

Dear Parents,

### INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY IN OUR CLASSROOM

Welcome back to what is anticipated to be a very busy and productive Term 2. When the students returned to school this week, they were happy to discover new tools of education, as part of Alexander school's ongoing commitment to integrate technology in our classrooms. All students in Years 3 to 6 were provided **new laptop computers** thanks to the support of the School Board, who had no hesitation in approving the funds to invest in the education of our future generation.

This latest capital improvement was made possible with the assistance and guidance of our parent Mr Alen Barsamian, who is an expert in the field and the proprietor of 'Monitor & Laptop Hospital'. These laptops have become a welcome addition for students and staff, with the extra speed and the latest operating system, making it a great learning and teaching tool. As a result, it is wonderful to note that Alexander school is continuing to grow technologically, by augmenting the already well resourced classroom facilities.



Technology is everywhere we look, and it seems like everything is being enhanced and improved in its capabilities. Electronic, computer and communications technologies in particular are constantly expanding both in capabilities and applications. Not only has the range of technologies changed, but it has also widened access to knowledge to such an extent that students as well as others now have to accept the fact that they need to be lifelong learners. It has been said - *'The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn'*. It is also true to say that - *'Teachers need to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum instead of viewing it as an add-on, an afterthought, or an event'*. Encouraging students to learn how to learn is, in my opinion, the most important aspect of education.

Members of our staff are constantly looking for ways to use technology innovatively and effectively. Undoubtedly, ever since the introduction of the Laptops and the Interactive Whiteboards (IWB) in all our classrooms, major changes have taken place in the way we teach or bring information and knowledge to our students. They have in fact become an integral part of our teaching and learning. These changes have been complemented by the fast internet access that we have been able to achieve thanks to infrastructure improvements since the start of the year and the school network system, including better access to the wireless environment. As a result, the world has been brought to the forefront of our classrooms even faster, greatly benefiting the learning resources now available at our fingertips.

As I have stated in the past, gone are the days when we used computers to do *'things differently'* at the school. The time has come for teachers to use the computer and other modern educational technology and do *'different things'* in the classroom. I'm sure over the course of the year, students and teachers will be able to update you in the different things that we do here at Alexander school.

On this note, I like to bring to the attention of our parents the special presentation that will take place tomorrow evening at the AGBU Centre in Neutral Bay. The AGBU Central Board member and the founding president of the AGBU Armenian Virtual College, Dr Yervant Zorian who is on a short visit to Sydney, will be the keynote speaker of the evening. The event is titled *'Redefining Education in the Global Age'* and I'm sure it will be of great interest to our parents and community.

Please check the Newsletter for more details.

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Students are expected to wear their full **SUMMER UNIFORM** on this day. Please make sure you return your order with the special envelopes that have been provided. We would like to point out that the school is not associated with your order and you need to check and **follow all instructions** on the form and enclose the correct amount.

**IMPORTANT: Every student must return their envelope - Even if not purchasing photos.**

## MOTHERS' DAY - THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

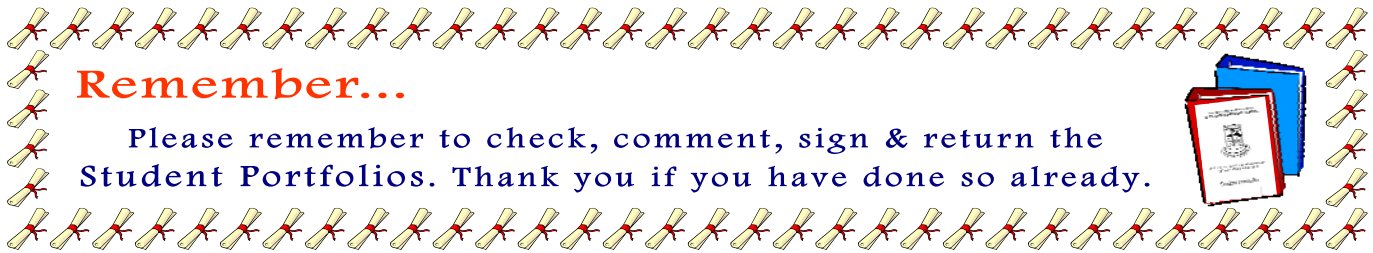
An invitation is extended to all our parents and members of the community to join us during our special **Mothers' Day Assembly** on **Thursday** afternoon.

During the special assembly on **9<sup>th</sup> May**, students will have the opportunity to thank their mothers and grandmothers through poetry recitals, song and display. Come and join the celebration **after 2.00pm** to honour the special person in our lives - our mother.

