Dear Parents,

**Palm Sunday Celebrations Uncover the Symbols of Easter**

Last Sunday dawned bright and clear as parents, family and friends descended on the school early to put everything in place for our annual Easter Concert and Picnic. It was a perfect day to be outdoors basking under the Autumn sun. Weeks of preparation and planning finally came together as everyone contributed to the success of the day. The smell of the delicious food and sweets filled the warm atmosphere, as everyone gathered under the newly constructed Covered Outdoor Learning Area. The new covered location for this year’s concert not only brought comfort to the guests but also to the performing students on stage.

The Hat Parade was once again amazing with its colour and spectacle, thanks to the great inventiveness of parents who take this challenge most cooperatively. The Easter Theme presented by the students related to the Symbols of Easter. They looked beautiful, smart and attentive as they performed songs, poems, readings and dances showcasing the quality and diversity of education at Alexander Primary.

At the end of the day, the success was obvious from the looks on the faces of the happy and satisfied families going home. Thank you all for making it a great success, including our guest Robert Chilingirian!

**Fun with Healthy Harold**

On Wednesday the students participated in the Life Education Modules. These are positive programs that develop the social skills and knowledge necessary for effective decision-making, communication, negotiation, peer resistance and refusal in drug-related situations.

K-2 joined Harold’s Super-Hero Team. Their job was to make the world a healthier and safer place for everyone. Their jobs included exploring local environmental and health issues, the need for medicines and their safe use and storage, emergency drug procedures and the issues around litter and used syringes.

Years 3 and 4 were taken inside a futuristic machine ‘The Venture’. The Captain and his crew took the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood the students explored the functions of the various body parts and discovered how magnificent the human body really is.

Year 5 and 6 examined the decision-making process, especially the factors that influence decision-making. They employed role-play to assess and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations.

**City Excursion - First Day Back**

On the first day students return from the Easter break, we will travel to the city to visit a number of venues. Our first stop will be the NSW Parliament, where we will be greeted by the Member for Willoughby, Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP. She will accompany us to the Armenian Genocide Commemorative ‘Khachkar’, where we will lay a wreath in memory of the victims. We will then head on to the Botanical Gardens where we will increase our understanding and appreciation of plants and the environment through hands-on activities. After lunch, we will join the congregation from the Armenian Apostolic Church to pay our respect at the Cenotaph in Martin Place on the eve of ANZAC day.

Students will need to wear their full summer uniform with their winter jumper. Food and drinks need to be provided in throw away containers or paper/plastic bags to lessen the load being carried on the day.

**5th April 2012**

*Manoug Demirjian*
DATES TO REMEMBER
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
School Excursion to City Venues
Armenian Genocide Commemoration
25/04 ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
27/04 I.C.A.S. - Slips and payment due
15/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
16/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
17/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEAKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 11

8 Points – YEREVAN ................ $11.40
6 Points – SEVAN ................... $5.20
TOTAL: ............................. $16.60
ACCUMULATED: ................... $190.75

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THANK YOU...

Mr & Mrs Victor Aghazarian
Light Up - Kingsford

For donating a wonderful oil painting of Mount Ararat to the school.

Once again thank you on behalf of the students and staff of AGBU Alexander Primary School

Remember...
Please remember to check, comment, sign & return the Student Portfolios next Term.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM I – WEEK 11
Year 6: Sonya Boyadjian
Year 5: Jessica Jelenkerian, Jonathan Amirzaian
Christine Boyadjian, Samuel Tatoossian
Year 2: Matthew Zorlu, Chanel Dikranian
Talia Shamaon, Noah Smith, Anita Kachichian Y1

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

SEVAN - 182 points
YEREVAN - 177 points

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Lieu of flowers for the Late Arto Poladian
Mr & Mrs Arto and Daniela Tchetchenian $100
Mr & Mrs Chris and Katrina Tchetchenian $100
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian $100
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian $50
Mr & Mrs Garo and Margo Zerounian $50
Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonya Boghossian $50
Mr & Mrs Ara and Maro Khohararian $50
Hampartoum, Annie and Souren Khatchadourian $50
Mrs Foulig Touloumbadij $50
Mr Kevork Pezikian $25

May his soul rest in peace.

In Memoriam for the Late Azkanaz Panossian
Mr & Mrs Noubar and Knar Soghomonian $50

In Support of Alexander School
Mr & Mrs Yerchan and Sossie Giragosian $100
Ms Madlen Keoshgerian $50

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SCHOOL CHOCOLATE DRIVE - THANK YOU!
Thank you to the families who so promptly sent in money and also to those who were able to sell another box and help the school reach its target. All money should have been received at the office by now. If you have not yet sent in your payment of $70, please do so on early next Term.

