

Dear Parents,

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Wednesday, 10th February starting at 7.00pm sharp!** The evening will give parents the opportunity to gain further understanding of how the classes are arranged and find out what will be going on in your child's classroom and school this year.



We expect to see all families represented at the Parent Information Evening. This is the opportunity you have to find out exactly what is happening on a day to day basis in your child's classroom and what our expectations are of students and parents. Parents will also be briefed and updated on some of the major programs in place and will hear about the various ways they can contribute to the school community. The education of children is a huge task. We all need to pitch in and play a supporting role - teachers supporting parents, parents supporting teachers, the school Board and school programs.

Please be reminded that this is not a time to talk about your child's progress specifically. By all means, make an appointment to meet your child's teacher if you need to do so. Teachers will also brief and update parents on occasions. Children who attend the evening because there is no one else at home are to remain in close vicinity of the school hall and not go out to play in the playground.

ST VARTAN'S DAY - BLESSING & HOLY COMMUNION

Yesterday, all students and staff joined the special 'Vartanants Day' service at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection. In school tradition, they received blessings and Holy Communion for the start of the new school year and took part in the special school's program with Galstaun College, following lunch in the church hall.

The afternoon program included songs and poetry recitals dedicated to St Vartan, while the sermon by His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian reflected on the importance of the 'Battle of Vartanank' and its significance to the survival of Armenians as Christians. Once again the students displayed exemplary behaviour both during and after the church service. They took part in the congregation by praying, singing the hymns and by following the Divine Liturgy.



Congratulations to all the students who took part in the program and were led by our Captain Matthew Zorlu, who in turn thanked His Grace, the clergy and the church council for the invitation. This special day highlighted the spirit of unity and the battles we continue to face as a nation and community.

I would like to thank all the teachers, in particular Mrs Seta Keoshgerian and Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar for putting together a wonderful program and preparing the students so well in such a short period of time.

5th February, 2016

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Wednesday, 10th February @ 7:00p.m. sharp! - School Hall

We hope to see every family represented to hear important information on what is happening in your child's school and classroom.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY

The school “**Discipline Policy - Parent Handout**” is enclosed with today’s Newsletter. Parents should read this document carefully to familiarise themselves with the strategies implemented at AGBU Alexander Primary School to encourage positive attitude and behaviour.

The school has expectations of its students to maintain standards which will promote personal achievement and school pride. It is the tone of our school to be positive, encouraging and motivational. Children need this same encouragement from parents in order to succeed. Students achieve highest when parents take an **active** interest and role in their education and school life.



School Standards on Homework:

- ⇒ It is expected that students will complete set tasks to the **best of their ability** - untidy work will not be accepted.
- ⇒ Parents should check each set of homework to make sure its completed at the accepted standard.
- ⇒ Homework should be made a **priority** when students arrive home of an afternoon. However, teachers understand that students may have extra-curricular after school activities. If homework is unable to be completed, please write a note to the teacher stating reason.
- ⇒ If your child has difficulty with set homework, please advise your child’s teacher in writing the following day. If the situation persists, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.



School Standards on Uniform:

- ⇒ Students are expected to wear **correct** uniform at all times.
- ⇒ Students wearing incorrect uniform (any part) should provide a note to the class teacher stating reason.
- ⇒ Students in Years 3-6 need to bring sports shoes to school for fitness and play. Students are allowed to leave a second pair of sports shoes at school to change into for their fitness sessions.
- ⇒ Students must have school hats at school daily. “**NO HAT, NO PLAY**”
- ⇒ Jewellery, nail polish and make-up not permitted. Only one pair, plain stud / sleeper earrings permitted.
- ⇒ Random uniform checks are conducted and students receive House points for correct uniform standards.
- ⇒ Students who lose an article of uniform (eg hat or jumper) will have a week’s grace after which time the article must be replaced.
- ⇒ Students who repeatedly forget sports shoes / hats will have records of misbehaviour sent home.

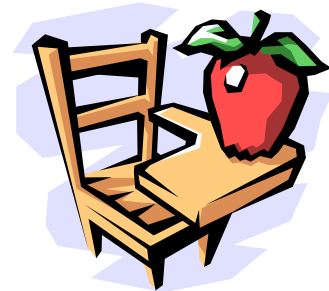
Our School Rules are...

- ☺ We use our common sense.
- ☺ We keep ourselves safe.
- ☺ We respect other people, property and the environment.
- ☺ We strive to do our best.

