Dear Parents,

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE & ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS**

On Friday 24 April, AGBU Alexander Primary School held a wreath laying ceremony at the Armenian Genocide and ANZAC memorials in 'Memorial Park' at Meadowbank. In attendance were City of Ryde Councillors Sarkis Yedelian and Artin Etmejdjian joined by parents, graduates and members of the community.

I would like to congratulate the students and all those who were involved in making the day a memorable one. I also like to thank all the graduates and parents who joined us and supported the activities of the day. The students put together a wonderful program dedicated to the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide and were also a great example to the congregation at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection where they took part in the ‘100 Bell Tolls of Remembrance’.

The school was also represented at the ‘Armenian Genocide Commemoration March’ on Sunday, 26 April. Our school banner was carried by students and graduates among thousands of Armenians who made their way from the ANZAC Memorial in Chatswood to the Armenian Apostolic Church, to honour the memory of the 1.5 million martyrs.

**DIVINE LITURGY AT ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL**

On Saturday, 2nd May a historical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St Mary’s Cathedral in Memory of the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide by His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian. The homilist on this occasion will be the Most Rev Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney.

Students and parents are encouraged to attend this special liturgy which will begin at 11am. If students are attending church, we would like them to come in their full winter uniform and seat in the allocated seats that will be set aside for Alexander students and parents.

**MOTHERS’ DAY - THURSDAY ASSEMBLY**

An invitation is extended to all our parents and members of the community to join us during our special Mothers’ Day Assembly on Thursday afternoon. As stated during the Parent Information Evening, the school will not be hosting a Mothers’ Day Luncheon this year. To make sure we continue to celebrate this wonderful day, the school has decided to run a special assembly next Thursday, 7 May 2015.

During the special assembly, students will have the opportunity to thank their mothers and grandmothers through poetry recitals, song and display. Come and join the celebration after 2.00pm to honour the special person in our lives - our mother.

**WINTER UNIFORM**

The school will change into its Winter Uniform starting next week. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the uniform policy. A reminder that we have a long sleeved polo shirt for winter sport. Thank you for your cooperation.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

1st May, 2015
MOTHERS’ DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 7th May, 2015 - 2:00pm

Come along to help celebrate and honour the special person in our lives – our mother.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthday to...

Albert

Happy Birthday to...

Talia

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 3

Order Forms/Money Due by Monday 11th May, 2015

Orders after this date cannot be processed. Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 31 points
MASIS - 28 points

DATES TO REMEMBER

06/05 Interschool Debating Comp. # 1
07/05 Mothers’ Day Assembly
Mothers’ Day Raffle Draw
08/05 Mothers’ Day - Children’s School Stall
11/05 Book Club - Issue 3 Orders Due
12/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
13/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
14/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
19/05 ICAS - Digital Technologies Test Years 3-6
20/05 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
03/06 ICAS - Science Test Years 2-6
08/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
15/06 ICAS - Writing Test Years 3-6

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEK 2

Year 6: Taniel, Tzolare
Year 5: Talia, Samuel
Matthew
Year 4: Lilit, Lara
Anita, Jessica
Christopher
Harry
Kevoork
Year 2: Asbed
Albert
Kindergarten: Lara
Berj
Preparatory: Peter

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 2

8 Points – ARARAT ............. $12.20
6 Points – MASIS ............. $8.45

TOTAL: ............. $20.65

ACCUMULATED: ............. $182.20

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION: Years 5 - 6

The Forest District Debating Competition for Years 5 and 6 will get under way this term. The Debating Workshop to teach debating skills and formats to all students of the five schools was to be held last Wednesday, 22nd April at the Sydney Japanese School. However, the workshop was cancelled as a result of the adverse weather conditions with no power available at the school.

Debating rounds will commence next week with our first debate on Wednesday, 6th May at our school. The competition will comprise of five rounds of debates with the final being held on Wednesday, 16th September 2015.

Below is a schedule of debating venues and we ask parents to sign-off on all venues to grant permission for your child to attend. Travel to and from venues will be private cars of school staff and parent volunteers, if required.

Our students will be accompanied to debating sessions by Mr Manoug Demirjian.

