

Dear Parents,

ESTABLISHING A PREDICTABLE ROUTINE

Home or after school work is a common expectation for most primary aged children. Parents can help children develop sound study habits from a young age which include establishing a predictable routine, encouraging effective use of time and helping them to be organised.

AGBU Alexander Primary School has a clear 'Homework Policy' that is reviewed at the start of every year and a concise 'Parent Handout' is made available to all families. Our policy states that homework is set for all children in Kindergarten to Year 6. It is work set by a teacher to be completed outside the classroom environment and is assigned to help develop home-study techniques in students. Students who develop disciplined and positive home-study habits in the primary years are more likely to be able to continue with these home-study habits in the secondary school and during tertiary education when homework is less structured and a student is expected to develop their own individual home-study timetable. Positive home-study habits will enhance student success.



Homework can also be a means of giving students an opportunity for further practice and consolidation of skills and knowledge taught during class units of work. It can be used to extend the more capable student and to reinforce programs run by the school. It is also accepted that homework should be challenging, interesting and relevant to classroom activities. Homework should not be too difficult or unfamiliar. Students need to succeed with homework: it should not be frustrating either for them or their parents. Accordingly, homework should not introduce new, unknown activities.

At Alexander school there is an underlying expectation by parents that homework will be set by the class teachers in both English and Armenian. Homework helps to inform parents of what their children are doing at school and it provides an opportunity for parents to assist in their learning. To help parents in this process here are a number of ideas:

- ◆ Establish a predictable routine. If homework is done at the same time each night (make sure this is not left too late or near bedtime), getting started is usually less of an issue.
- ◆ Establish a good working environment. Make sure they have a quiet area away from distractions that is well lit and with good ventilation. A table or a desk makes a good workspace, although don't be surprised if they spread their work out all over the kitchen table. Some children just love to be around others. However, homework should not be done while watching television.
- ◆ Encourage children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit which they should stick to. A little work each night is more productive than packing it all into one weekly session.
- ◆ Encourage children to become organised by planning homework around their extra-curricular activities. A weekly planner or diary will help older students to organise themselves.
- ◆ Be realistic and don't expect to solve all homework difficulties. When in doubt send a note to your child's teacher letting them know the problem. They will appreciate being informed.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Our gymnastics program for the term has so far been excellent thanks to 'Be Skilled Be Fit'. The students are making wonderful progress with the weekly sessions. The program is well structured and caters for outcomes set out in the curriculum. In this week's session the students gained experience in Bars & Beam. The instructors have also made positive comments in terms of the goals set and targets achieved by students. We are all pleased with the results. The photos published in today's Newsletter give a better view of all the fun and action!

19th February, 2016

THANK YOU...

Natalie Urriola & Karis Khatchadourian

For donating an instant Coffee Machine for all the teachers and guests to enjoy in the Staff Room.

Vatche & Sonia Apanian

For supplying and installing a new Fridge in the School Canteen.



Thank You for supporting AGBU Alexander Primary School.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK



Happy Birthday to...

Sonya

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25/02 P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm
- 06/03 Working Bee
- 20/03 Palm Sunday Picnic & Concert
- 24/03 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
- 25/03 Good Friday - Public Holiday
- 26/03 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
- 27/03 Easter Sunday
- 28/03 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
- 06/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
- 08/04 Last Day Term 1

- 15/04 A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
- 24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Mothers' Christmas Club	\$1,400
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.	
Armenian Apostolic Church Council	\$1,000
Mr & Mrs Zaven and Marie Tchetchenian	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$700
Mr & Mrs Bedros and Ilda Zorlu	\$300
Mr & Mrs Hagop and Rita Patanian	\$200
Mr Toros Boghossian	\$200
Mr & Mrs Vatche and Sonia Apanian	\$100
Ararat Sport & Cultural Association	\$100
Armenian Community Welfare Centre	\$100

Thank you to your support.

In Memoriam for the Late Steve Khatchadourian 40th Day of Demise

Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian \$100

Our condolences to the Khatchadourian and Bardajian Families. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 4

8 Points – SEVAN	\$14.70
6 Points – YEREVAN	\$10.15
TOTAL:	\$24.95
ACCUMULATED:	\$24.95

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www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Sports Day...

Gymnastics Program



PE, SPORT & GYMNASTICS PROGRAMS



WORKING BEE

SUNDAY - 6th MARCH 2016

Further details coming soon...



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2016 AT 6.00 P.M.
DOCKSIDE - COCKLE BAY WHARF
DARLING HARBOUR



DONATION: \$125

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS & TABLES CONTACT NISHAN BASMAJIAN ON 0413364296

Join His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian
in launching this annual Diocese event and the new Arachnortaran

By God's grace and will,
2016 shall herald the
construction of the new
Diocesan Headquarters
(Arachnortaran) in Chatswood.

The Arachnortaran is the
religious centre which will
provide spiritual guidance to
our people.

THE NEW DIOCESAN
CENTRE & PRELACY
11 CHATSWOOD AVENUE
DEVELOPMENT



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