Dear Parents,

**HARVEST DAY @ ALEXANDER SCHOOL**

Yesterday afternoon, the school hosted a wonderful and should I say mouth wateringly delicious ‘Vegetable Garden Harvest Day’! Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for a beautifully presented and prepared lunch at the covered outdoor facility.

Over the past few days and in particular the morning of our harvest, the students, staff and parents were busy collecting, preparing and harvesting the fruits of their labour from our two vegetable gardens. The menu that was then put forward for all to see and taste was fantastic! It certainly passed all expectations, including that of our *Ready Set Grow Program* promotion officer Jenna Bilton from the Northern Beaches Health District. Thank you for their support throughout the year and sponsorship of this great program which we hope will continue next year. On this occasion, Jenna presented the school a stone fruit tree with three varieties of stone fruits grafted. We hope by next year we will be able to add fruit-salad to our menu!

Special thank you to Ms Martine Smith who has worked tirelessly with all the students to make our gardens flourish. She has inspired all the students, including staff and parents to take up gardening in our backyard and reciprocate what we have successfully achieved here at school. The children have not only learnt a great deal about the garden and life cycle of fruits and vegetables, but have also picked up skills of maintaining a worm farm and compost heaps.

Once again thank you to all the parents who supported and helped with the preparation of the day’s lunch. We cannot wait for the next feed!

Please check today’s Newsletter for all the information about the final weeks of school.

**MANOUG DEMIRJIAN**

30th November 2012
PRESENTATION & GRADUATION EVENING - ORGANISATION

**Student Arrival Time:** All students are expected to be at school by **4:30pm. No later!**

**What To Wear & What to Bring:** Students should come to school in **full summer uniform** (without hats). Make sure you have polished black shoes, pressed uniforms and tidy hair. Only **blue** hair accessories for girls, please!
- Year 6 graduate will need graduation attire, on hanger.

**Starting Time:** The **Presentation & Graduation Evening** will commence at **4:30pm.** It will be held in the Gemjian Hall. We encourage parents to invite friends and family to congratulate our students and farewell our graduates.

**Canteen:** There will be no intervals. However, before and after the event **sandwiches and drinks** will be made available for purchase from the canteen. There will also be tea, coffee, sweets and cakes.

**Note:** All families have been requested to bring **sweets** for the evening. Please complete and return the form provided indicating your choices by early next week. Any additional contributions of sweets from parents would be welcome. Please make sure you supply them to the **Canteen** area as soon as you arrive.

**Awards and Graduation:** We will have **reserved** seating for invited guests and parents of Year 6 graduates. We hope all parents will be compliant with these seating arrangements.

**Year 6 Graduation Party:** Year 5 students together with their parents will host a Graduation Party for Year 6 graduates and their families at the end of the concert. Please take party food to the **Staff Room.**

The party will be held in the Gemjian Hall and is by **Invitation Only.**

**Notice to Parents, Families and Friends:** It is requested that all **former graduates and students** of APS call the office by early next week if they intend to visit us during the final week of school.

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**HOUSE POINTS TERM 4**

**Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards**

**SEVAN** - 162 points

**YEREVAN** - 174 points

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**TEACHERS’ AWARD**

**TERM 4 – WEEK 8**

Year 6: Sonya Boyadjian
Year 5: Christine Boyadjian
   - Ani Manoukian
   - Kevork Kachichian
   - Samuel Tateossian
Year 4: Serly Sarkissian
Year 1: Jessica Mislisian
   - Kevork Demirjian
   - Christopher Khatchadourian
Kinder: Alexandra Dikranian

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **07/12** Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
- **08/12** Armenian Welfare Centre - Christmas Visit
- **End of School Swimming Program**
- **Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out**
- **09/12** Christmas Concert and Graduation
- **10/12** Clean-up & Party Day (Talent Show) - Mufti
- **11/12** Local Bush Walk - Details coming up
- **12/12** Last Day Term 4 for students
   - Alexander Rest Home - Christmas Visit
   - Final Assembly - Kindergarten Graduation
- **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 8**

- **8 Points** – **YEREVAN** ............. $11.75
- **6 Points** – **SEVAN** ............. $5.60

**TOTAL:** ............. **$17.35**

**ACCUMULATED:** ............. **$616.60**

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

[www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au](http://www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au)
YEARS 5-6 STUDENTS TO VISIT ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTRE

On Friday, 7th December, the Years 5 and 6 students will visit the Armenian Community Welfare Centre in Chatswood to entertain the elderly folk of the aged day care facility, at the Edgarian Hall of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Our students are invited back year after year to perform at the centre’s Christmas Party because of the joyous atmosphere they create. This has become a rewarding experience for the elders of our community and we hope, in turn, for our students who will look back on such outings in the years to come with personal gratification.

Students will travel to and from school to the Armenian Community Welfare Centre on a community bus. They will leave at 10:30am and return by 12:30pm. They will be accompanied by and supervised by their classroom teachers.

Please complete the permission slip below & return it to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday, 4th December.

Parents are welcome to attend the performance which is expected to commence around 11.00am

PLEASE BRING YOUR SANTA HATS!

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I grant permission for my child/ren to perform for the aged day care facility at the Armenian Community Welfare Centre, Chatswood on Friday, 7th December, 2012. I understand students will travel to and from school by community bus and will be supervised by teachers.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: ___________________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________________ DATE: ________________

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The P&C would like to ask all families if they can please indicate by placing a tick in the box below, the type of sweet they will be making/bringing for the Christmas Concert Sweets Stall. Please return the slip to the school office early next week to help us organise the event. Once again, Thank You for your support.

YES, I will be contributing to the Christmas Concert Sweets Stall and I will be making…

Please Tick: Cake  Armenian Sweet  Home Made Biscuits  Slice  Other: __________________ Quantity: ________

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ________________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _________________________________________ DATE: ________________
PARTY DAY - Monday, 10th December
We all look forward to a great Party Day to treat ourselves after a long year of hard work. So let’s make this the best Party Day and Talent Show ever!

Party day is also a MUFTI DAY so students can wear fun, sensible party clothes. Please remember, that our Mufti Day Dress Code will apply as usual. So NO open shoes, make-up, hair-spray, midriffs, inappropriate slogans on clothing or jewellery. Students will need a hat and a school bag to help carry books home.

PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MORNING TEA AS PARTY FOOD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL LUNCHTIME.

For this year, the P&C has decided to repeat last year’s organisation of the party food. Instead of being asked to provide a certain type of food or drink, each student has been asked to contribute $10 (or $20 per family) toward the purchase of the party food.

We hope this will relieve families of the added responsibility and it will make sure that we have just the right amount for everyone.

Please fill in the slip on the following page and return with your contribution by Friday.

ALSO

Please fill in the entry slip on the following page if you want to take part in the Talent Show. All participants must have an entry form signed by their parents.
ALEXANDER REST HOME CHRISTMAS VISIT - Wednesday, 12th December
Years 5 & 6 students will perform for the residents of the Alexander Rest Home on Wednesday, 12th December during our annual Christmas visit. The performance will be held around 10:30am. Students will travel to and from school by teachers’ cars and volunteer helpers’ cars and they will remain under their supervision.

Please return the permission slip below by Friday, 7th December.

ALEXANDER REST HOME CHRISTMAS VISIT
Years 5 & 6

I grant permission for my child to attend the Alexander Rest Home at Brookvale for a Christmas visit on Wednesday, 12th December, 2012. I understand students will travel to and from school by private cars and remain under the supervision of the drivers to and from the venue and teachers at the venue.

Would you be able to help with transport in a private car? Yes ☐ No ☐

STUDENT’S NAME: __________________________________________________________
PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________________________ DATE: ____________

TALENT SHOW - Monday, 10th December
We invite students to take part in a talent show after lunch during our Party Day on Monday, 10th December. Whether you dance, sing, play an instrument, tell jokes or recite a poem, this is an opportunity to perform in front of your friends and teachers. Make sure you are well rehearsed for the day. We hope to see some interesting acts and some talented performers.

Students who wish to be part of the talent show, must complete the entry form below and return to class teachers by Monday, 10th December.

TALENT SHOW ENTRY FORM

STUDENT’S NAME/S: __________________________________________________________
TYPE OF ACT: ________________________________________________________________
TITLE OF ACT: _______________________________________________________________
PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________________________ DATE: ____________

PARTY DAY - CONTRIBUTION

Please find enclosed our family’s contribution for the Party Day - Monday, 10th December.

NAME OF STUDENT/S: ______________________________________ DATE: ____________
PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________ AMOUNT: $______ ($10 per student / $20 per family)

TERM 4 - WEEK 8  www.alexander.nsw.edu.au
REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!

Each class has a Crunch&Sip break each day for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Next Week…

* The final Newsletter for 2012
* Student Reports

Coming Soon…

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