This year the competition is being coordinated by Mr Demirjian and Mrs Dernee.

Please return signed form to school by Monday, 4th May.

FOREST DISTRICT INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION - Years 5 - 6

I grant permission for my child/ren ________________________________ to attend the debates as outlined below. I understand s/he will travel to and from school by private cars of school staff and parent volunteers, if required. The debaters will be accompanied by Mr Manoug Demirjian.

Please Note:
The school may require parent volunteer/s to help with the transportation.

If you are available and can assist, please let us know by selecting the appropriate box.

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2015 Mothers’ Day Raffle

Alexander school has organised a ‘Mothers’ Day Raffle’ to be drawn at the special Mothers’ Day Assembly next week. You will find a pack of ten tickets with your Newsletter today. They are selling at $2 each ($20 a pack) with some great prizes!

We hope our parents and community support this fundraiser. Make sure buyers fill out their names and phone numbers and return all tickets and monies to the school office by Monday 4th May 2015. Extra tickets are available from the school office.

Happy Fundraising!

April 24: 100 Souls Walking In His Shoes

21st April 2015

Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection
April 24 Outreach | 100 Souls Project
10 Macquarie Street
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

April 24 Outreach | 100 Souls Project

Dear Chairman and Council Members,

On behalf of the AGBU Alexander Primary School students and staff, I would like to congratulate the Council of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection for sponsoring the ‘April 24 Outreach’ program. We understand that on the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide, this project is a way of ‘thanksgiving’ to Australia for contributing to the global humanitarian relief effort of displaced Armenians.

AGBU Alexander Primary School will be supporting ‘April 24 Outreach | 100 Souls Project’ from the students weekly collection for the 'Armenian Student Fund'.

On their behalf please find enclosed a cheque for $100 which we hope will sponsor 10 meals.

We wish you all the best in your fundraising efforts.

Yours sincerely

Manoug Demirjian
Principal
School Banking

Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

Sincere Condolences

To Mrs Rozin Matossian
Mr & Mrs Bedig Matossian & Family
Mr & Mrs Jano Matossian & Family
Mr & Mrs Vrej Matossian & Family
Mr & Mrs Vasken Betchakjian & Family

Upon the passing of their Husband, father and grandfather

Mr Agop Matossian

who passed away on 23rd April 2015.

From the School Board, Parents, Staff and Students of AGBU Alexander Primary School.

Remember...
Please remember to check, comment, sign & return the Student Portfolios from last Term.

Mothers’ Day
Children’s Stall

Friday 8th May, 2015

School shopping for Mothers’ Day

Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their mum on Friday, 8th May.

The gifts will be provided by the P&C up to the cost of $10 each.

If there are extra gifts students can also buy for grandmothers, aunties etc. as long as they have enough money... so come prepared!

Donations to Alexander School

In Lieu of flowers for the Late Agop Matossian

Mr & Mrs Vatche and Sonia Apanian $50
Mr & Mrs Toros and Margueritte Boyadjian $50
Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian $50

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.

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from Preparatory (Prep) to Year 6. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels. The age requirement for students entering Kindergarten is 5 years by 31st July of the enrolment year, while for Prep it is one year prior to Kindergarten enrolment.

Do you have a child who is ready to start school?
Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child?
Would you like to see them in class, experiencing the real school environment before you make your final decision on the school of your choice?

Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your child - 9486 3266

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ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In Memory of the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

DIVINE LITURGY at ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015 | 11 A.M. | ST MARY’S ROAD, SYDNEY

CELEBRANT:
His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia & New Zealand

HOMILIST:
The Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney Catholic Archdiocese

BUSES TO TRANSPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL DEPART FROM
Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection - Victoria Avenue, CHATSWOOD at 10 a.m.
Armenian Cultural Centre - Crabbes Avenue, WILLOUGHBY at 10 a.m.
Top Ryde Shopping Centre - Devlin Street, TOP RYDE at 10 a.m.
Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Trinity - 26 Garfield Street, WENTWORTHVILLE at 9.30 a.m.

Seating is limited - Bookings on 94198056
Remaining seats - first come first serve

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE