Dear Parents,

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!**

Nearly two weeks after our 25th Anniversary Concert the messages of heartfelt congratulations continue to flood in, underpinning the quality of our concert and the school achievements. The congratulations are first and foremost directed at our magnificent school for continuing to provide high quality education to young members of our community. Education that has set the foundation for their future endeavours. We are blessed by their continued presence, contribution and service to their school and community, many years on from their graduation. It is this strong sense of belonging and community spirit that gives us the strength to move forward, ‘To Grow & Serve’.

This initial stepping stone, yet vital service to the children of our community would not have been possible without the support of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. For over a quarter of a century the AGBU Central Board has been instrumental in maintaining this service, together with the support and dedicated efforts of the AGBU Sydney Chapter. Members of the School Board with their guidance and management have made sure the quality of service was not undermined, together with the school executive and members of staff. It is appropriate that we once again acknowledge their contribution and thank the Founding Members, our sponsors, the school families and the community for their support.

I would like to take this opportunity and also thank the following people for their contribution to the success of the concert. Thank you to Serop Aslanian and Talar Kapterian for running the evening’s program. Thank you to Natalie Topouzian for delivering the Graduate’s speech and Natalie Urriola for speaking on behalf of the P&C Committee and as one of the first graduates. Also thank you to Zela Margosian-Gaspar and her ‘Mythra’ Ensemble for joining in the evening’s programme and accompanying the choir. Special thanks to the AGBU Tamzara Folk Dance Group, Sevag Keoshgerian for being the technician, and for the backstage assistants Aren Bedikian, George Keoshgerian, Michael Tateossian and Daniel Zorlu. Our appreciations also go to Vahe Keoshgerian for organising the delivery of the choir stands, the P&C Committee for providing sandwiches and special treats to all the performers. Mihran Kessikbashian for making the commemorative badges and help put together the commemorative bookmark. Last but not least, Tatiana Bedikian, Marine Anoushian and Ilda Zorlu for assisting the guests at the door. May God give all of you strength and good health to continue your valued contribution for the ultimate benefit of our children, our future. Finally, congratulations to all the students and staff for putting together a great performance.

Thank you to our parents, founding members, current and former Board and committee members, sponsors, supporters, family and friends for your support and dedication over the past 25 years. With your continued support we will continue to "Grow & Serve” for many years to come!

**30th October, 2015**

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
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If you have any questions please contact Mr Manoug Demirjian 0416 262 177.

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ARMENIAN 'KERMESSE' - Sunday, 22nd November

The Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection is pleased to announce an upcoming event and have invited Alexander School with other community groups to bring their participation and support the Armenian ‘Kermesse’ which will celebrate our culture, food and community.

The event will take place on Sunday, 22nd November from 12.30pm until 4.30pm. The adjacent grounds of the church of Holy Resurrection, 10 Macquarie Street Chatswood will transform into a festival of fun and activity with live entertainment, games and activities, and of course delicious Armenian food and fare.

Community schools choirs, dance groups and bands have been invited to take part in the event. In order to finalise our participation we would like to know the number of students taking part.

Once again this is a good opportunity to showcase our school to the rest of the community. Please let us know if you are able to make your child/ren available on the day and if they can join the choir.

Please indicate your response below and return to school by Friday, 6th November.

* Kermesse or kermiss is a familiar word in Europe and our Middle Eastern communities known as a festival of celebration that embraces feasting, dancing and games of all kinds. Derived from the Dutch language, 'kerk' (church) and 'mis' (mass) originally denoting the mass on the anniversary of the foundation of a church, the term becomes more significant to our event with 16 December marking the 50th anniversary when the acquisition of the Church building at Macquarie Street was finalised.

ARMENIAN KERMESSE - SCHOOL CHOIR

Years Prep - 6

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________________________  CLASS: _________________

Please tick box and return form to school Office by Friday, 6th November.

☐ YES, my child/ren will be able to join the choir at the Armenian Kermesse on Sunday, 22nd November 2015.

☐ NO, my child/ren will not be able to join the choir at the Armenian Kermesse on Sunday 22 November 2015.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________________  DATE: ________________
Master sculptor Varaztad Hambardzumyan will be visiting Alexander School on Tuesday, 3rd November to conduct educational sessions with the students. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend from 10am.

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**MASTER KHACHKAR SCULPTOR FROM ARMENIA**

**VARAZTAD HAMBARDZUMYAN**

**IN SYDNEY**

**DEMONSTRATION & WORKSHOPS**

Watch, hear and learn from this Master Craftsman of international acclaim as he demonstrates the unique skill of carving stone into lacework to create the Khachkar (Cross-stone), one of the most characteristic symbols of Armenian faith and identity.

Discover the origins of the composition of the Khachkar and the historic-cultural environment that led to the emergence of this national symbol.

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION**

**UNVEILING & BLESSING OF MEMORIAL KHACHKAR**

**SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 4.00 P.M. — BEAUCHAMP PARK, CHATSWOOD**

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**WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

- **Sunday 1 November at 7.00 p.m.**
  - Edgarian Hall
  - Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection
  - 10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood

- **Thursday 5 November**
  - 10.00 am – 12.00 pm: School students
  - 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm: Open to General Public
  - Beauchamp Park
  - Cnr Nicholson & Darling Streets, Chatswood

- **Thursday 5 November at 7.00 p.m.**
  - Armenian Cultural Centre
  - 259 Penshurst Street, Willoughby

- **Friday 6 November**
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**FREE ADMISSION**

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