Dear Parents,

REPORTS REVIEW

We like to thank all the parents who provided feedback over the past week in relation to the Half Yearly Reports. The reports were distributed last week and it was pleasing to note that parents had noticed some changes in the general reporting format.

The reports are generated through our unique and personalised database, that has been serving the school for a number of years. The database is unique in the sense that it is specially designed to cater for our bilingual reporting needs. It was updated recently to meet the changes in the Armenian font setup, bringing it in line with the ‘Unicode’ standard.

As part of this upgrade, the school decided to also update the reporting format, bringing it line with the new Australian Curriculum. As a result, the Mathematics and some of the English sections were updated, plus a new Digital Technologies reporting area was added.

The visual look of the report was also enhanced by making it clearer and easier to read. This updating process was followed through the ‘Outcome’ sheets that are attached to the report.

We hope you find them helpful in understanding your child’s progress and look forward to any further feedback. Our ‘Prep’ students received their special progress report this week.

I.C.A.S. DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS

The first results of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were received this week. Congratulations go to Lilit and Kevork for achieving Distinction and Credit awards respectively in Digital Technologies. Lilit has been placed in the Top 8% of Year 5 participates in Australia.

The ICAS tests are designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of computer skills that not only cover general knowledge of word processing, but also extend to graphics and multimedia, internet and email, spreadsheets and database.

Well done to all the students who attempted this test and achieved pleasing results. All the results are with your newsletter today. Please set some time to review them with your children. You will be pleasantly surprised by the level of difficulty in the questions and how much your children actually know!

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA

Enclosed with today’s Newsletter you will find a copy of ‘Snapshot 2016 - Independent Schooling in Australia’. Produced by the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA). The publication provides up-to-date statistics and information about independent schools and the sector as a whole, including data on enrolments and funding.

Snapshot 2016 is a useful and easy to follow guide to understand more about independent schooling. The independent schools sector has continued to grow in Australia. It now holds 14.5% of student enrolment. With the Catholic and Government sectors respectively serving 20.5% and 65% of students.

It is important that as a sector we are better informed to help us combat the general misinformation and the inaccurate claims made about independent schools that appear frequently in the media.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN
DATES TO REMEMBER
18/07 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
19/07 First Day Term 3 - Students Return
27/07 Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
02/08 ICAS - English Test (Years 2-6)
16/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
22/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
25/08 EnviroMentors Workshop
29/08 National Literacy & Numeracy Week
31/08 International Sports Day
13/11 Armenian Cultural Day
11/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 10

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**Total:** $14.90

**Accumulated:** $372.75

**Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church**
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

Sevan - 116 points
Yerevan - 116 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 2 – WEEK 10

Year 6: Talia
Year 5: Lara, Jessica
Kindergarten: Martin, Adelin
Preparatory: Lucas

Please Note: The School receives payment for advertisements that appear in the Newsletter. However, the School does not necessarily endorse these companies or their work and only agrees to circulate their ads.

Canteen for Term 3

An updated Canteen menu and calendar of lunch specials has been provided with the Newsletter today. Please note the changes to **Morning Tea** as well as **Lunch Specials**. Remember to keep your canteen calendar in a handy spot.

Canteen lunch special days are subject to change with short notice. Parents are requested to check the calendar on the school’s website for the latest specials.

Support your canteen, support your school!

If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office. Parents who are on duty and are unable to make it on the day please call the canteen coordinator or the office.
We’d like to say a big Thank You to …

😊 Our school mums and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Maggie Betchakjian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Annette Galstian, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair and Mrs Cynthia Tomassian.

😊 Mrs Karis Khatchadourian for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office. Also a big welcome to Mrs Sarah Dixon and Mrs Annette Galstian to this role.

😊 P&C members and parents for organising, running and supporting the Mothers Day Stall. Your help and contribution helped make the activity a great success. Thank you!

😊 All the parents for their contribution to the Canteen Survey, which has helped the P&C better plan the canteen roster and menu.

😊 Mr Vrej Jebian for volunteering to dedicate his precious time and effort, in order to give our students the opportunity to learn about gardening. Also a big thank you to Mr & Mrs Vrej and Lisa Jebian for donating all the seedlings, seeds and gardening materials for our Gardening Workshop.

😊 Mrs Armine Sevazlian for her contribution as Library Coordinator by accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books in the School Library. Also thank you for providing assistance to the debating team.

😊 Mr Michael Taylor & Mrs Vicky Dernee for helping us introduce an initial three and then a further two more Apple iPads into the classrooms.

😊 Mr & Mrs Ara and Annette Galstian for their support and service in introducing the iPads into the school.

😊 Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in Years P-2 and for doing special tasks around the school.

😊 Our Graduates, Jonathan Amirzaian, Garo Betchakjian, Sonya Boyadjian, Christine Boyadjian, Kevork Kachichian and Narek Topouzian for visiting the school during their pupil free days and providing help and assistance where required.

😊 All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!

2016 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to
Anita Kachichian
Lara Kachichian

First Honour Award recipients of 2016

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to…
Peter
Vanessa

Happy Holiday Birthdays to…
Lucas
Samuel

Visit us on Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

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www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
With your newsletter this week...

Armenian General Benevolent Union
Alexander Primary School

School Report 2015

Includes...

- Academic Performance,
- Teacher Standards,
- School Policies on Enrolment,
- Discipline, Safe & Supportive Environment, Improvement Targets, Summary of Financial Information and a lot more!

Grab a copy from the school office.

Also available on the school website.

(Including reports from previous years)

Junior & Adult Programs

Based on school calendar!

- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching (4-13yrs)
- High Performance & Competition (9-18yrs)
- Ladies & Adult Clinics (Beginner & Intermediate)
- Private Lessons and more...
- FREE After School Bus Pick Up Service

Holiday Programs

Every week of school holidays throughout the year!

- Camps held rain, hail or shine during all school holiday periods
- Casual bookings and excursions available!
- FREE Before Care & Racquet Hire
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Community Announcement

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

GROUND-BLESSING CEREMONY

of the NEW ARACHNORTARAN

Diocesan Centre

Conducted by the Primate of the Diocese
His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian

Join us on this historic occasion to herald the construction of the Diocese Headquarters.

We trust our dear and faithful community will stand firm with the Diocesan Centre extending their financial and moral support.

Your solidarity with the Diocesan Centre will strengthen its mission to reach the spiritual needs of our children and preserve their Armenian identity.

SUNDAY 17 JULY 2016
after the Divine Liturgy at 1.00 pm

11 CHATSWOOD AVENUE, CHATSWOOD

WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND