



Dear Parents,

110th ANNIVERSARY

On 15th April the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), the world's largest non-profit Armenian organisation marked its 110th Year of Foundation. This organization, with its glorious past, continues to remain true to the principles of its founders. For over one hundred and ten years it has carried out activities that promote and honour all that is Armenian, helping to withstand challenges facing our nation at different times, in various corners of the world. Throughout its entire existence, the AGBU has been and remains a pillar of preservation of the Armenian identity. This is vividly testified to by the programs that have been and continue to be implemented by the AGBU in Armenia, the diaspora and Artsakh.

The AGBU preserves and promotes the Armenian identity and heritage through educational, cultural and humanitarian programs, annually touching the lives of some 500,000 Armenians around the world. The AGBU Alexander Primary School is also an important part of the global network of bilingual Armenian schools established by the Armenian General Benevolent Union.



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On this momentous anniversary the President of the AGBU, Mr Berge Setrakian stated:

Today, as we pay tribute to the 110th anniversary of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), we remain strongly committed to its mission, ever mindful of the heavy responsibility we bear in addressing the numerous and extraordinary challenges facing our people.

This year, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the independent republics of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh). We also commemorate the 101st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which heralds the beginning of a new era for our flourishing nation's struggle for justice and retribution.

With bright prospects for the future, our nation is enjoying many notable individual achievements, affluence and international recognition. Yet, at the same time, we are confronted with many serious imperatives in our homeland and the diaspora which mandate the need for consolidating our resources and strengthening our resolve.

At this juncture, we realistically assess our nation's efforts, particularly over the past 25 years, with its achievements, successes as well as its short-comings. In view of the many opportunities offered by the new realities in the diasporas, we expand our mission, adopt corresponding organizational structures and cultivate new partnerships...

The underlying principal of 'One Nation One People' is a core maxim of our organization, because it unites our diasporas, Armenia, Artsakh and the Church, defines our priorities and responsibilities, and reveals our potential...

Now more than ever, we remain committed to the AGBU motto with great pride: **In Unity Is Strength**

MOTHERS' DAY - THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

An invitation is extended to all our parents and members of the community to join us during our special **Mothers' Day Assembly** on **Thursday** afternoon. As stated during the *Parent Information Evening*, the school will not be hosting a Mothers' Day Luncheon this year. To make sure we continue to celebrate this wonderful day, the school has decided to run a special assembly next Thursday, **5 May 2016**.

During the special assembly, students will have the opportunity to thank their mothers and grandmothers through poetry recitals, song and display. Come and join the celebration **after 2.00pm** to honour the special person in our lives - our mother.

29th April, 2016

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 5th May, 2016 - 2:00pm

Come along to help celebrate and honour the special person in our lives - our mother.



BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthday to...
Albert Tomassian

Remember...

Please remember to check, comment, sign & return the Student Portfolios by next week.

Mothers' Day Children's Stall

Friday 6th May, 2016

School shopping for Mothers' Day

Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their mum on Friday, 6th May. The gifts will be provided by the P&C up to the cost of \$10 each. If there are extra gifts students can also buy for grandmothers, aunties etc. as long as they have enough money... so come prepared!

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 9 points
YEREVAN - 10 points

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Year 6: Matthew
Year 5: Lilit
Year 3: Asbed Zabel
Prep: Sofia

DATES TO REMEMBER

04/05	Interschool Debating Comp. - Workshop
05/05	Mothers' Day Assembly
06/05	Mothers' Day - Children's School Stall
10/05	NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
11/05	NAP - Reading Assessment
12/05	NAP - Numeracy Assessment
17/05	ICAS - Digital Technologies Test Years 3-6
18/05	Interschool Debating Comp. # 1
25/05	Musica Viva Concert @Kinma
31/05	ICAS - Science Test Years 2-6
13/06	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
30/10	Armenian Cultural Day
11/12	Christmas Concert and Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 1

8 Points - YEREVAN	\$8.45
6 Points - SEVAN	\$8.35
TOTAL:	\$16.80
ACCUMULATED:	\$187.55

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50th ANNIVERSARY LECTURES



1. May 3, 2016 at 7PM

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(Թուականներ, Անձնաւորութիւններ, Եւ Առանձնայատկութիւններ)

2. May 4, 2016 at 7PM

The Christians in the Middle East:
Between Effective Presence and Marginal Survival.

by: **Rev. Dr Paul Haidostian**
President, Haigazian University, Beirut, Lebanon

In the UCA Armenian Evangelical Church, Sydney,
on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.



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\$150*
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Apply before 11pm
16 June 2016

TWO MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
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* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to \$150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- be a resident of New South Wales; and
- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, or a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, or a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; and whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; and
- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, and have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

You'll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you're not required to lodge a tax return; and
- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate. Visit our website for more information.



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