Dear Parents,

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the following families who attended our working bee last Sunday. Amirzaian, Demirjian, Dikranian, Manoukian, Misislian, Khatchadourian, Smith, Topouzian and even one of the first Alexander school parents Garbis Abedjian were all here to help maintain the school grounds.

Thanks to everyone’s effort, we managed to give the front gardens and the porch around the classrooms a good cleaning out. The playground edges were weeded for a much tidier look. Trees were trimmed and dead ones removed. Gutters were cleaned including the stormwater pits. As usual, the children worked very hard and provided help were needed.

One of the big projects for the day involved the construction of a possum proof structure over the vegetable gardens. Great progress was made in this area and with only the netting to be installed over the frame, the possums will need to work harder to find their food from their native surroundings! There is always a great feeling of community and a sense of satisfaction when our families get together, enjoy each others company and work for the good of the school in such a willing way. Well done everybody and Thank You - heaps!!

**ALL WELCOME ON PALM SUNDAY - OPEN DAY, 1 APRIL 2012**

We are all looking forward to our annual Palm Sunday concert and picnic. Once again the children have prepared a great programme and we extend a special invitation to all members of the community to join us in our celebration. The day has also been set as our first **Open Day** for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have and are working hard to help make the day a success. They include members of the Board, P&C, parents, teachers and students. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

A list of student reminders is included in the Newsletter. A roster has also been attached to help spread the tasks evenly across all families.

**A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

In light of our Palm Sunday celebration over the weekend, I would like to remind all of our visitors that our school is a smoke-free environment. Smokers need to refrain from smoking on school grounds as it is against the law. A designated area is set aside on the side of the property.

Apart from the known health issues, we need to stop the undesirable problem of cigarette butts littering the school grounds after similar events. Please take note and remind family and friends to respect and protect our children’s environment.

**EARTH HOUR - SATURDAY, MARCH 31 @ 8:30PM**

Earth Hour 2012 is upon us! Are you prepared for lights out tomorrow night? Earth Hour relies on all organisations, no matter how big or small, to take on Earth Hour in their own workplaces. The more people we inspire through all networks to change the world we live in, the bigger our efforts will be!

Our school has once again signed up for this special event. I encourage everyone to visit the website - [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) to see the difference you can make tomorrow at 8:30pm and beyond…

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

Before you go to bed on Saturday, remember to set your clocks **back** one hour… This will give you the much needed extra hour of sleep, otherwise it will make sure you are not late to our Palm Sunday event!

Manoug Demirjian

30th March 2012
REMINDERS…

Palm Sunday Celebration

- Students -

✦ All students are expected to be at school by 1:30pm, wearing a plain white T-shirt, their summer sports shorts/skorts & their white sports shoes & socks.

✦ You are asked to take fancy hats to Mrs Seta’s classroom and place them on desks, ready for the Hat Parade.

✦ Make sure you have taken time to eat and drink before the concert.

✦ Hat Parade, followed by the Palm Sunday Concert. Starting at 2:30pm.

✦ Raffle draw after the performance. Note: Egg & Spoon races will be held during the final week of school.

✦ Remember School Rules and do not go out of bounds without an adult. Be polite to all our visitors and enjoy the day!

- Parents -

✦ Please deliver your sweets for the Cake Stall to the Canteen as you arrive.

✦ Food will be served from 12:30. Rolls (Falafel & Chicken) $8.

✦ Please help out as much as possible. Check your roster.

Canteen Notice

LUNCH SPECIAL FOR NEXT WEEK
By Mrs Betchakjian

Tuesday - 3 April 2012

Nuggets & Wedges ................. (4 pieces) $3.50
................................... (6 pieces) $4.00

FOLLOW NORMAL ORDERING PROCEDURES

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Sevan - 158 points
Yerevan - 149 points

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 10

Year 4: Narek Topouzian, Serly Sarkissian
Year 3: Nina Kehyayan
Year 1: Lara Kachichian, Lilit Topouzian
Kevork Demirjian
Kindergarten: Alexandra Dikranian

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 10

8 Points – Sevan .......... $9.50
6 Points – Yerevan .......... $7.50

TOTAL: .............. $17.00

ACCUMULATED: ............. $172.15

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BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...
Miss Meaghan Knudsen

DATES TO REMEMBER

31/03 Robert Chilinguirian Dance Concert
01/04 Palm Sunday Concert & Picnic
02/04 Chocolate Fundraising Money Due
03/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
04/04 Life Education Van Visit
05/04 Last Day Term 1
06/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
07/04 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
08/04 Easter Sunday
09/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
15/04 AGBU Foundation Anniversary
23/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
24/04 First day Term 2 - Students Return
Photo Gallery...

Working Bee
On behalf of Year 3/4 we would like to Thank all the parents and teachers who supported our Lunch Special on Wednesday. Also thank you to Mrs Sonia Apanian.

Here are some simple steps to save energy at school

1. Lights & Computers
   - Turn-off lights and fans when no one is in the classroom, especially at recess and lunchtime.
   - Turn-off computers & monitors when they aren’t in use.

2. Heating
   - Keep the doors & windows closed in the classroom when the heating is running.
   - Make sure the thermostat settings are not set too high or too low.

3. Water
   - Turn off the taps and bubblers when you are finished.
   - Tell a teacher if there is a leaking tap in the toilets, classroom or playground.