Dear Parents,

WORKING BEE THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all the families who attended our Working Bee last Sunday. Thanks to everyone’s effort, we managed to remove the weeds from the side gardens. The driveway and playground edges were cleaned and weeded out for a much tidier look. Trees were also trimmed and dead ones removed creating a safer play area. Gutters were cleaned and the chicken coop upgraded to give the hens a pleasant living space and environment. As usual, the children worked very hard and provided help were needed. The grounds in front of the classrooms and under the veranda were cleaned and pressure washed, including all the seats and the floor of the covered area. The stage was also setup, ready for our annual Palm Sunday concert and picnic.

There is always a great feeling of community and a sense of satisfaction when our families get together, enjoy each others company and work for the good of the school in such a willing way. We all know that at the end it is the children who benefit. Well done everybody and Thank You!!

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Our gymnastics program for the term has been a great success thanks to ‘Be Skilled Be Fit’. The students are making excellent progress with the weekly sessions. The program is well structured and caters for outcomes set out in the curriculum. In this week’s session the students gained experience in Bars & Beam. The instructors have also made positive comments in terms of the goals set and targets achieved by students. We are all pleased with the results. The photos published in today’s Newsletter give a better view of all the fun and action!

‘A HISTORIC-CULTURAL EVENING’ - TOMORROW!

I would like to thank the parents of Years 4-6 for their support by making sure their children are available and ready to join and sing in the combined schools choir this Saturday 14 March 2015.

A list of requirements is provided in the Newsletter. Please note that the rehearsal times have been updated and the students are now expected to arrive half an hour earlier. The new arrival time to the venue is now 3.00pm.

Best wishes and good luck to all the performers, at what is set to be a memorable day.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS & OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

We are all looking forward to our annual Palm Sunday concert and picnic. Once again the students are preparing a great programme and we extend a special invitation to all members of the community to join us in our celebration. The day has also been set as our first Open Day for the year.

It is an opportunity for current and future friends and families to visit the school and view our activities. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

13th March, 2015

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
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 3.00pm for a final rehearsal. (NEW TIME!)
- Students will be supervised by Mrs Seta Keosgherian, 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 Keosgherian - 0430 209 237
Sports Day

Gymnastics Program

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EASTER CAKE STALL - CONTRIBUTION

The P&C would like to ask all families if they can please indicate the type of sweet they will be making/bringing for the Easter Cake Stall. Some ideas for traditional Armenian sweets – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava or homemade cake (uncut and sold whole). Please return 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 Easter Cake Stall and I will be making…

Type of Sweet: ____________________________________________  Quantity: _____________

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ____________________________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________________________  DATE: ___________________

Photo Gallery...

Working Bee

Many thanks to the following families who attended our Working Bee last Sunday. Ananyan Aram, Demirjian Manoug, Khatchadourian Victor and Karis, Khatchadourian Victor and Angela, Sevazlian Vartan and Alina, Shamaon Robird, Anita and Talia, Tomassian Vahe, Cynthia, Albert, Berj and Peter, Topouzian Vatche and Narek, Urriola Christian, Natalie and Khloe were all here to help maintain the school grounds.
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 2-6

Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) specialises in large-scale assessment and measurement programs including the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS are conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally. EAA is an education group of UNSW Global Pty Limited, a not-for-profit provider of education, training and advisory services and a wholly owned enterprise of the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

EAA’s main product is the annual International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Over 1.7 million students from across Australia, N.Z. and the Pacific region participate in ICAS each year, with an additional 700,000 entries internationally from other countries. A University of New South Wales medal is awarded in each subject when a top score in each year level in each locale is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Other high performing students receive certificates of high distinction, distinction and credit. All students who participate receive a UNSW Certificate acknowledging their achievement.

Our school will again offer these tests for Years 2-6*, which will take place between May and August. The school is offering all subject areas: Digital Technologies (Previously know as Computer Skills), Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Writing is marked by hand, not by computer, hence the cost difference.

As you know, they recently extended the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) to Australian students in Year 2. This exciting development brings the well-known benefits of ICAS forward to Year 2, creating an extra 12 months for teachers to diagnose students’ strengths and weaknesses in the subjects of English literacy, Mathematics and Science.

Benefits of Year 2 ICAS:
A rigorous independent assessment of students’ English literacy strengths and weaknesses. A rigorous independent assessment of students’ numeracy strengths and weaknesses. First independent chance to understand your students’ ability and performance – a whole year in advance of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Gives Year 2 students an opportunity to experience external assessments in the core curriculum areas of English, Mathematics and Science prior to Year 3.

The school needs to register the number of students sitting each of the tests. Parents who would like to have their child/ren participate in any one or all of the tests are asked to complete and return the form below. Closing date for applications and payment for all tests is Wednesday, 31st March 2015. Please do not be late.

Indicate your choice of tests by placing a tick in the appropriate box/es. Provision has been made for families with more than one child at the school. Please return form with payment to the office by Wednesday, 31st March.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 2 - 6

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NAME OF STUDENT/S 1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________

MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ________________ (Cheques payable to: AGBU Alexander Primary School)

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ____________________________
AGBU Alexander Primary School

Easter Celebrations

Palm Sunday

29th March, 2015
from lunchtime

Join in the festivities of this special day as we uncover the attributes of Jesus.

A delicious lunch will be served. A day filled with enjoyable activities!

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