Dear Parents,

**ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY & FAIR - SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

On behalf of AGBU Alexander Primary School, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the community to come along and enjoy our annual ‘Armenian Cultural Day & Fair’ program. The event will take place on Sunday, 18th November 2012 at the school between 10:00am - 4:00pm.

The Armenian Culture Day & Fair is a day of celebration, bringing together the children, graduates, parents and the wider community to celebrate the Armenian language and culture. This year we are celebrating 500 Years of Armenian Printing and the Armenian city of Yerevan being chosen as the World Book Capital 2012 by UNESCO. There will be student and guest performances and a special exhibition in the school hall celebrating these milestones.

There has been great deal of learning and preparing by all the students. The Armenian lessons have been centred around the theme. The program is now getting fine tuned... the display in the hall is starting to come into shape... the stalls and rides will be arriving soon... the visiting performers will add to the excitement and flavour of the day... topped up with delicious food, sweets and a great atmosphere!!!

Parents are being asked to help with the day’s organisation and general fundraising. As always, I’m sure everyone will contribute to make the day a great success. Further information will be provided next week.

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the families and friends who attended our Working Bee last Sunday. Thanks to everyone’s effort the school grounds are looking nicer and brighter than ever!

One of the big projects for the day involved the construction of a covered area near the canteen. The project is a generous gift from a community member who has not only provided the material for the construction, but also their time and effort. Mr Iskender Narman had realised there was the need for a shaded area near the canteen during major school functions, where the space is usually utilised for catering activities. Together with his assistant Mr Vahe Keoshgerian and support from parents on the day, they managed to complete most of the construction which is expected to be finished and ready for use on our Cultural Day.

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!!

**40TH DAY REQUIEM SERVICES FOR HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP BALIOZIAN**

The following services and commemorations will be held over the weekend:

**Saturday 27 October**

A special requiem service will be held for our dearly departed Primate on Saturday at 10.00am on the burial site at Macquarie Park Cemetery in North Ryde.

**Sunday 28 October**

The Divine Liturgy and requiem service will take place at the Church of Holy Resurrection from 10.30am with the participation of the Karasoun Mangounk Children's Choir under the conductorship of Deacon Vartan Elmasian.

Following the church service, a memorial lunch (hokejush) will be served in the Edgarian hall. Community members are invited to pay their final respect at these services during this period of observance.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

26th October 2012
**HOUSE POINTS TERM 4**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

**SEVAN** - 55 points  
**YEREVAN** - 64 points

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 4 – WEEK 3**

- Year 5: Kevork Kachichian
- Year 4: Serly Sarkissian, Krikor Demirjian
- Year 3: Taniel Betchakjian
- Year 2: Kevork Demirjian

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 12/11 Kindergarten Orientation / Transition Day
- 18/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair 2012
- 29/11 2013 Captain Speeches & Election
- 07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day  
  Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
- 09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
- 12/12 Last Day Term 4 for students
- 13/12 Staff Planning Day 2113

*Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.*

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**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 3**

- 8 Points – **YEREVAN** ………… $11.80
- 6 Points – **SEVAN** ………… $6.20

**TOTAL:** ………… **$18.00**

**ACCUMULATED:** ………… **$548.15**

*Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church  
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au*

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**ABC Reading Eggs**

At AGBU Alexander Primary School, members of staff are constantly looking for ways to use technology innovatively and effectively. This year the students have embarked on an online reading program which is sure to hold their attention. The program is currently being trailed by the students and will be evaluated at the end of the year. We expect to fully implement and integrate it into our daily learning activities at the start of next year.

**ABC Reading Eggs** makes learning of essential reading skills a fun and motivating experience for primary school students. The program supports the core literacy teaching and gets the students successfully started to becoming proficient readers. The students then progress to **Reading Eggspress** which further develops their grammar, vocabulary and comprehension skills. The students will receive a log in name and password so that they can participate in these activities at home as well as at school. They do an initial test where they are put on the correct level so that they can progress at their own pace and focus on key reading, spelling, grammar, writing skills and vocabulary development.

The **ABC Reading Eggs** program also provides teachers with many resources including hundreds of Big Books, a library of over 1000 e-books, teaching notes, guides and interactive presentations. I am sure that it will be an extremely well used resource both at home and at school. If you have any questions about this resource and its implementation please contact your child’s teacher as we like to have feedback from our parents.

Mrs Vicky Dernee  
Curriculum Coordinator

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**News from the Classroom...**

**ABC Reading Eggs**
EXTRA PHOTO ORDER

SCHOOL PHOTO $20

If you are interested in ordering a whole school photo, then please contact the school office on 9486 3266 and ask for the special order form and the payment envelope from ‘Academy Photography’. Alternatively, fill the order form when you have viewed a sample copy near the office.

GRADUATE’S PHOTO $15

This year, there is also the opportunity to purchase a Graduate’s photo with staff. Once again a sample copy is available for viewing near the office.

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
In Support of Alexander School

Mr Wayne Butler $50

Cancer Council recommends you protect yourself in 5 ways:

SLIP on clothing that covers your arms and legs
SLAP on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat
SLOP on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen
SEEK shade
SLIDE on wrap around sunglasses

2012 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to

Jasmine Malouf - Year 1

Photo Gallery...

Working Bee

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool

Term 4 - Week 3

www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
Armenian Cultural Day & Fair

Sunday 18 November
10am - 4pm

Official Opening Ceremony of the New Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
Funded by the Australian Government Building the Education Revolution (BER) Primary Schools for the 21 Century (P21) Program
Opening Ceremony @ 1.30pm

Come and join us on our annual cultural day
for a day of fun, entertainment and food!

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