Dear Parents,

**GREETINGS FROM SISTER SCHOOL**

During the term break, School Captain Matthew Zorlu travelled to Armenia with his family. During their stay, he was able to visit our ‘Sister School’ in Etchmiadzin. Since it was the end of the academic year in Armenian and the start of their summer holidays, Matthew was only able to meet with His Grace Bishop Vardan Navasardyan, the current spiritual leader of the *Eurnekian School* and the new principal Mrs Narine Menatsakanyan.

During the meeting, Matthew was able to pass on our well wishes and the special gifts prepared by our students. The large card with our photos and messages from the students was well received by the principal who promised to work towards strengthening the bond between the two school. In return, a gift box with a collection of letters, photos and craft items were handed to our captain with the blessings of His Grace. The lovely gifts and collection of letters were presented to our students at assembly this week, who even got a chance to taste some Armenian chocolate!

We are fortunate to have Bishop Vardan Navasardyan as the spiritual bond between our schools, because of his close association with our school during his time in Australia. Therefore, we can only look forward to a closer relationship and engagement for the benefit of students and staff.

We like to take this opportunity and thank the Zorlu family for their support to make this visit possible.

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**CENSUS 2016**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics conducts a census every five years to capture a full picture of our Australian society by collecting important information about the Australian population such as ancestry, religion, birthplace and languages spoken.

Every person in Australia on the **night of 9 August 2016 must be counted**. Information collected is essential for government and non-government organisations to plan services and facilities such as education, hospitals, aged care facilities and services for particular community groups. It is therefore important for questions to be answered accurately so that our community is properly acknowledged and also does not miss out on these services and products. For example, questions about country of birth or language spoken at home may not indicate the cultural heritage or ancestry of a person. It is important that people write the ‘ancestry’ with which they identify, in our case ‘Armenian’. We are also urged to answer carefully the question on religion by correctly naming our religion - ‘Armenian Apostolic’, ‘Armenian Catholic’ or ‘Armenian Evangelical’. **The main point is that we add the word ‘Armenian’ so that members of our community are clearly identified.** You will note that this is an optional question but it is essential that it be answered. So, on Tuesday, 9 August 2016, complete your Census and remember to enter Armenian as your heritage and help make a difference for our community.

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

5th August, 2016
DATES TO REMEMBER
08/08 Book Club - Issue 5 Orders Due
12/08 Sports Carnival Canteen Orders Due
Mini Olympics - Year 5/6 Fundraising
15/08 Sports Carnival 2016 - Terrey Hills Oval
16/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
21/08 Working Bee
22/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
23/08 Book Week Show - TV or not TV!
25/08 EnviroMentors Workshop
Book Week Assembly
29/08 National Literacy & Numeracy Week
31/08 International Sports Day
04/09 Fathers’ Day Picnic - Lane Cove River Park

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

Weekly Report: Term 3 Week 3

8 Points – Yerevan .......... $8.35
6 Points – Sevan .......... $5.40
Total: .......... $13.75
Accumulated: .......... $435.75

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
SCHOOL FEES
Parents are reminded that fees for Term 3 (Payment 2) have been charged to your account. This will be the final account for the year on which to pay.

Payment is due by Thursday, 25th August. Parents who anticipate any trouble in meeting full payment by this date should contact the school office.

Purchases of uniforms henceforth will require payment on ordering since no further accounts will be issued this year.

Note: An invoice for the Term 4 Swimming Program will be provided later this Term.

SPORTS CARNIVAL
Monday
15th August, 2016
Terry Hills Oval from 9am

Full details in next week’s Newsletter!
We like to invite all our parents and friends to join us for the day, including all the Prep students who normally do not attend school on Mondays.

Sports Day Canteen Orders Due Next Week
Check the information on Lunch Packs below

Year 5&6
FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP
Cookie Sales (Misislian Family) $60.00
Mini Olympics Games $????
Cake Stall $????

Watch this space...

TOTAL $60.00
TARGET... $270 $210.00 LEFT TO GO!

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - LUNCH PACK ORDERS
In order to help with the organization of our mobile canteen for the Sports Carnival, to be held at the Terry Hills Oval on Monday 15th August 2016, the P&C would like students and parents (if joining in for the day) to place their Lunch Pack order by the end of next week.

Please fill in your choice/s and return the order slip with your payment by Friday, 12th August.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - ORDERS

I/We would like to place a Lunch Pack order for Sports Carnival - Monday, 15th August 2016.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ____________________________ DATE: ______________

Lunch Pack choices: Roll + Drink = $4.00

Please indicate choice/s and number of packs

☐ Cheese ________ (Number of Packs) AND/OR

☐ Ham & Cheese ________ (Number of Packs)

☐ Salami & Cheese ________ (Number of Packs)

Note: All rolls come with lettuce and tomato.

The P&C would like to request from all parents who will be attending the Sports Carnival to assist by bring sweets to sell during the day. Please indicate your attendance by calling the school Office.