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- ☺ Ծիշոյ պէտք է դաստենք:
- ☺ Մենք մեզ կ’ապահովենք:
- ☺ Կը յարգենք ուրիշները, ուրիշներու սեփականութիւնը եւ միջավայրը:
- ☺ Կը ճգնինք ընելու մեր լաւագոյնը:



DATES TO REMEMBER

10/02 Parent Information Evening - School Hall
12/02 Student Information Update forms due
15/02 Book Club - Issue 1 Orders Due
20/03 Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert
08/04 Last Day Term 1
11/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

Please mark these important days in your calendar & check this box regularly for updates. You can also check the electronic calendar in the 'News & Events' section of the school's web site. The electronic calendar can be shared on your phone. Contact the school to find out how.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 2

8 Points – **SEVAN** \$00.00

6 Points – **YEREVAN** \$0.00

TOTAL **\$00.00**

ACCUMULATED: **\$00.00**

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

CANTEEN OPENS NEXT WEEK

Thank you to the families who responded to our call for canteen duty. The **Canteen Calendar** for the first term has been provided with today's Newsletter. **The calendar is subject to change and it is important that parents also check the school website to confirm the latest menu or canteen days.**

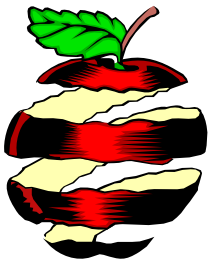


We are always keen to have new mums join the team. If you have not yet signed up for canteen duty, but would like to take an active role, please contact the school Office. Should we have sufficient volunteers, full canteen facilities will be available on additional days.



Children love to see their parents actively involved in their school... even if it's only once a term. The positive effect of your support will reward your child, your school and you.

STUDENT LUNCHBOXES



We are generally very happy with the contents of our students' lunchboxes. Our school would rate fairly well with all the attention given to ensure school lunchboxes contain mostly foods with good nutritional value. Whilst children may complain about lack of variety, try being inventive with the way you serve foods. Please continue to help us with this school program - keep up with the practice of providing low-fat, low-salt, low-sugar foods.

Fruit size can make all the difference between "fruit eaten" and "fruit wasted". Please buy small sized fruit for small mouths to chomp around, otherwise send cut fruit to school. Many of the younger children (P-2) could be wasting good fruit because it is just too hard to eat.

THE SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

Parents are instrumental in the success of our school's healthy food program as providers of good, nutrition-filled lunch boxes.

To help parents with the confusing task of deciding on suitable snack foods, below is a list of what we consider to be appropriate.



ONE ONLY - Snack Food which includes any one of the following: baked biscuits or snacks such as BBQ shapes; yoghurt or other dairy dessert such as Yogo or Petite Miam; slice of plain cake, fruit muffin or fruit toast; fruit straps/bars; breakfast/muesli bars, plain pop corn.

SNACKS WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY: All chips, roll-ups, LCM's, chocolate muffins, cream biscuits and wafers.

UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF - Fresh Fruit & Vegetables ... fruit bars and fruit yoghurt are no replacement for fresh fruit.

AT LEAST ONE SERVE OF - Bread ... sandwiches

Sandwiches are the most ideal lunch food but we do understand that children need some variety and often have home-cooked meals to replace sandwiches.

SUITABLE LUNCH DRINKS FOR SCHOOL - fruit juice, milk, water.

SCHOOL BANKING - Youthsaver Account with Commonwealth Bank

School Banking at Alexander school has developed and grown over the past few years. We now have a large percentage of students taking part in the savings program.



'Prepare to take your child on an Outback Savings Adventure' - Youthsaver account opening kit is enclosed with today's Newsletter for those students who have not yet joined or are new to the program. In the packaged envelope you will find all the required information and forms to start your child's account.

Once the accounts are set up and ready to go, your child/ren will be able to take part in 'School Banking Day' now set for **Thursdays**. This is when students can bring their deposits to be banked through the School.

Parents who are interested in getting their children to join the savings program can contact the office for more information. For new students, if your child already has a Youthsaver account, they too can join the program.

Message from the Bank...

Dear Parent,

Teaching your child the all-important skills of money management and saving when they're young can empower them for success in the future. Commonwealth Bank Student Banking is a special initiative designed to do just that. Through education and fun, we aim to help make your child a Super Saver.

Student Banking - teaching kids Super Saver powers.

The Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program runs within primary schools to help boost your child's understanding of money and saving.

- ◆ **Educational resources** - We provide schools with fun resources to assist teaching of basic skills.
- ◆ **Weekly banking** - Your child can do their banking at school where it's easy for them to make regular deposits. Student Banking coordinators often allocate a class banking day and a banking monitor to help teach children the responsibility of saving.
- ◆ **Money for their school** - When your child signs up for Student Banking or makes a deposit at school, the Bank will pay a commission to your school. This money can help buy new books, computers, sports equipment or whatever else the school may need.



