Dear Parents,

ALL WELCOME ON PALM SUNDAY, 29 MARCH - OPEN DAY

We are all looking forward to our annual Palm Sunday Easter concert and picnic. Once again the children have prepared 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 an Open Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have and are working hard to help make the day a success. They include members of the P&C, parents, teachers and students. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

A list of student reminders is included in the Newsletter. An updated roster with minor changes and adjustments has also been attached to help spread the tasks evenly across all families.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who returned their forms promptly. You will receive a confirmation of your appointment with this newsletter.

We have done our best to accommodate your special requests in relation to appointment times. I’m sure with the three given time slots we should have no disappointments, as parents were 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.

2015 NSW STATE ELECTION

The NSW State Election is on Saturday, 28th March 2015. To better inform our parents and the school community, please find with today’s Newsletter an AISNSW media statement on the education policies and announcements of the political parties as they relate to non-government schools.

In particular, I would like to bring to your attention the education policies of the NSW Greens. The Greens plan to reduce funding for non-government schools to 2003 levels, and fund the ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of government schools through the imposition of land taxes and other charges on non-government schools. It is disappointing that the NSW Greens continue to attack the legitimate educational choices of more than 35% of the state’s students and families. If these policies are implemented in any way or form, they would clearly be detrimental to NSW independent schools.

I’m sure that tomorrow is also the day that members of the Armenian community in the electorate of Ryde will have their say and show their disappointment to the sitting member and Minister for Communities and Citizenship, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP for authorizing and supporting an Australian memorial dedicated to the first president of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

A plaque was unveiled last month at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park dedicated to the memory of Ataturk ahead of the Centenary of ANZAC Day. We all know the heinous war crimes committed by Ataturk during World War I, including the genocide of Armenians, Assyrians, and Greeks. This plaque not only insults the memory and the victims of the Armenian Genocide, but also dishonours the Australian forces who met their final fate during the ‘Great War’.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

27th March, 2015
REMINDERS...

Easter Concert
Palm Sunday 29/3/15

- Students -

✦ All students are expected to be at school by 1:00pm, wearing the White Polo shirts (provided by the school), their summer sports shorts/skorts & their white sports shoes & socks.

✦ You are asked to take fancy hats to the classrooms and place them on desks, ready for the Hat Parade.

✦ Make sure you have taken time to eat and drink before the concert.

✦ Hat Parade, followed by the Palm Sunday Concert. Starting at 2:00pm.

✦ Raffle draw after the performance. Note: Egg & Spoon races for all students will be held on Friday.

✦ Remember School Rules and do not go out of bounds without an adult. Be polite to all our visitors, smile and make sure you enjoy the day!

- Parents -

✦ Please deliver your sweets for the Cake Stall to the stall (Mrs Bianca Zorlu) as you arrive.

✦ Food will be served from 12.00pm. Rolls (Falafel & Chicken) $8.

✦ Please help out as much as possible. Check your roster.

DATES TO REMEMBER
29/03 Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert
31/03 Chocolate Fundraising Money Due
ICAS Slips and payment due - Years 2-6
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
24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Centenary Excursion - Details coming up!

SCHOOL FEES DUE
A reminder that Term 1 School Fees were due for payment on Monday 16th March, 2015.

To avoid personal reminders being sent home with your child next week, please send in payment by Monday or contact the school office if you anticipate further delays.

It is important to note that the Term 1 fees mainly cover the expenses that the school has already incurred. Such as text books, exercise books, insurance etc.

Therefore, we would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with the suppliers continue to be met.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 173 points
MASIS - 160 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 1 – WEEK 9

Year 1: Stephen
Preparatory: Martin

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 9

8 Points – MASIS .......... $15.15
6 Points – ARARAT .......... $13.20

TOTAL: ............ $28.35
ACCUMULATED: .......... $141.15

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
Special Guest: Republic of Armenia Minister of the Diaspora

Hon. Hranoush Hagopian @ ACYA Youth Camp

The annual overnight *Easter Camp* of the Armenian Church Youth Association (ACYA) was held last Friday on the grounds of AGBU Alexander Primary School. It brought together youth of the Church and community for an evening of fun activities and fellowship, barbecue and campfire, followed by the Sunrise prayer service (*Arevakal*) on Saturday. The service was presided by His Grace Bishop Najarian and Reverend Fathers.

