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Dear Parents,

### WORKING BEE - THIS SUNDAY!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to join our Working Bee this Sunday, to help clean and tidy the gardens and grounds. This is the only opportunity we have before our annual Palm Sunday and Open Day event. We have plenty to do... please join us from 9am.

### 'A HISTORIC-CULTURAL EVENING'

As part of the Centenary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, the Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee of Australia is proud to present 'A Historic-Cultural Evening' dedicated to the Armenian Genocide and the events between 1900 to 2015.



This performance will be a unique and joint community event at The Concourse in Chatswood on *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015* from 6.00pm.

As it was discussed and explained at the *Parent Information Evening*, the Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee of Australia has invited the school together with other community day and Saturday schools to take part in this very special evening. The event will present the Armenian History over the last 100 years, through cultural performances by local Armenian talents. Main historical events will be relayed via poetry, songs, music and dance dedicated to the relevant periods or events and will be presented with related visual video clips.

I would like to thank the parents of Years 4-6 for their support by making sure their children are available to join and sing in the combined schools choir. A list of requirements is provided in the Newsletter. If parents would like to join the evening and have not reserved their tickets please contact the school office. Once again thank you for your support and cooperation.

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE - CHANGES TO CODES

In response to the national agenda and changes to the *NSW Education Act* resulting from the Wood Royal Commission and the new School Leaving Age, there are significant changes required to school processes and practices around student attendance. Under the *Education Act*, schools are required to ensure that individual students meet certain attendance standards. This includes mandatory attendance for students under 17 years of age unless exemptions are applicable.

Since January 2012, all NSW schools are required to use the state attendance codes to record student attendance on the attendance register or roll. The NSW Minister for Education has approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2015. The changes implement the *ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting*. ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters for the collection and reporting of student attendance data.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, **it is important to note that holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.** Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

- If the Principal **accepts** the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L".
- If the Principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and **does not accept** the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as "A".

A note of reminder to all parents that reasonable or justified explanation of all student absence needs to be reported. This includes partial absences or leaves for an extended period. The new coding reflects these changes and teachers need to legally report all absences accordingly.



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March



Just over three weeks to go before our annual Palm Sunday Celebrations with a concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic.

We hope all families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us. A reminder that it is **compulsory for all students to attend**. Teachers put much effort into organising concerts and preparing each student for their individual part.

### **How you can help make the day a success?**

- ⇒ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
- ⇒ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (*See below*)
- ⇒ Assist the P&C with their roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
- ⇒ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.



### **Easter Eggs for Raffle**



Our annual Easter Raffle is always very popular due to the exciting and abundant hampers on offer as prizes. It is the generosity of school families which enable us to prepare such wonderful baskets. We would like to call upon families to donate **Easter chocolates** again this year. A variety of chocolates would be appreciated – little sized eggs, medium sized eggs, large-sized eggs, bunnies, chicks, hollow eggs, cream-filled eggs – whatever. Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets. We also use excess chocolate eggs/bunnies as prizes for egg & spoon races. Please send your contribution to the school office as soon as possible and no later than **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Also, if you have any **unwanted baskets** lying around at home, we would happily use them for the hampers.

### **Easter Cake Stall**

The P&C committee has made a special request for all families to contribute cakes or sweets and make the Easter Cake Stall the best ever! Home-made fare, in particular traditional Armenian choreg, are always best sellers and fetch good prices. Some ideas for traditional Armenian sweets – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava... Another popular selling item is homemade cake – uncut and sold whole.



## **WORKING BEE - SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

From 9am

Thank you to the following families who have volunteered to help.

