Dear Parents,

**BRIGHTER FUTURE IN OUR ‘YEAR OF GROWTH’**

In our ‘Year of Growth’, we are moving towards a much ‘brighter’ future thanks to the installation of new lights throughout the school! For over 25 years the florescent lights in the classrooms and administration building have been serving our needs, but over the last few years they have been a cause for concern, as they were starting to become a maintenance and safety issue. The old plastic on these florescent units were at times so brittle that they fell apart during routine main tenance. Some of the units were not working at all, not to mention the fact that they were not even switched on at most times, to simply avoid the constant buzzing annoyance and sound coming out of them.

Thanks to the support and foresight of the School Board the issue was resolved and a plan of action was put in place for this major and costly capital project. The issue was not a simple replacement of the lighting units, but a plan for the future with a more robust, modern and environmentally friendly system that will serve the needs of the school well into the future. Therefore, the solution to replace 106 light fittings required careful research and planning. Once again, it was one of our graduates who came in to assist and ‘serve’ the school they graduated from in the year 2000. Our graduate of the new millennium, Garen Manoukian, the owner and proprietor of ‘Impedanz Electrical’, recommended the installation of the latest LED light tubes that not only use 50% less energy than the florescent equivalent but also last much longer with potentially zero maintenance. The fittings are also placed in a full metal chassis with screws in the end caps, making them much safer and robust.

The new lights have now been installed in two classrooms that were affected the most. The Board has also used this opportunity to apply a new and fresh coat of ceiling paint, which was done during the holiday period. The rest of the lights will be installed during the next term break. The ceilings will also be painted in the process, allowing our students to be invited into a much brighter, safer and environmentally friendly classrooms.

On behalf of the students and teachers, I like to take this opportunity and thank all Board members for their support. It is gratifying to know that we have members who are not willing to compromise the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff at any cost. For this, we also like to acknowledge our business partners and sponsors who continue to support the school. Without their financial input it would not be possible to implement these type of capital projects, which in this case is anticipated to be over $11,000.

**FAMILY PICNIC DAY & SCHOOL PHOTOS - POSTPONED!**

The winter season seems to have come fast and hard. The sudden cold weather and the projected heavy rain over the weekend has forced the P&C to review the ‘Family Day Picnic’ they had organised for this Sunday. As a result, the picnic has been postponed and we will keep you updated of a new date.

The annual school photo day, which was to take place on Tuesday, 7 June has also been postponed to Friday, 24 June 2016. Order envelopes and instructions will be issued next week.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

3th June, 2016
DATES TO REMEMBER
05/06 Family Day Picnic – POSTPONED!
08/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
10/06 Book Club - Issue 4 Orders Due
13/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
14/06 ICAS - Writing Test Years 3-6
15/06 ICAS - Spelling Test Years 3-6
22/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
24/06 School Photos - Winter Uniform
Student Half Yearly Reports - Sent Out
01/07 Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
19/07 First Day Term 3 - Students Return
13/11 Armenian Cultural Day - NEW DATE!
11/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Lara

BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 4
Order Forms/Money Due by
Friday
10th June, 2016
Orders after this date cannot be processed.
Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 6
8 Points – Sevan ............. $10.05
6 Points – Yerevan ............. $6.85
Total: ........................ $16.90
Accumulated: .............. $288.95

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TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 2 – WEEK 6
Kindergarten: Adelin
Preparatory: Leo
Yeva

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards
Sevan - 62 points
Yerevan - 59 points

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News from the Classroom...

Trigramuna - Sailing the Sound of South America

On Monday (30/5/16) the students of Prep to Year 6 visited the ‘Kinma School’ for a performance by the ‘Tigramuna’ Band. They joined the students from the Kinma, German and Yanginanook Christian schools.

The students explored and were entertained by the excitement of South American music. They listened to haunting Latin American indigenous rhythms and instruments combined with the harmonies of Western art music and jazz. The stirring combo of Andean flutes, jazz and South American guitars, bass, flutes, saxophones and Cuban and South American percussion evoked the sounds of Latin America and the Caribbean. The students enjoyed the dancing of salsa and took part in the playing of some instruments.
Community Service...

Serving the Parishioners

AGBU Alexander Primary School has a proud history of service to the community. We have always strived to show a positive school image and have led our students to become active participants and contributors of the community. We take great pride in the way our students are presented in their uniform, in their manner and hospitality during formal and informal occasions.

With this objective in mind, few years ago the school presented an initiative to join the after church volunteer service of providing coffee/tea and sweets to the parishioners. The idea was enthusiastically accepted by the Armenian Apostolic Church Council of Holy Resurrection.

Students of Years 5 & 6 have since joined this service to help with the provision and distribution of sweets. It certainly is a great way of connecting with the community and portraying the proud image of the school.