

Dear Parents,

SMALL SCHOOL, MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

AGBU Alexander Primary School has been a small, independent, bilingual school that has served the Armenian community of Sydney for over twenty-eight years. Service that has stayed focused on its mission and has proudly produced many fine, well rounded and well educated youngsters. These graduates, now as young adults, have taken an active role in the community in the true sense of our motto 'To Grow & Serve'.

For us, 'small' means every teacher knows every child; not just those in their own class or year group, which means every child feels important, safe and understood every minute of every day. Being 'small' enables us to be agile, imaginative, nurturing and personal.

I believe very strongly that it is our role as a school to both inspire our students and provide each of them with the opportunity to shine - be it in the classroom, on the sports field or on the stage. We promote a diverse and exciting co-curricular programme which encourages our students to be responsible and caring members of society. If a student has an interest, we help to foster that interest. We recognise the benefits in confidence building, encouraging individuality and feeling valued.

We have seen so many benefits to composite or mixed year groups. The expectation placed on children in single year groups, that all children should possess the same knowledge and skills at exactly the same time, can place enormous pressure on a child. With a wider age span it is easier to address each child as an individual and to champion their strengths and build upon the areas where they are less confident without the additional pressures of conforming to a peer group.



Our younger pupils benefit from the contributions of the older children which allows them to participate in far more complex activities than they would in year groups. They also go through their school life with the expectation that they too will become the nurturers when they reach the older end of the school. We strongly believe that a student should experience these nurturing contexts rather than just observing and imitating them.

As a result, Alexander school makes a 'big' difference to the students, who see themselves as progressive and successful learners. Our parents know this and have made their choice of schooling by visiting the school and seeing the nature of work being produced and the type of learning environment they were willing to place their children in. Not only our parents, but members of our community often describe us as a 'great' school. However, I do not want us to just be referred to as a 'great' school, but as an 'excellent' educational institution, striving towards excellence for each and every individual student. Above and beyond all, staying true to our mission statement:

AGBU Alexander Primary School is dedicated to excellence in education and the realisation of each student's potential, providing a balance curriculum encompassing academic, spiritual, cultural, physical and practical areas of learning.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

*In Lieu of Flowers
for the*

*Late Zaven
Tchetchenian*



Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	\$200
Mr & Mrs Garo and Margo Zerounian	\$200
Mr & Mrs Hovig and Rita Tchetchenian & Family	\$150
Mr Kapriel Tchetchenian and Karaboghossian Family (USA)	\$130
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$100
Mrs Foulig Touloumbadjian	\$100
Mr Kevork Pezikian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Edie and Nayrie Baghdigian (Melb)	\$100
Mrs Ankin Horvath	\$100
Mr & Mrs Sarkis and Lucy Aroyan	\$100
Mr & Mrs Sarkis and Alice Derbedrossian	\$100

Mr & Mrs Manoug and Laura Demirjian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Serop and Maggie Mikaelian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Yerchan and Sossie Giragossian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Noubar and Gina Mazlounian	\$100
Mr & Mrs Ari and Bianca Zorlu	\$100
Mr & Mrs Simon and Elizabeth Dikranian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Greg and Salina Dikranian	\$50
Mrs Jenny Dikranian and Mr Kris Benie	\$50
Mr & Mrs John and Aida Touloumbadjian	\$50
Mrs Stephanie Touloumbadjian and Sean Cave	\$50
Mr & Mrs Christian and Brigitte D'andrea	\$50
Mr & Mrs George and Fimi Bayramian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Vahe and Martha Khatchadourian	\$50
Mr Hovaness Manoukian	\$50

May his 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.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



YEREVAN - 12 points

SEVAN - 18 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 3 – WEEK 2

Year 5: Zabel



Let your teacher know when you are ready to collect your Teacher's Award and be included in this weekly honour list.

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 09/08 Book Club - Issue 5 Orders Due
- 14/08 ICAS - Mathematics Test Years 2-6
- 20/08 Start of Book Week and Book Fair
- 21/08 Book Week Show - Puppet Tricksters
- 22/08 Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
- 23/08 Book Week Assembly
- 09/09 Community Cultural Event

Celebrating

100th Anniversary of Armenian Independence

- 20/09 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
- 21/09 Armenian Independence Day
- 22/09 Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
- Student Portfolios Sent Home

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 2

8 Points – Sevan	\$13.50
6 Points – Yerevan	\$12.75
TOTAL:	\$26.25
ACCUMULATED:	\$379.05

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Theatre...



George's Marvellous Medicine

Last Friday, the school was treated to a wonderful *Shake and Stir Theatre Company's* production of the Roald Dahl classic novel "George's Marvellous Medicine" at the Glen Street Theatre. What starts as just another boring day for George quickly turns into a marvellous experiment of epic proportions! Cleverly adapted from the much-loved book the production bounded off the page in a spectacular live show that delighted the students from Prep to Year 5.

The production was set on the Kranky family's English farm. It boasted colourful costuming and constantly moving sets which enabled the audience to travel into the different scenes on the farm. With over 256 lighting changes and even more audio cues it was so much more than just a play for children. It engaged everyone in the audience, whether or not they had read the book. This was a great way to stimulate the students to read quality literature.





BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK
Happy Birthday to...
Kris



BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 5
Order Forms/Money Due by
Thursday
9th July, 2018
Orders after this date cannot be processed.
Please place your orders in clearly marked envelopes.


AGBU
ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION



UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HIS GRACE BISHOP H. NAJARIAN
PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

AGBU & AMAA
Present lecture Night

GUEST SPEAKERS

DR HRAYR & DR ARDA JEBEJIAN
TOPIC

**``Armenian culture, integral part of
life & foundation of continuity``**

SUNDAY 5 AUGUST, 5.30PM

AT THE AGBU CENTRE, 2 YEO STREET NEUTRAL BAY
Q. & A. WILL FOLLOW

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
OPEN INVITATION, ALL WELCOME, PLEASE JOIN US

