Dear Parents,

**A TRULY HISTORIC CULTURAL EVENING**

Last Saturday evening was truly a historic cultural event! I would like to congratulate all our students for a great performance and exemplary behaviour. I also like to thank Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar and Mrs Seta Keoshgerian for getting the choir ready in a short period of time. Congratulations are also extended to all the students and teachers from the AGBU Alex Manoogian, Hamazkaine Toumanian and Tarkmanchats Saturday schools and Galstaun College for their effort and cooperation.

Taking into account that the combined student choir came together for the first time on the day of the concert, during their final rehearsal, and given the very limited time frame, they managed to put on a fantastic effort. So when the Armenian community of Sydney came together, the result... over 120 students representing Armenian day and Saturday schools, on stage singing as one!

Well done to the ‘Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee’ for a wonderful program and display of Armenian culture.

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 1st April**. Please make sure the appointment form is completed and returned by Tuesday. Confirmation of your appointment time will be sent back on Friday.

As you all know, interview ‘peak-times’ are usually right after school or late in the evening. I understand that most of our parents have to travel long distances and sometimes like to have the interviews done just as they are picking up their children from school. However I’m sure you also understand that this isn’t always possible.

We will do our best to accommodate your special requests in relation to appointment times. I’m sure with the three given time slots we will have fewer disappointments, as parents should be prepared to accept any time within the slots provided. If you have a problem with the confirmed appointment time, please contact the office to arrange for an alternative. Please note, Mrs Seta will be available for interviews about the Armenian classes prior to or after your scheduled interview on a first come first serve basis.

Please try to be on time for your appointment, as late-comers put others out. Also please be aware that there is only time for a ten minute interview. If an interview looks like it will go for longer, for instance, if a new discussion point has arisen, another time will have to be scheduled as someone else will be waiting for their time. Please note that student portfolios will also be given out on the day and we hope parents check, sign and return these by early next Term.

Children may attend interviews if you, they and the teacher are comfortable. If they come along with you, they are expected to stay quietly in one place, preferably with you as much as possible. Before and after interviews - roaming about the school will not be allowed.

20th March, 2015

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**
We would like to remind those families who so far have not sent in their contribution for the Easter Raffle hampers, if they could donate Easter chocolates by Thursday 26/3/15.

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.

REMINDER...

DATES TO REMEMBER
22/03 Armenian Festival @ Darling Harbour
26/03 ‘Recycled Beats’ @ Kimbriki - Years 1-6
29/03 Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert
31/03 Chocolate Fundraising Money Due
01/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
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
20/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
21/04 First Day Term 2 - Students Return

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 8

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News from the Classroom: Years Prep-2

Living Safely with Dogs

The Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program visited the school on Wednesday 11 March. A Pet Educator and their dog attended our school to facilitate education sessions on all facets of responsible pet ownership, safety around animals and minimising the risks from dog bites/attacks. The program helped to teach how to be safe around dogs and how to say ‘hello’ to a dog with their owners!

Primary age children remain highly over represented in the dog bite/attack statistics. Ongoing education of children and their families in relation to living safely with dogs is vitally important, if we are to continue to reduce the number of dog attacks in the home and community.
Duffy's Forest Day

On the 9/3/15 Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the Glen Street theatre to watch the Duffy's Forest Defenders. The transportation that we used to go there was a minibus. When we arrived we sat outside waiting for them to call us in. Eventually they called us in and we were the first to go in. We sat at the second from the front. Leonie was the lecturer who called out her friend Billie the Bandicoot. When Billie was walking backstage he shook his bottom and everybody laughed. Then Leonie presented the mayor of Warringah to speak to the audience. When he finished his speech Leonie presented one of the defenders of Warringah, a ranger named Anthony.

Anthony showed us a baby ringtail possum, and everyone thought it was cute. He rescued the possum because his mother had died. Anthony brought out a diamond python. He called up some students to touch it, and one of those students was Nina. He told us an interesting story about a diamond python that lived in his ceiling. It shed its skin and when Anthony was going to sleep he heard a screaming noise. So he got his flashlight and looked in his ceiling and then he saw a diamond python squeezing a rat, and then his eyeballs popped out and he thought that the rat must have been screaming.

The ranger brought two lizards on to the stage. One was a blue tongue lizard and the other was a water dragon the lizards were running all over him. He said don’t hold a lizard by its tail because then their tail would fall off. Anthony brought out a goanna. He said you might have seen one in your backyard or at school. Anthony showed us a baby fruit bat. He got the baby fruit bat because his mother died, it got caught in the electric wires. He said the bat thought he was his mother because he gave him milk from a bottle.

The ranger showed a long neck turtle. When he was bringing it out its whole body was in its shell, he was small. Anthony said he’s a speedy fellow so he put the turtle on the floor and it started running. The turtle was fast. Anthony brought out a tawny frogmouth. It looked like a piece of bark. It was well camouflaged on a branch. Everyone thought it was an owl but it wasn’t. Owls have round shaped faces.

