Dear Parents,

**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.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

When the students returned to school this week, they were happy to discover new aluminium bench seats in the playground. The extra seating arrangements allow for a better social approach during lunchtimes, as the children can sit and eat facing their friends. These lightweight, movable and stackable seats also give the flexibility for their use around the school.

The capital improvements in our ‘Year of Growth’ have also been extended into the classrooms. We are happy to report that ten new laptop computers have been introduced into the school since the start of this term. These latest laptops have become a welcome addition for students and staff, with the extra speed and improved software, making it a great learning and teaching tool. As a result, the school continues to ‘grow’ technologically, by augmenting the already well resourced classroom facilities.

**FUN WITH HEALTHY HAROLD**

The students had a great time yesterday, with a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education van.

P/K were invited on a ‘Mystery Tour’ with Healthy Harold. They had lots of fun as they were introduced to internal body parts such as the heart and lungs. They explored safety at the park and on the beach, and talked about how people feel in different situations.

Years 1/2 shared Harold’s diary entries about one week at school. This provided the opportunity to explore relationships and friendships, influences on food choices, benefits of physical activity and exploring legal drugs such as medicines and caffeine.

Years 3-6 participated in the program ‘Mind Your Medicine’ where they developed better understanding of medicines and their safe use. The discussed positive communication, strategies for managing conflict, stress and bullying. They also discussed how feelings influence the choices that we make.

All the children enjoyed their valuable educational experiences with Harold. We would like to extend a big thank you to Louise who guided all the students through the various programs.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

1st April, 2016
DATES TO REMEMBER

Chocolate Fundraising Money Due Now
06/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
07/04 P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm
08/04 Last Day Term 1 - Mufti Day
15/04 A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration
25/04 Anzac Day - Public Holiday
26/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
27/04 First Day Term 2 - Students Return
10/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
11/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
12/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
30/10 Armenian Cultural Day

ARME M ENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 10

8 Points – SEVAN ............... $12.00
6 Points – YEREVAN ............... $5.70

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ACCUMULATED: ............... $147.95

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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?
Contact us to arrange a school experience for your child - 9486 3266

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.

COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS
The next P&C meeting will be held on
Thursday 7th April
Venue: Armenian Church - Hall
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood
Time: 7.00pm
To Confirm Attendance - Contact:
Hasmik Hambardzumyan 0421 854 709
School office - 9486 3266
PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au

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Photo Gallery...

Fun with Healthy Harold
Your family can get FREE dental care

Did you know...?

- ALL CHILDREN under 18 years old can have FREE dental care
- Have a Government concession card? You are eligible for FREE dental care
- Anyone listed on your Government concession card are also eligible for FREE dental care
- Waiting times are reducing due to extra funding so it’s a good time to register your family!

CLINIC LOCATIONS:
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Mr Sarkis Manoukian
AGBU Executive Director
In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 13 May** – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom will be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdraw from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html