*Ananyan, Demirjian, Khatchadourian (Christopher), Khatchadourian (Harry & Stephen), Sevazlian, Shamaon, Tomassian, Topouzian & Urriola*

Please let us know if you can also join us on the day.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**08/03 Working Bee**

Book Club - Issue 2 Orders Due

14/03 Armenian Genocide Centenary

*A Historic-Cultural Evening*

22/03 Armenian Festival @ Darling Harbour

29/03 Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert

31/03 Chocolate Fundraising Money Due

02/04 Last Day Term 1

03/04 *Good Friday - Public Holiday*

04/04 *Easter Saturday - Public Holiday*

05/04 *Easter Sunday - Public Holiday*

06/04 *Easter Monday - Public Holiday*

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### **WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 6**

8 Points – **ARARAT** ..... \$12.00

6 Points – **MASIS** ..... \$9.95

**TOTAL:** ..... **\$21.95**

**ACCUMULATED:** ..... **\$77.30**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: 'AN ARMENIAN HISTORIC-CULTURAL EVENING'** **SATURDAY, 14 MARCH 2015**

**Year 4-6 School Choir** - The following are the student requirements for the evening:

- **Long navy or black pants, black socks** and polished **black shoes**. The school will provide in advance the **white polo shirts** of the school choir.
- Arrive at the theatre at **3.30pm** for a final rehearsal.
- Students will be supervised by Mrs Seta Keoshgerian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian (Maral Boyadjian) and Mr Manoug Demirjian. Please contact/inform them when you drop and collect your children.
- Students are requested to bring their own water, sandwiches and snacks. These will be consumed while waiting backstage.
- The concert will commence at 6.00pm. Students will perform towards the end of the concert.
- Before their performance, students will be taken to an allocated seating area in the theatre to watch the programme. Students will be supervised during this period.

**For further questions contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian 0416 262 177 or Mrs Seta Keoshgerian - 0430 209 237**

### HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards*



**ARARAT** - 100 points

**MASIS** - 95 points



### BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 2



Order Forms/Money Due by

**Friday**

**13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Orders after this date cannot be processed.

Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

### TEACHERS' AWARD

**TERM 1 - WEEK 6**

Year 6: Tzolare

Year 5: Matthew

Talia

Year 4: Kevork

Lara

Year 2: Asbed

Year 1: Sara

Alina

Vanessa

Lara

Stephen

Harry

Elizabeth

Sonya



### DUFFYS FOREST DAY @ Glen Street Theatre - Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

Warringah Council has invited the school to participate in 'Duffys Forest Day' at Glen Street Theatre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The free live animal show is part of the 'Duffys Forest Defender' program supported by the Council for environmental awareness and sustainability education.

Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to meet our native animals and 'Billy the Bandicoot'. A bus has been organised with the support of Warringah Council to transport them to the venue between 10.00am and 12.30pm.

Please return the permission slip below by *Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March*.



### DUFFYS FOREST DAY: Years 4 - 6 only

I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the 'Duffys Forest Day' live animal show at Glen Street Theatre on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**.

I understand students will travel to the venue by bus. They will leave school at 10.00am and return by 12.30pm.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ COST: \$0 ☺



**AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2015**

*Lara*

*For being a Responsible student*

**THANK YOU...**

**Albert, Berj & Peter Tomassian**

For donating an Armenian and an English Bible for the classroom. Purchased with the support of their Christmas chocolate gift sales.



Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School.


**THANK YOU...**

**Mr & Mrs Victor and Angela Khatchadourian**

For donating new portable soccer goal posts, that will greatly assist in keeping our students not only entertained, but also fit and healthy during play time.



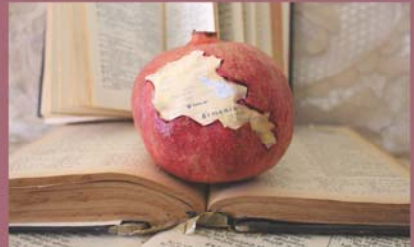
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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIA

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



For tickets and information, please contact:

Nora Hekimian - 0425 330 803	Kevork Bedrossian - 0435 995 279
Varouj Vartan-Boghossian - 0414 708 921	Sarkis Manoukian - 0421 656 408
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**AGBU Youth**

**WHO?**  
Ages 5 - 12 years


**WHAT?**  
**BASKETBALL TRAINING**

**WHEN?**  
SUNDAYS, 10AM - 11AM

**WHERE?**  
Alexander Primary School  
2 Namba Rd, Duffy's Forest  
(Temporary Location)

**WHY?**  
STRICTLY FOR FUN!

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