պետք է պահանջի;
😊 Մյուս դեպք չպետք է պահանջի;
😊 Պահեստական անհրաժեշտ, պահեստական անհրաժեշտ է անհրաժեշտ;
😊 Պահեստական համար նախապատվի չկա:

SUNDAY - 8th MARCH 2015
From 9am... Further details coming soon.
2014 Concert & Graduation Evening

The 2014 school year came to a close with the annual Christmas Concert and Presentation Evening on Sunday 14th December. The Gemjian Hall was filled with members of the school community, including guests, graduates and founding members.

The evening starting with the production of ‘Angel Express’, a charming nativity musical that was presented bilingually and performed magnificently! The story was based around the newspaper for the angles called ‘Angel Express’. News, news, read all about it! There was great excitement in heaven when ‘Angel Express’ newspaper announced that Jesus, the Son of God, was about to be born. The angels decided to learn a song for the big event to welcome the very special baby into the world, but there was not much time and there was a lot of practising to do! Between rehearsals the newspaper gave updates of Mary and Joseph, the kings, the shepherds and the great big star. Everyone knew that Jesus was to be born soon, but was the angel choir going to be ready on time? ... The final scene brought everything into play and as Jesus was born the angels welcomed our Lord with a wonderful song.

After a short break, it was time to reward the students with the presentation of awards and certificates. According to school tradition, graduates were invited to present the awards. This year the honour went to one of our very first 1995 graduates, Anna Mazloumian and a graduate from 1998, Arsho Abejian (Chater).

Following the awards presentation, the graduation ceremony took place. Teachers and students farewelled the 2014 graduates wishing them all the best in their future studies. The chairman of AGBU Sydney chapter, Mr Toros Boghossian presented the graduation certificate. Mr Kevork Dertadian, spoke on behalf of the School Board highlighting the year and the future objectives. Father Bartev Karakashian concluded the presentation with his closing address and prayer.

The school concert once again highlighted the quality of bilingual education offered at Alexander school. It showcased the level of care, the development and fostering of talent to the realisation of each student’s potential. It also displayed the advanced use of technology offered at this superior educational institution. Taking into account the graduates and past students, there is no doubt that the advantage of a small school setting has offered them opportunities that otherwise would not have been possible.
Photo Gallery - Final Days of 2014...

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Under the Auspices of His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Australia and NZ
and
The Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee Australia
The Cultural Sub-Committee

Presents

A Historic-Cultural Evening
Dedicated to the Armenian Genocide and the events from 1900 - 2015

Saturday, March 14, 2015 6:00 pm
The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood
Tickets $50.00

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