Dear Parents,

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

With just over a week left for the 25th Anniversary Concert, final preparations are taking place to what is set to be a magnificent event. Apart from the dignitaries and official guests, we anticipate the presence of many past students and their families, not only in the audience but also on stage. The program includes a number of unique and exciting items set to give this momentous occasion a fitting tribute.

As we head towards our final week, I would like to bring to your attention and emphasise the following points in relation to concert requirements:

- The concert will commence at 7:30pm sharp!
- The doors for the audience will open at 7:00pm
- All students and performers are expected to be at the theatre by 5:00pm

If parents have difficulties with this arrangement, it is very important that they contact the school early next week to seek assistance. The P&C and staff will also make sure suitable support is provided to help feed, supervise and attain to the needs of the students throughout the evening. Please check the Newsletter for more information about the student requirements for the event.

**I.C.A.S. MATHEMATICS RESULTS**

On August 11th some of the students from Years 2-6 participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. This proved to be a very difficult and challenging test which examined the students’ knowledge in number and arithmetic, algebra and patterns, measures and units, space and geometry and chance and data. It involved a great amount of problem solving and logical interpretation of concepts.

Congratulations to Lara Kachichian, Christopher Khatchadourian, Lilit Topouzian, Talia Shamaon and Matthew Zorlu who gained Credits in the test. The test results will be returned with this week’s Newsletter. Please take time to review the questions and answers with your child as the test is full of thought provoking problems to solve. If you have any queries about your child’s result, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

**LIFE EDUCATION**

On Tuesday the students visited the Life Education Van. The Life Education program utilises the latest technology and provides children with online resources and problem solving activities. The students participated in programs to build their awareness and understanding of the link between choices they make and their short and longer term consequences. They were taught to value their safety and health and that of others. They were given strategies so that they could develop attitudes that can prepare them to make safer and healthier choices. The students were also taught about how to identify strategies and build confidence and skills to help them to deal with peer and community pressure. Louise led each class through a wonderful variety of enjoyable activities helping the student develop the skills needed to make informed decisions.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

‘Sporting Schools’ is an Australian Government initiative delivered by the Australian Sports Commission. The Sporting Schools programme is committed to helping sport, schools and communities work closer than ever before to grow sport activity in primary schools. Its key purpose is to encourage more children to do more sport activities and games, and empower schools to help them do that.

I am happy to report that Alexander school has successfully applied and joined this program. As a result we have received funding to support this term’s swimming program with a $40 subsidy per student.

9th October, 2015

Manoug Demirjian
ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 10

8 Points – **ARARAT** …….. $11.60
6 Points – **MASIS** …….. $7.35

**TOTAL:** …….. **$18.95**

**ACCUMULATED:** …….. **$517.10**

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 3**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

**ARARAT** - 8 points

**MASIS** - 12 points

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

TERM 4 – WEEK 1

Year 5: Matthew

- **Remember** -

5 Teachers’ Award = 1 Honour Award

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**SWIMMING LESSON ROUTINE**

Our **Friday** school timetable will vary to accommodate our afternoon swimming lessons for this Term. Students will:

- Arrive wearing swimming costumes under Summer Sports Uniform. A Swimming Bag with all the requirements.
- Have a substantial snack at morning tea break and a have lunch after returning from the pool.
- Travel from school at 12:35pm for a 12:45pm start.
- Return to school at 1:30pm to change into uniform and have lunch before classes resume at 2:25pm

Please make sure each student has his/her own Swimming Bag and remember to label every item of school uniform.

The **subsidised cost** of the swimming lessons is **$125** per student. This includes $77 swimming lessons and $88 bus travel to and from the pool with Forest Coach Lines. The total cost is $165, which is then subsidised by ‘Sporting Schools’ at $40 per student.

As indicated on the 2015 Schedule of School Fees, special **Invoices** will be issued with the Newsletter next week. Please pay them promptly as we need to make sure all payments are received on time.
REMINDERS: 25th Anniversary Concert - SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2015

Years: Prep - 6 - The following are the student requirements for the evening:

- **Boys**: Summer shirt, school tie, **long** school trousers and polished shoes.
- **Girls**: Full summer uniform (Please make sure the dress length is to the middle of the knee and socks).
- Arrive at the theatre at **5.00pm** for a final rehearsal.
- Students will be supervised by Mrs Seta Keoshgerian, Mrs Vicky Dernee and Mrs Carmen Giugni. Please contact/inform them when you drop and collect your children.
- Sandwiches and water will be provided by the P&C Committee. Students are allowed to bring extra snacks to be consumed while waiting backstage.
- The concert will commence at 7.30pm sharp.
- Students will be taken to an allocated seating area in the theatre to watch the program when they are not performing.

*For further questions contact: Office 9486 3266*

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**Photo Gallery**

Life Education - Healthy Harold

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY & NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

All students in **Years 3 and 5** throughout Australia were required to sit for these tests in line with educational accountability requirements set by the Australian Government. The first assessment was on **Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation**, the second on **Reading** and the third on **Numeracy**.

The school is charged on student bases by the Board of Studies in the implementation of these tests. Please send the slip below with payment of the $40 fee to the office by **Friday, 16th October**.

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**N.A.P.L.A.N. 2015 TESTS**

**Years 3 and 5 Only**

Enclosed is payment for my child/ren’s NAPLAN tests.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: _______________________________ DATE: ________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ________________

($40 per student)
In Remembrance

Centenary of the Armenian Genocide
1915-2015

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay invites the Armenian community to join in an ecumenical service of prayer and remembrance for the Christians of the Armenian Genocide and for persecuted Christians of our own time

Organised under the auspices of
Most Rev Bishop Peter A Comensoli
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Homilist:
His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Primacy, Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand

Tuesday 13 October 2015
at 7.00 p.m.
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer Street ~ Chatswood

OUR ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IS WARMLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
AGBU YOUTH & ACYA PICNIC!!

DAVIDSON PARK | FROM 11AM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Don’t miss out on:

TAVLE!
Register to play in the competition!

KEBAB!
Cooked to perfection on traditional Armenian murga.

Organised
KIDS GAMES
ALL DAY
25th Anniversary Concert

Under the Auspices of
His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Australia & New Zealand

Saturday, 17th October 2015 @ 7.30pm

The Independent Theatre
269 Miller Street | North Sydney

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