



Dear Parents,

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Last night, we held our annual 'Parent Information Evening'. We would like to thank all the parents for coming and showing their support in their children's education and demonstrating interest in their school life. We believe, the commitment of the parent body plays an important role in the life of a school. Therefore, continue with your important effort to get right behind your children and play a supporting role, because your children are the ones who benefit.

The first session of the evening was held in the school hall, where parents were given an outline of the major functions planned for the year. They were also encouraged to share the *Calendar* from the school's web site and incorporate it into their smart phones. The policies in relation to discipline, homework and welfare were reviewed and the academic programs discussed. These included the Armenian Language, Chaplaincy and the K-6 Syllabuses. Parents were also informed that soft copies of all School Policies are shared via an email link and made available on the students' Google *Drive*.



Former student and current member of the School Board, Dr Kevork (George) Dertadian welcomed the new families on behalf of the Board. After introducing the rest of the members, he outlined the role of the Board and the AGBU community in support of the school. He also explained how parents can contact the Board and have an input in running the school. These details have been published in today's Newsletter.

The parents were also updated about the school's web site and social media. Following a number of important reminders and a general discussion about the Volunteer Scheme and proposed activities or excursions, the parents were also encouraged to support and join the P&C.

For the second session, parents were directed to the classrooms. Teachers of each grade had the opportunity to explain to their parents the special features of teaching and learning which pertain to their classes.

P&C COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEER SCHEME

As discussed during the Parent Information Evening, we would like to see the volunteer tasks for the school spread evenly across the parental body. The points system will continue this year and we are asking parents to indicate their choice and consider what they can do to assist in the running of the school. Further details about the scheme is provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity and indicate that the P&C meetings are a good forum to bring your ideas or suggestions for the everyday running needs of our school. If you have any suggestions please approach P&C members to discuss and to include them on the Agenda for the following meeting. As you know the P&C plays an important role in running the canteen and catering special events. They are also responsible in organising a number of in-school events and providing general feedback and assistance in areas of need.

We understand that it's not possible for all families to get involved in all aspect of the P&C or school life, however we encourage you to have your say. We would like to receive feedback as to how we can improve the services being provided to students and guests. For more information and to see how you can contribute to the Committee please contact the school Office - 9486 3266

Please fill in the '2018 Volunteer Contribution Choices' form and return it to school by *Monday* to kick-start the committees.

16th February, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

- CONTACT DETAILS -

The AGBU Alexander Primary School Board meets officially once a month. Meeting dates are published on the school calendar. Request for contact with any Board member can be arranged from the school office or via email:

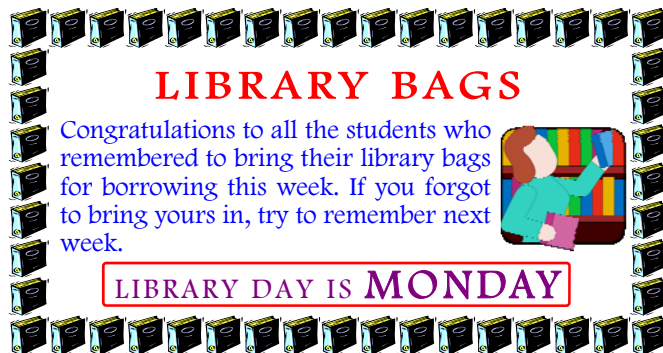
Board@alexander.nsw.edu.au

Emails to the above address are automatically forwarded to all Board members.

Alternatively, Board members can be contacted individually using the following emails:

Sossie Giragosian - Chairperson	Sossie@alexander.nsw.edu.au
George Dertadian - Secretary	George@alexander.nsw.edu.au
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Sarkis Manoukian - AGBU Sydney Chapter Executive Director	Sarkis@alexander.nsw.edu.au

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DATES TO REMEMBER

24/02	Bunnings Fundraiser - Balgowlah
01/03	The Big Vegie Crunch
04/03	Working Bee
12/03	School Board Meeting
18/03	Easter Concert & Picnic
30/03	Good Friday - Public Holiday
31/03	Holy Saturday - Public Holiday
01/04	Easter Sunday
02/04	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
13/04	Last Day Term 1 - Mufti Day

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 3

7 Points – Sevan	\$7.30
7 Points – Yerevan	\$7.30
TOTAL:	\$14.60
ACCUMULATED:	\$14.60

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

SCHOOL FAMILY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Once again, we would like to see the volunteer tasks for the school spread evenly across the parental body. For this to come about, a system of points is again in operation. As most of you know, the scheme is based on a family committing to volunteer 200 points of time and effort to school tasks. Please consider what you can do to assist in the running of the school.

Please fill in the form below to claim your tasks to the value of 200 points per family. Where there can only be a set number of volunteers for the job, eg Canteen Coordinator, decisions will be made on a 'first in first served' basis.

The major difference this year is that families will be asked to make a monetary contribution in advance. Families will have a separate charge of \$200 in their School Fees, split over two terms (\$100 in Term 2 & \$100 in Term 3). The monetary contribution will be fully refunded to the family towards the end of the year when it is established that all volunteer contributions have been fulfilled to the value of 200 points*.

While our aim is to involve all families in the school community, we trust the new improved scheme will be fairer and more transparent, thanks to your support and commitment.

Please fill in your choice/s below and return the form to the office by *Monday, 19th February*.



2018 VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION CHOICES

Family: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Working Bee March - 50 points per adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver - 20 points per event
<input type="checkbox"/> Working Bee July - 50 points per adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Maintenance - 20 points per hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Working Bee October - 50 points per adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional maintenance work - 50-100 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Coordinator - 100 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Organise School Projects - 50-100 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Volunteer - 20 points per day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Donation - 100 points*
<input type="checkbox"/> P & C Office Bearers - 100 points	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Donation - 200 points*
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Coordinator - 100 points	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify below - points as agreed

Please check the boxes for the tasks you choose.

TOTAL: I will earn 200 or more points.

** While we prefer your non-monetary contribution, if you are unable to commit (or can only do so in a limited capacity) to any of the above tasks then the contribution charge will be passed on as a donation to the school.*

I wish to submit my choice of volunteer time for the school.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



AGBU
SYDNEY SPORT

COACH WANTED

AGBU Sport is looking for a basketball coach for a group of enthusiastic juniors.

Responsibilities would include training on Mondays in St Ives, between 5-6pm, with the potential of games in the future.

Enquire within!

 agbu.org.au
 Leeza: 0450 760 611

 @agbuyouthsydney
  sports@agbu.org.au


KIDS BASKETBALL TRAINING

FOR BOYS & GIRLS (UNDER 14)

MONDAYS FROM 5-6PM

TO REGISTER CALL:
LEEZA - 0450 760 611

FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY
RYDE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

 **New Venue!**

How does it work?




Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.

Alexander School is Registered for this program. Please collect and send your vouchers.