The last thing that Anthony brought out was a bearded dragon it crawled all over him just like the other lizards. After that he said that he would bring the bearded dragon out and we could pat it. When it was our schools turn we patted it and then I told Anthony that it was my birthday then he put the bearded dragon on my shoulder. Then we headed home.

By Kevork
Duffys Forest Defenders at Glen Street Theatre

On the ninth of March in 2015 we went to the show Duffys Forest Defenders. We went to the Glen Street theatre to learn about Duffys Forrest and why it is important. We learned about the flora and fauna of Duffys Forest. We went to a lecture and the lecturer was Leonie. There were many different schools that were also participating in this great show. When we got in to the theatre, the mayor of Warringah introduced the show. After that Billy the bandicoot came on stage to say hello to all the students.

Anthony is a ranger and he showed us all kinds of animals. First we saw a baby ringtail possum that was in a cage that was covered in leaves. Blossom was a nocturnal animal that’s why we had to be very quiet so that Blossom the possum didn’t wake up. Then we saw a python and Nina got the opportunity to go on the stage and hold the python with another boy.

After that we got to see a water dragon and a blue tongue lizard. Blue tongue lizards have blue tongues so that their tongue is protected against hot things. After that Anthony brought out a big goanna and let it walk on the stage. We got to see a long neck turtle after the goanna and it had a very long neck, we also got to see it run around the stage. You would think that it would go slowly but it went very fast. He brought out a tawny frogmouth and it looked like an owl, but owls have a more circular face. We saw a bearded dragon in the foyer and because it was Kevork’s birthday he got to hold it on his shoulder.

By Lilit

RECYCLED BEATS @ Kimbriki - Thursday, 26th March

Warringah Council has invited the school to participate in ‘Recycled Beats’ at Kimbriki on Thursday 26th March. **Musicians from ‘Drum Beats’** will show the students how to make amazing musical instruments from waste! They will not only enjoy themselves but also become more aware of the need to reuse and recycle rather than just adding waste to landfill.

Students are asked to bring **two clean plastic containers with lids**, eg milk bottle, juice bottle, yoghurt container. The program is supported by the Council and the main message they like to impart to the students is that they can recycle any plastic container, they don’t have to have a recycling symbol or have a number 1 to 7. The containers can come from the laundry, bathroom, kitchen etc. Therefore, it would be good if some of them end up being detergent, shampoo, takeaway food containers etc... they don’t just have to be drink or yogurt containers.

A bus has been organised with the support of Warringah Council to transport them to the venue between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Please return the permission slip below by **Tuesday, 24th March**.

**Note:** The Council is using the opportunity to film parts of the workshop with ‘Drum Beats’ for their promotional purposes. It may be displayed on their website or printed. Please inform the office if you do not want your child to be filmed or photographed for this purpose.

**RECYCLED BEATS: Years 1 - 6 only**

I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in ‘Recycled Beats’ at Kimbriki on **Thursday 26th March, 2015.**

I understand students will travel to the venue by bus. They will leave school at 9.30am and return by 2.30pm.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ____________________________________ DATE: _____________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________________________  COST: $0 😊
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Prep to Year 6

OPEN DAY ~ 29 MARCH 2015
Palm Sunday
1pm ~ 4pm

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REMEMBER!
Design and make your fancy hat for the Easter Hat Parade!
One week to go!!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Forms Due Tuesday, 24th March
Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted over one afternoon. Interviews with parents for all students will be held on Wednesday, 1st April.

If you would like to make an appointment with Mr Manoug on general school matters, please make a note so that a suitable time or date can be arranged.

Interviews will be of 10 minute duration with your child’s class teacher. Please note, Mrs Seta will be available for interviews about the Armenian classes prior to or after your scheduled interview on a first come first serve basis. Children are not expected to attend this evening. If they come along with you, they are expected to stay quietly in one place, preferably with you as much as possible. Before and after interviews - roaming about the school will not be allowed.

Parents are requested to complete the form below by ticking preferred time slots. Please be prepared to accept any session within that time slot. All effort will be made to ensured preferred appointment times. A confirmation notice will be sent next week.

Please return the completed form to the school Office by Tuesday, 24th March.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - 1st April 2015

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The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials. All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
Maral Lakhoyan and Jano & Sarkis Yessayan $100

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Community Announcement

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Come take part in a cultural celebration of the Median Day of Lent with lots of food, games and good times.

EASTER CAMP

Friday 20th March, 2015
Children from Year 7 upwards
$20 per person
Includes dinner, breakfast & marshmallows

Meeting at the Armenian Apostolic Church
10 Macquarie St, Chatswood
5:30pm arrival for strict 6:00pm departure
A bus will be provided
Returning at 10:30am Saturday 21st March

Or meet us there at 7:15pm
AGBU Primary School, 2 Namba Rd
Duffy's Forest

ESSENTIALS: SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, CLOSED SHOES, MARSHMALLOWS STICK, TENT (INDOORS AVAILABLE ALSO FOR SLEEPING)

FOR ANY FURTHER QUERIES PLEASE CALL VAHAG - 0403614388