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________ MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ____________
Library News

Library Circulation Update

This is to advise that as of the beginning of Term 3, Library Day has been moved from Friday to Monday. Each Monday students will be able to borrow new books and return the books they have read.

The Library rules are as follows:

- Students are allowed to borrow maximum 4 books for a one week loan period provided they bring their Library bags each Monday.
- Students are highly recommended to borrow regularly.
- Students are encouraged to borrow a variety of resources appropriate for their needs and abilities.
- Students will return their books each Monday at their allotted Library time. They will also be able to renew any unfinished books.
- Students who have overdue loans will have limited or no borrowing (depending on the number of overdue books) until the overdue books are returned on Mondays.
- Regularly overdue notices will be sent home for students that have overdue loans.

To remind Library is open on Mondays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Apart from borrowing procedures, as usual on Mondays Library is open for students to have an opportunity to familiarize themselves to new books obtained by the school, search for books at their choice to read in the library during the recesses or do research related to a specific homework or assignment.

LIBRARY BEHAVIOUR

- Walk, don’t run.
- Speak quietly so you don’t disturb students who are reading or studying.
- Make sure you finish your food and drink outside.
- Be respectful and considerate of everyone in the Library, (Staff and Students).
- Treat the books and other material with care.
- Ask for help if you can’t find what you want.
- Return books on time.

NOTE:

Do not leave any books on the floor, please put them back on the corresponding shelves.

Please observe the above rules to keep our Library in an organized and inviting environment. Thank You.

Mrs Armine Sevazlian
Library Coordinator

Year 5&6

FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP

MINI OLYMPIC GAMES

Friday, 12th August 2016

Fun Games... Competitions... Win Medals!

When: Lunchtime

Event Costs: Between 20c to 50c per event
News from the Armenian Classroom...

Cooking Ghapama!

AGBU Alexander Primary School students have been cooking as part of their Armenian lessons. They have been learning about Armenian food and traditional dishes during the term and have in turn learnt how to cook a ‘Ghapama’, an Armenian dessert made with pumpkin. According to the Armenian language teacher Mrs Seta Keoshgerian, “It has been a wonderful learning experience for the students, where they not only discovered the methods used to cook a Ghapama but also had the opportunity to taste!”

More photos on our Facebook page.
http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

SUNDAY - 21st AUGUST 2016
Further details coming soon...

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Debating News...

Well done debaters!

As the debating season has come to a close we would like to congratulate the students on their performance throughout the debates. Once again we were able to produce a team which was competitive with older and more experienced students from schools with a much larger Year 6 class base. Our debating team of Year 5 and Year 6 students debated valiantly, making concise and clear cases. They came very close to snatching victory, but were not able to match the number of rebuts produced by the John Colet team.

It is a great credit to Mrs Dernee that the students were able to step up to the mark and perform brilliantly. We would like to thank her for the time and effort she put into preparing and mentoring the students who only missed out by the smallest of margins. Our congratulations go out to the John Colet teams for their win and to the Sydney Japanese School for making the finals challenge even more interesting.

On behalf of Alexander school and all the participating schools we also like to thank the Terrey Hills Library for their community support and assistance. Library assistant, Mr Andrew Sutcliffe accepted our invitation to provide the adjudicating reassurance during the finals debate and we thank him for his time.

REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!

The school has a Crunch&Sip break at the start and also the end of each day, for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Coming up!

Fathers’ Day Picnic - Sunday, 4 September 2016

Venue: Lane Cove River Park... More information coming soon.
In the aftermath of World War I, AGBU and the Allied forces worked together to tend to the needs of Armenian refugees across the Middle East. As the Allies advanced on the Palestinian front, they often came upon refugees living in squats or in unsanctioned camps—in the cemeteries of Petia or at the town of Sar, west of Amman and in the compound of the Saint James Monastery in Jerusalem. Given the steadfast reputation of AGBU for acting fast in the wake of humanitarian crises, the Allied forces relied heavily on the organization to gather the refugees and take them to safety.

1917-1918

The end of the war brought a growing concern among the AGBU leadership about the plight of Armenian women and children living in Debrecen, Hungary. In 1918, AGBU funded and executed a mission in Palestine and Southern Syria—led by Levon Tashmeghanian—to bring them back into the folds of the Armenian community. It was followed by another mission—led by Karen Hrielian—around Aleppo and Deir Zor resulting in the recovery of 630 women and children between June and August 1919.

1917-1919

With the fate of the nation in the balance, AGBU leadership knew that rebuilding the nation post-war would depend on reopening AGBU chapters wherever the refugees had found themselves. In 1919, AGBU chapters in Aleppo, Beirut, Bagdad, Damascus, and Jerusalem were all up and running, ready to provide educational programs and medical attention as needed. The reestablished chapters paid special attention to reintegrating educated women and girls, sparing no effort to help them find a place in the Armenian community again.

1919-1922

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1919-1922
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