Dear Parents,

**MOTHER’S DAY - THURSDAY ASSEMBLY**

An invitation is extended to all our parents and members of the community to join us during our special Mother’s Day Assembly on Thursday afternoon. As stated at the Parent Information Evening, the school will not be hosting its annual Mothers’ Day Concert & Picnic this year. To make sure we continue to celebrate this wonderful day, the school has decided to run a special assembly next Thursday, 10 May ‘12.

During the special assembly, 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.

Please note that the P&C has organised a Mothers’ Day Luncheon this year on Sunday, 20th May. Details are published in the newsletter. It is for mothers and grandmothers only, and if you would like to join them then I urge you to book your places early as they only have limited seating.

**NEW BUS ROUTE - A SMOOTH RUN**

After a week’s trial run, it seems that everything is in order for the new bus route to Chatswood. It did not take long for the students to get used to the change. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of all the parents, we have now eliminated the need for a transfer at the Sydney Japanese School and the students have a direct route from the school to their destinations. We hope this will serve all our future needs.

The new timetable has been made available to all the parents. It is also published in the newsletter and on the school web site.

**ARMENIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY**

Last night I had the opportunity to be present at an important community briefing at the Armenian Apostolic Church hall, which was organised and supported by all sectors of Sydney’s Armenian community. Doctors Frieda Jordan and Sevak Avagyan, from the Armenian Bone Marrow Donors Registry (ABMDR) presented the important role the organisation has played in establishing a highly regarded Stem Cell Harvesting Centre in Yerevan, Armenia. They had attended an international conference held in Sydney and used the opportunity to bring this important issue to another community in the Diaspora, including their campaign goal of building a transplant centre in Armenia

The organisation so far has around 23,000 donors on its register and helps match patients around the world who need a bone marrow transplant. Because of the reliance on a patient’s genetic HLA (transplantation proteins) to find a match, it is difficult to find a donor. However, members of the same ethnic group are genetically closer to each other and therefore they are more likely to have the same HLA profile. For this reason having Armenians from around the world on this register helps other Armenians who are seeking ABMDR’s help to find a match for bone marrow transplants.

I encourage members of the community to obtain further information from the ABMDR website and register as a donor by following a few simple steps, understanding that one day it might be one of us who can give the gift of life. [www.abmdr.am](http://www.abmdr.am)

**WINTER UNIFORM**

The school will change into its Winter Uniform starting next week. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the uniform policy. A reminder that students are no longer allowed to wear the new optional jumper for summer. Please make sure the Winter Sports Uniform, in particular the tracksuit pants is purchased from the school uniform shop and matches for consistency. We now also have a long sleeved polo shirt for winter sport. Thank you for your cooperation.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

4th May 2012
**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday to...
- Talia Shamaon
- Garo Betchakjian

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**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 2**

**HOUSE POINTS TERM 2**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

- **SEVAN** - 21 points
- **YEREVAN** - 28 points

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 09/05 Interschool Debating Comp. - Workshop
- 11/05 Mothers’ Day - Children’s School Stall
- 15/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
- 16/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
- 17/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
- 20/05 Mothers’ Day Luncheon Organised by P&C
- 22/05 I.C.A.S. - Computer Assessment, Years 3-6
- 06/06 I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 3-6
- 11/06 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
- 18/06 I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
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**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 2**

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**ACCUMULATED:** $209.25

*Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church*

www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

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**Mothers’ Day**

**Children’s Stall**

**Friday 11th May, 2012**

*School shopping for Mothers’ Day*

Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their mum on Friday, 11th May.

The gifts will be provided by the P&C up to the cost of $10 each.

If there are extra gifts students can also buy for grandmothers, aunties etc. as long as they have enough money... so come prepared!

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**~ Needed ~**

Please help the P&C by sending in wrapping paper required for the Mothers’ Day Stall.

Note: Mothers’ Day Luncheon - 20/5/12

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 1 – WEEK 2**

- Year 6: Levon Kehyayan
- Year 5: Kevork Kachichian
- Year 4: Serly Sarkissian, Silvy Giragosian
- Year 3: Taniel Betchakjian, Tzolare Giragosian
- Year 1: Christopher Khatchadourian

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NEW BUS ROUTE - FOREST COACH LINES
The afternoon bus route of the Forest Coach Lines to Chatswood effective Monday, 30th April.

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KEY: (L) Bus turns Left (R) Bus Turns Right

TIMES ARE INDICATIVE AND MAY VARY DUE TO ROAD & WEATHER CONDITIONS

Woolworths
Earn & Learn 2012

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources - simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket.

From Wednesday 9th May, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or at your local supermarket.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

For further information go to woolworths.com.au/eamandlearn

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Organised by
AGBU Alexander Primary School P & C Committee

Sunday, 20th May, 2012 at 12:30pm
CEDRUS LEBANESE RESTAURANT
100 Belmore Street, Ryde NSW 2112

Donation: $50

Limited seating. For reservations please contact the school office - 9486 3266.

Visitez-nous sur Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

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