Dear Parents,

ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY & FAIR

On Sunday 18th of November the sun did shine and so did the students of AGBU Alexander Primary School at the annual Armenian Cultural Day & Fair, by putting on one of the best cultural displays the Armenian community of Sydney has ever seen. Over 600 members of the community came to not only witness a great cultural exhibition, but to also see a wonderful student performance that celebrated ‘500 Years of Armenian Printing’ and the city of Yerevan being chosen as the World Book Capital 2012 by UNESCO.

From the comments and feedback received, it is clear that it was a wonderful display of Armenian culture with meticulous attention to detail. One comment states - “Amazing! Great work, well prepared and well organized, bringing back the glorious past history of Armenia and Armenians. Thank you.” Visitors who came to see the exhibition during the past week included a group of Year 6 and Year 8 students and their teachers from Galstaun College. One student has commented - “Congratulations on the exhibition. It is amazing to see all these historical artifacts. It is nice to see that our Armenian history is still very important. Thank you for the experience.” The exhibition will be on display for another week, before being moved to other venues. We are most likely to take part of the display to the City of Ryde Library, thanks to the support of Councillor Artin Etmekdjian.

The cultural day program included the official opening ceremony for the Covered Outdoor Learning Area and we would like to thank all the guests who joined in the blessing and unveiling of the plaque. The new facility has been a great addition and thanks to the support of the Australian Government it will serve the needs of the school community for many years to come.

Thank you everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Our special notes of appreciation are listed in the newsletter to all those who made sure the day was a huge success. With the event getting bigger and better every year, we can only look forward to the next one!

HARVEST DAY!

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all our families and friends to come to our Vegetable Garden Harvest Day! It will be held on Thursday 29th of November starting at 12pm. Please check the newsletter for details including the menu for the day! I would like to thank Ms Smith and the parents who are helping her organise this wonderful event.

During the week Peter Rutherford from Kimbriki visited the school to check on the progress of the gardens and helped us get ready for our harvest day with special gardening tips.

23rd November 2012
**HOUSE POINTS TERM 4**

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

- **Sevan** - 143 points
- **Yerevan** - 155 points

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 26/11: Book Club Orders Due
- 29/11: Vegetable Garden - Harvest Day!
- 07/12: Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
- 07/12: Armenian Welfare Centre - Christmas Visit
- 09/12: Christmas Concert and Graduation
- 10/12: Clean-up & Party Day (Talent Show) - Mufti
- 12/12: Last Day Term 4 for students
- 13/12: Staff Planning Day 2113

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

**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

TERM 4 – WEEK 7

- Year 2: Lilit Topouzian
- Lara Kachichian

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

- Happy Birthday to...
- Samuel Tateossian
- Jasmine Malouf

**ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND**

**WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 7**

- 8 Points – **Yerevan** ………… $7.85
- 6 Points – **Sevan** ………… $7.15

**TOTAL:** ………… **$15.00**

**ACCUMULATED:** ………… **$599.25**

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
BUS TRAVEL FORMS FOR YEAR 2 STUDENTS & ADDRESS CHANGES
It is a requirement by the Department of Transport for students progressing from Year 2 to 3 to complete new subsidised bus travel forms. Parents of Year 2 students have a form enclosed that needs to be returned to the school Office by Thursday, 29th November.

The Department has once again requested an audit of the school bus passes, and for this reason we need new bus application forms completed by those students who have changed their address recently. Once again, please return completed forms to the school Office by Thursday, 29th November.

“This Christmas, give a gift to someone who has nothing”

THE SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TOY & BOOK APPEAL IS ON AGAIN!
Throughout the year, The Smith Family helps disadvantaged families in many different ways, but they try particularly to bring some joy at Christmas. One popular means is to help provide toys and gifts for children. The Smith Family works with caring Australians just like you to collect and distribute more than 20,000 Toy and Book Christmas gift packs to financially disadvantaged children around Australia.

