

Dear Parents,

LENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION

During this week's assembly, I reflected on one of the important periods in the Christian calendar - Lent. Lent being a season of 40 days before Easter, is a time for us to stop and reflect on the attitudes of our hearts, priorities and spiritual life as we prepare for Easter. There are special services held in churches during Lent, special times of prayer and special readings from the Bible.



From the early period there were also strict Lenten laws to help with this 'spiritual clean'. It was suggested that to abstain from all meat and animal products was a helpful discipline. All the body needed was a very simple snack in the evening. Today, many Christians still consider it helpful in giving something up during Lent, as a reminder of sacrifices Jesus made, the temptations He resisted during His time in the desert and that they are reflecting on the important things in life. Many continue with the tradition, while others only give up eating certain foods or watching TV or playing computer games... Others try to make more time in the day to think about God and pray.

This season of Lent might therefore be a good time for all of us to attempt a 'spiritual cleansing' of our lives. There may be attitudes that need to be dusted down, habits that need a deep clean or behaviours to be given up.

At assembly, one of the things we all agreed to give up was use of the words 'I'm bored!' Instead being grateful for a brain, for education and for every opportunity to learn.

I like to take this opportunity and also thank two of our parents Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian and Mrs Lisa Jebian for preparing and serving pancakes to all the students on 'Pancake Day' (Shrove Tuesday), which is before Ash Wednesday or the first day of lent. Apart from the opportunity to taste delicious pancakes there was also time to reflect on the occasion during our weekly assembly.



COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS

As indicated last week, the P&C Committee was formalised this week. We like to thank all those who have made the commitment to join the P&C.

The new Office Bearers and Assistants are:

Committee Member

Natalie Urriola
Sarah Dixon
Karis Khatchadourian
Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison)

Assistants

Hasmik Hambarzumyan
Ani Ananyan
Gayane Topouzian
Annette Galstian
Svetlana Khachatourian

The Canteen Coordinator is: Mrs Sarah Dixon

The P&C members can be contacted via the following group email: PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au

Once again thank you and best wishes for the upcoming activities. For the rest of the school families, please get right behind and support the P&C to make 2017 our 'Year of Service'!

3rd March, 2017

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, 2nd April



Just over a month to go before our annual Easter Celebrations with a concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic.

We hope all families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us. A reminder that it is **compulsory for all students to attend**. Teachers put much effort into organising concerts and preparing each student for their individual part.

How you can help make the day a success?

- ⇒ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
- ⇒ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (*See below*)
- ⇒ Assist the P&C with their roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
- ⇒ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.



Easter Eggs for Raffle



Our annual Easter Raffle is always very popular due to the exciting and abundant hampers on offer as prizes. It is the generosity of school families which enable us to prepare such wonderful baskets. We would like to call upon families to donate **Easter chocolates** again this year. A variety of chocolates would be appreciated – little sized eggs, medium sized eggs, large-sized eggs, bunnies, chicks, hollow eggs, cream-filled eggs – whatever. Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets. We also use excess chocolate eggs/bunnies as prizes for egg & spoon races. Please send your contribution to the school office as soon as possible and no later than **Monday, 27th March**. Also, if you have any **unwanted baskets** lying around at home, we would happily use them for the hampers.

Easter Cake Stall

The P&C committee has made a special request for all families to contribute cakes or sweets and make the Easter Cake Stall the best ever! Home-made fare, in particular traditional Armenian choreg, are always best sellers and fetch good prices. Some ideas for traditional sweets include – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava... Another popular selling item is homemade cake – uncut and sold whole.



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



ARARAT - 20 points
MASIS - 22 points



Support your House Team and earn points by having the correct uniform, by following the playground rules and by being generous.

DATES TO REMEMBER

19/03 Working Bee
02/04 Easter Concert & Picnic
06/04 Excursion to the Royal Easter Show
07/04 Last Day Term 1 - *Muffi Day*

14/04 *Good Friday - Public Holiday*
15/04 *Easter Saturday - Public Holiday*
A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
16/04 *Easter Sunday*
17/04 *Easter Monday - Public Holiday*
24/04 *Armenian Genocide Commemoration*

10/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation

School Banking

Students need to have their bank **deposit books** in order to make a deposit into their account.



Please make sure the slips are filled and completed, with the correct amount enclosed, to help with the transaction.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

8 Points – Ararat	\$14.95
6 Points – Masis	\$11.70
TOTAL:	\$27.20
ACCUMULATED:	\$78.15

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TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by *Tuesday, 4th April*. We would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with suppliers are met. If you believe there may be an error in your Tax Invoice please contact the school Office. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Parents are reminded that **Building Fund** contributions are **tax deductible** and special receipts will be issued in order to claim a deduction.

Payment may be sent through the post or paid directly to the school Office. Students delivering money to school should hand fees to the school office immediately on arrival to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost money in transit.



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DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Mothers' Christmas Club	\$1,300
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.	
Armenian Apostolic Church Council	\$1,000
Mrs Diana Hadjetian	\$500
Armenian Nor Serount Cultural Association	\$300
Mr & Mrs Bedros and Ilda Zorlu	\$250
Mr & Mrs Savash and Talar Bedikian	\$250
Mr Garen Manoukian	\$250
Armenian Community Welfare Centre	\$150
Mr & Mrs Ara and Anettee Galstian	\$105
Mr & Mrs Hovhanness & Mary Kouyoumdjian	\$100
Konna Electric Austral Pty Ltd	\$100

Thank you to your support.

In Lieu of Flowers for the Late Shoushan Boyadjian

Mr & Mrs Vahe and Boyadjian	\$100
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In Memoriam for the Late Azadouhie Klaghebian

Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Assadour and Eugenie Kazandjian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$50

May her 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.

HRANT DINK COMMEMORATION EVENING

Honouring an Armenian Hero 10 years after his assassination



Photo by: Berge Arabian

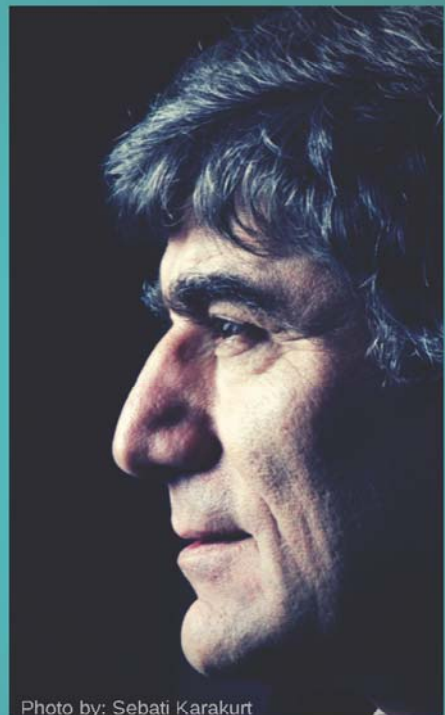


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Sunday, 19 March 6 PM
@ Concourse Theatre
Victoria Ave. Chatswood
Admission is free

Organised by



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