Minister Hranoush Hagopian of the Ministry of the Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia joined the ‘Arevakal’ early morning service and addressed those who had stayed and camped overnight at the school. It was gratifying to see many of our graduates and AGBU Youth taking part in the program and enjoying the occasion.

After breakfast, Minister Hagopian met with His Grace and the school executive as part of her six-day visit in Australia, promoting the initiatives of the Armenia-Diaspora partnership programs. She presented the school a special gift and promised to continue strengthening the relationship with the school and the Ministry.

Minister Hagopian also joined the community at the ‘Armenian Festival’ held at Darling Harbour on Sunday 22nd March, 2015.

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

*Happy Birthday to…*

- Anita
- Lara

**School Banking**

*Banking Day: Thursdays*

Students need to have their bank *deposit books* in order to make a deposit into their account. Please make sure the slips are filled and completed, with the correct amount.

[Visit us on Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool)
Armenian Festival @ Darling Harbour

AGBU Alexander School Stall

We would like to say a big THANK YOU! to all the volunteers and visitors to the AGBU Alexander School Stall @ The Armenian Festival, Sunday 22 March 2015.
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF HOLY RESURRECTION

Celebrating
Children’s Day

SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2015

The children of our Community are warmly invited to attend Church on this day when we celebrate the glorious entry into Jerusalem of our Lord Jesus Christ at the start of Holy Week.

Join the traditional Children’s Procession following the Divine Liturgy

SPECIAL EASTER TREATS FOR THE CHILDREN

For more information contact the Church office on 9419-8056.
### PALM SUNDAY
**Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.**

### THE LAST SUPPER
**Jesus teaches the sacrament of Communion.**
- "The bread is my body."
- "The wine is my blood."

### RESURRECTION
**Jesus’ dead body was buried in a tomb but on the third day when they visited the tomb, Jesus’ body had been raised from the dead.**

### CRUCIFIXION
**Jesus carried His own cross to Golgotha. He was crucified on the cross.**

### THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
**Jesus prays for God to be with Him and watch over Him.**

## DIVINE SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION

| **PALM SUNDAY - DZAGHGAZART 29/3/15** | **ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆՆԱԿ - 29/3/15** |
| **Morning Service** | 9:00 a.m. | Սերումություն կարգային ծառայություն է. |
| ‘Badarak’ - Holy Mass | 10:15 a.m. | Սուրբ Պատարագ |
| ‘Turnpatsek’ - Opening of the Doors | 12:00 p.m. | Կարգային ծրագրեր է. |

| **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 2/4/15** | **ԱՅԱՍ ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ - 2/4/15** |
| **Commemorating our Lord’s Last Supper and the Instuation of Holy Communion - ‘Badarak’** | 10:30 a.m | Մանսուրություն կարգային ծառայություն է. |
| Washing of the Feet | 6:30 pm | Սուրբ Պատարագ |
| ‘Khavaroum’ - Vigil | 8:00 pm | Կարգային ծրագրեր է. |

| **GOOD FRIDAY - 3/4/15** | **ԱՅԱՍ ՈՒՐԲԱԹ - 3/4/15** |
| **Crucifixion Service** | 10:00 am | Հիշատակ ուղեցույց է. |
| Burial Service | 4:30 pm | Հիշատակ ուղեցույց է. |
| ‘Hokehankist’ - Requiem Service | 5:30 pm | Հիշատակ ուղեցույց է. |

| **HOLY SATURDAY - 4/4/15** | **ՃՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ ԶԱՏԿԻ - 4/4/15** |
| **Easter Eve Service** | 4:30 pm | Սուրբ Պատարագ |
| ‘Badarak’ - Holy Mass | 5:30 pm | Սուրբ Պատարագ |

| **Commemorating the Resurrection of our Lord** | 8:30 am | Սերումություն կարգային ծառայություն է. |
| ‘Badarak’ - Holy Mass | 10:00 am | Սուրբ Պատարագ |
| Sermon by His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate of Australia & New Zealand | 12:00 pm | Սուրբ Պատարագ |

## ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY

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