How you can help?
- We have put up a “Giving Tree” at school where you can place your gifts.
- Attach a gift tag with your present and send it in by Friday, 7th December.

What toys/gifts are needed?
- New toys and books for boys and girls. See ‘Fact Sheet - Recommended Toys’.
- Ideas for gifts: vouchers from large store chains (Myers, Kmart, Big W), sports toys, board games and puzzles, watches, art/craft/bead sets, dolls, remote control cars, electronic hand-held games, action figures, lego/meccano sets… and, of course, books!
- Please do not wrap gifts. The Smith Family must unwrap wrapped presents to check the contents, to ensure that they are appropriate gifts for children. We hope you understand this necessity.
- The Smith Family cannot accept the following gifts:
  - Second hand toys, clothes, toiletries, broken toys, toys that replicate weapons, knives, religious books, calendars/diaries, candles, lamps, manchester, adult games or videos or items used for marketing a company or brand.

  When you are buying presents for this Christmas, please remember to give a gift to someone who has nothing. Place your gifts under the “Giving Tree” at school.

Thank you for helping and for being a part of everyone’s family - The Smith Family.

Invitation...

Harvest Day @ Alexander School!
We would like to invite school families and friends to our Vegetable Garden Harvest Day!
Thursday - 29 November 2012

Join us from 12pm and enjoy the fruits of our labour.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Wednesday 28/11/12.

The event is proudly sponsored by the
Ready Set Grow Program
Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Northern Sydney Local Area Health District
Alexander Primary School
Harvest Festival

MENU

SALADS
GARDEN SALAD
Lettuces, tomatoes and marigolds from the garden, dressing by Maggie.
COLESLAW
Cabbage, carrots and red onion from the garden & mayonnaise made by Ani and Noah’s Nanna.
BEETROOT SALAD
Roasted beetroot, beetroot leaves, mint and parsley from the garden & feta cheese.
POTATO SALAD
Potatoes, parsley and mustard sprouts from the garden & mayonnaise made by Serge.

MAINSA
PESTO PEA PASTA
Sweet basil and peas from the garden, pesto sauce, parmesan cheese and pasta.
CABBAGE DOLMA
Cabbage from the garden, ‘Dolma’ with meat and rice made by Margo & Maggie.
BUTTER BEANS
Butter beans from the garden with a French vinaigrette.

ACCOMPLIMENTS
LEBANESE BREAD

DESSERT
STRAWBERRIES & PASSION FRUIT
Strawberries and passion fruit, (not from the garden this year but definitely next year) and frozen coconut yogurt.

DRINKS
THIRST QUENCHING WATER
Crystal clear, cool water flavoured with lemon and mint.

Harvesters and Chefs:
The students from Alexander School assisted by:
Ms Smith and parents.
and
Thanks also to Northern Beaches Health Promotion for arranging the funding.
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY & FAIR
SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2012

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PERFORMERS

ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
PRESENTING
‘Books - the eternal presence of our knowledge’

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING GUEST PERFORMERS
‘NOR SEROUNT’ FOLKLORIC DANCE GROUP
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR
HAMAZKAINE ARMENIAN SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY
MRS SHNOR JANOIAN
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTER

THE EVENT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
MR & MRS VAHE AND SETA KEOSHGERIAN, GEORGE & SEVAG
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MRS SOSSIE GIRAGOSIAN
ALEXANDER GRADUATES
TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD
&
ALL THE SCHOOL FAMILIES
WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR THE GRAND SUCCESS OF THE DAY.
AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating 500 Years of Armenian Printing

Opening Ceremony of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area

Sunday 18th November 2012
ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Presentation &
Graduation Evening

Sunday
9th December 2012

From
4:30pm

Gemjian Hall

Invite family and friends to
Congratulate our Students
and to
Farewell our Graduates

2 Namba Road, Duffys Forest

For more information please contact the School Office - 9486 3266

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