Get your little Super Saver started now.

It's easy to get your child involved with Student Banking. Just sign them up for a Youthsaver account. It's packed with fun features your child will love.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

When children make their first deposit our school will receive \$5 and 5% commission of every deposit made (up to \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

For more information on a Youthsaver account please call 13 2221, visit commbank.com.au/dollarmites or drop into any Commonwealth Bank Branch.



Հաղորդագրություն

4 Փետրուար 2016

Վարդանանց Հերոսամարտի Տոնակատարություն Ս. Յարութին Եկեղեցու Մեջ

Ցնծութեան օր էր 4 Փետրուարը Ս. Յարութին Եկեղեցու համար, ուր հաւաքուած էին Հայկական ամենօրեայ վարժարաններէն (Համագգային Գօլտօրն Ճեմարան եւ ՀԲԸՄ Ալեքսանտր Վարժարան) աւելի քան 200 աշակերտներ, երկու տնօրէնները եւ 15 Հայ եւ ոչ Հայ ուսուցիչներ, տօնակատարելու համար Վարդանանց Հերոսամարտի 1565ամեակը:

Առաջնորդ Սրբազան հայրը, Գերաշնորհ Տէր Հայկազուն Եպիսկոպոս Նաճարեան, մատուցեց Սուրբ եւ Անմահ Պատարագը մասնակցութեամբ քահանայ հայրերուն, սարկաւազներու եւ դպիրներու:

Այս կարեւոր տօնին յիշատակումը նախաձեռնութիւնն է Սրբազան Հօր եւ երկրորդ տարին ըլլալով դարձած է ամանդութիւն:

Աշակերտները երկիւղածութեամբ եւ յարգանքով հետեւեցան Պատարագին, ապա մէկ առ մէկ մօտենալով սկիհներուն ստացան Սուրբ Հաղորդութիւն : Պատարագի աւարտին Սրբազան Հայրը տուաւ իր քարոզը. ան բացատրեց Վարդանանց Ճակատամարտի կրօնաքաղաքական դրդապատճառները եւ յստակացուց «Մահ իմացեալ անմահութիւն է» խօսքին խորհուրդը :

Աշակերտները, ուսուցիչները եւ ներկայ հաւատացեալները ճաշի հիւրերը եղան Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբին: Տիպար Հայ մօր գուրգուրանք ցուցաբերեցին Տիկնանց Յանձնախումբի տիկիները հանդէպ մեր մեծցող սերունդին: Ճաշի ընթացքին երկու վարժարաններու աշակերտներն ու ուսուցիչները առիթ ունեցան իրարու հետ իրենց յարաբերութիւնները աւելի սերտացնելու:

Ժամը 1ին աշակերտութիւնը հրաւիրուեցաւ եկեղեցի, ուր գործադրուեցաւ զեղարու եստական կոկիկ յայտագիր երկու վարժարաններու աշակերտներու խմբական երգերով եւ արտասանութիւններով: Իրենց շնորհակալութեան խօսքը արտասանեցին Գօլտօրն Ճեմարանի կողմէ 10րդ դասարանի աշակերտուհի Նանոր Մուրատեան իսկ Ալեքսանտր Վարժարանէն վեցերորդ դասարանի աշակերտ Մատթէոս Զորլու: Ապա յաջորդաբար Գօլտօրն Ճեմարանի Տնօրէն Պրն Էտի Տէմիրճեան եւ Ալեքսանտր Վարժարանի Տնօրէն Պրն Մանուկ Տէմիրճեան արտասանեցին իրենց սրտի խօսքերը:

Յայտագրի երկրորդ մասով ցոյց տրուեցաւ ֆիլմ մը “Everyone prays at St Etchmiadzin” խորագրով: Ֆիլմը մեծ հետաքրքրութիւն ստեղծեց բոլոր ներկաներուն մօտ: Սրբազան Հայրը իր իրախոսող ու գօտեպնդող խօսքերով, անգլերէն եւ հայերէն, գնահատեց Հայ վարժարաններու խաղացած դերը, օրինեց աշակերտութիւնը, ուսուցչական կազմն ու տնօրէնները, ծնողները եւ յաջող երթ մաղթեց անոնց:

Հանդիսութիւնը իր աւարտին հասաւ ժամը 2ին Սրբազան Հօր աղօթքով:

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BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Holiday Birthday to...
Adelin

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 1
Order Forms/Money Due by
Monday
15th February, 2016
Orders after this date cannot be processed.
Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

Photo Gallery - Vartanants & Holy Communion



More photos on our Facebook page.



<http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool>