We are happy to announce that the funds from this activity will be put towards new resources to benefit the school and all of our students. Once again Thank You for everyone who took part in this activity. Hope we can do it again another time!

PRIZES: The P&C provided the following **Lucky-Dip Prizes: 3x $5 Canteen Vouchers.**

**Winners:** Talia Shamaon, Tzolare Giragosian and Lara Kachichian

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 3-6

Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) is an education group of UNSW Global Pty Ltd, a not-for-profit provider of education, training and consulting services and a wholly owned enterprise of the University of New South Wales.

EAA’s main product is the annual **International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS),** formerly known as the Australasian Schools Competitions. Over 1.7 million students from across Australia, N.Z. and the Pacific region participate in ICAS each year, with an additional 700,000 entries internationally from other countries. A University of New South Wales medal is awarded in each subject when a top score in each year level in each locale is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Other high performing students receive certificates of high distinction, distinction and credit. All students who participate receive a UNSW Certificate acknowledging their achievement.

Our school will again offer these tests for Years 3-6, which will take place between May and August. The school is offering Computer Skills, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics, while Spelling at this stage is not being recommended. Writing is marked by hand, not by computer, hence the cost difference.

The school needs to register the number of students sitting each of the tests. Parents who would like to have their child/ren participate in any one or all of the tests are asked to complete and return the form below. Closing date for applications and payment for all tests is **Friday, 27th April 2012. Please do not be late.**

Indicate your choice of tests by placing a tick in the appropriate box/es. Provision has been made for families with more than one child at the school. Please return form with payment to the office by **Friday, 27th April.**

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**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 3 - 6**

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MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ____________________  
(Cheques payable to: AGBU Alexander Primary School)

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________  
DATE: ______________________

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Education Tax Refund
Now includes school uniforms purchased from 1 July 2011

The Australian Government is helping with the cost of educating your kids.

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50% back on a range of educational expenses. And now, school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, are included.

Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by your child’s school as its uniform may be claimed in next year’s refund.

To check your eligibility and see what may be claimed, visit the website.

And remember to keep all your receipts for tax time.

australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund

Education Tax Refund
Claim everything you are entitled to

A special Fact Sheet Update from the Australian Taxation Office was enclosed with last week’s Newsletter.
**Canteen for Term 2**
A new canteen menu and roster will be provided early next Term. Please note the changes to snack as well as lunch specials. Remember to keep your canteen lists in a handy spot.

*Support your canteen, support your school!*

If there are parents or relatives who would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the school office.

**We'd like to say a big Thank You to …**

😊 Our school mums and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Christine Apanian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Gayane Topouzian and Ms Martine Smith. Also to Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for providing a delicious lunch special and for preparing and cooking special dinner packs for canteen sales.

😊 All new and current members of the School Board and the Parents & Citizens Committee: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Salina Dikranian, Mrs Heidi Jelenkerian, Mrs Elena Kehyayan, Mrs Gayane Topouzian, Ms Martine Smith, Ms Elena Zalata and Mrs Maria Amirzaian

😊 All school families including the P & C for organising and running the Easter Concert & Picnic. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!

😊 Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for preparing and donating the lovely craftwork for the Palm Sunday raffle tickets.

😊 Mrs Ani Aroyan for donating the bread rolls for the Palm Sunday picnic.

😊 All school families for their generous contribution of chocolate Easter eggs. Making sure we had beautiful gift hampers as raffle prizes and the delicacies for the cake stall helped boost our profits for the day.

😊 Mr & Mrs Toros and Margueritte Boyadjian for donating two brand new Microwave ovens for the Canteen and Staff Room.

😊 Mr Vatche Topouzian for repairing one of the canteen drawers with his handy woodwork and for framing the donated oil painting of Mt Ararat.

😊 Mrs Angela Khatchadourian for her effort in beautifying the school gardens and for donating new plants.

😊 Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the K-2 class and for doing special tasks around the school.

**COLES - SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**
The school has received all the sporting equipment that had been ordered as part of the ‘sports gear for your school’ program run by Coles last year. Thanks to your support we now have:

- A set of mini and macro skill-step hurdles, a large turbo ball pump, soccer balls with a set of passing arches, a Soft ‘N’ Safe ball kit with a variety of balls, a bell ball, a set of catch cones and a pair of stompers.

All ready to be used during our sports sessions next term!

**Mothers' Day Luncheon**
Organised by
AGBU Alexander Primary School P & C Committee

Saturday, 20th May, 2012 at 12:30pm

CEDRUS LEBANESE RESTAURANT
100 Belmore Street, Ryde NSW 2112

Donation: $50
Photo Gallery... Easter Celebrations

[Images of Easter celebrations]

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