## SCHOOL TIMES

As you are aware, we have two *Crunch&Sip* breaks at school. One is before the morning bell, to give student the opportunity to eat some fruit or vegetables as they start their day in class, and one towards the end of the day. To ensure this extra time and the morning assembly do not flow into the first period, the **morning bell is set to ring at 8.55am**. The students then have five minutes of *Crunch&Sip* time before they line up for our **morning assembly at 9.00am**. Students need to be in class for the start of their **first lesson at 9.05am**.

Late arrivals (over ten minutes) need to follow the usual procedure of going to the office to sign in a late note before heading into class. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



## Remember...

Please remember to check, comment, sign & return the **Student Portfolios**. Thank you if you have done so already.



## HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards*



**ARARAT** - 8 points

**MASIS** - 10 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

**TERM 2 - WEEK 1**

Year 3: Adelin

Year 2: Anthony

Preparatory: Sarkis

Sophia



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 07/05 School Photos - Summer Uniform**
- 09/05 Mothers' Day Assembly
- 10/05 Mothers' Day - Children's School Stall
- 14/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
- 15/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
- 16/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
- 18/05 Family Fun Night - Organised by P&C
- 10/06 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- 05/07 Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
- 27/10 Armenian Cultural Day - TBC
- 08/12 Christmas Concert & Graduation

## ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 1

8 Points – **Masis** ..... \$11.10

6 Points – **Ararat** ..... \$7.55

**TOTAL:** ..... **\$18.65**

**ACCUMULATED:** ..... **\$164.95**

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# MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 ~ 2:00pm

Come along to help celebrate and honour the special person in our lives ~ our mother.



## P&C Report

### Parents & Community - News

Welcome to Term 2. For this term the PC is busy planning a few things

#### **Mother's Day Gift Stall: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

For the gift stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May the PC is taking a different approach to what's happened in the past. We're asking for the children to bring in \$10 for each person they want to buy a gift for be it their mother/grandmother/aunt/neighbour. This is a gift that everyone will appreciate and enjoy! The children will be able to personalise this 'special gift' which we're keeping a surprise till the day. Don't forget to make sure you send in the money on the day!

#### **Family Fun Night: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

This event is now posted on the School Facebook page and tickets are available by calling the School office on 9486 3266 or Sonia on 0415462177 or via the online reservations through this link:

<https://forms.gle/T46U6n35RhhggiS26>

Please make sure you book early as seats are very limited! BOOK TODAY SO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY + FRIENDS DON'T MISS OUT!

#### **Earn & Learn – Woolworths**

This program is on again. Woolworths will donate equipment and supplies to the school depending on how many vouchers are collected. Every time you shop at Woolworths please collect the 'Earn & Learn' vouchers so that our school can benefit from the great equipment that's available. Make sure you ask our friends and family who shop to also collect their vouchers.

As an added bonus this year the Woolworths at Forestway and Glenrose has placed a collection box near their stores so its even easier to support the school! Otherwise please return your vouchers to the School Office.



#### **Canteen**

The Canteen Calendar is available online with up-to-date information. It is located on the school website at the following location: [www.alexander.nsw.edu.au/canteen.html](http://www.alexander.nsw.edu.au/canteen.html)

A big Thank You to all the parents who have volunteered for the canteen service this term.

#### **Next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting – location to be confirmed.

If you'd like to join us please email [PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au](mailto:PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au)

**Sonia Panikian**  
P&C Coordinator



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and more...



## JOIN THE INNOVATION MOVEMENT!

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

7:30 pm

Light Refreshments to Follow

Presented by **AGBU Central Board Member and AGBU AVC Founding President**  
**Dr. Yervant Zorian**



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## Our Graduates Make Us Proud!



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we celebrated the launch of George (Kevork) Dertadian's debut book 'A Fine Line: Painkillers and Pleasure in the Age of Anxiety' at UNSW Bookshop.

Dr Kevork Dertadian is a former student of AGBU Alexander Primary School and the current Secretary of the School Board. It was also wonderful to see Alexander school graduates and friends at the successful launch of his book. (L to R: Nyree Pezikian, Hagop Keoroghlyan, Kevork Dertadian, Manoug Demirjian, Gabriel Aprahamian & Alisha Aprahamian).

Congratulations! We are proud of your achievements!

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Do you have a child who is ready to start school?  
Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child? Would you like to see them in class, experiencing the real school environment before you make your final decision?

Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your child - 9486 3266



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**SATURDAY 18TH MAY 6PM**

**AGBU Alexander  
Primary P & C Presents**

**An evening filled with fun, food and entertainment  
for the WHOLE family**

**Ararat Cultural Centre, 3 Grattan Cres, Frenchs Forest**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Adults \$50**

**Kids (under 12) \$25**

**Kids (under 4) Free**

**Ticket Sales:**

**Sonia Panikian: 0415462177**

**School Office: 94863266**



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