Dear Parents,

**Palm Sunday Celebrations**

Last Sunday was a bright and beautiful day as students, parents, graduates, family and friends descended on the school following the Palm Sunday church services. It was the annual Easter celebrations, with the theme presented by the students relating to the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The smell of the delicious food and sweets filled the warm atmosphere, as everyone gathered under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area. The Hat Parade was once again amazing with its colour and spectacle. The children looked beautiful, smart and attentive as they performed wonderful songs of praise, poems, readings and dances showcasing the quality and diversity of education at Alexander primary.

The scripture tells us that when Jesus was being welcomed into Jerusalem some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” Jesus replied “I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!” Following in His footsteps, I have no doubt that if students of Alexander school are silenced, then not only the stones of Duffy’s Forest but the whole world will cry out! Because the sounds that come out of this school are the joys of our children, the future of the community.

On the same note, our Lord was warmly welcomed into Jerusalem knowing full well the suffering and sacrifices He was to endure in the coming days. Every morning as the students enter the school grounds they are welcomed by the smiles of our dedicated teachers, entrusted by parents to give them the best start in life. The choice that the parents have made is full of sacrifice, yet it is for the ultimate gain and benefit of their children. Jesus sacrificed His life for us, and as parents may we follow His example for the wellbeing of our children.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on **Thursday 11th April**. Please make sure the appointment form is completed and returned by Tuesday. Confirmation of your appointment time will be sent back on Friday.

As you all know, interview ‘peak-times’ are usually right after school or late in the evening. I understand that most of our parents have to travel long distances and sometimes like to have the interviews done just as they are picking up their children from school. However I’m sure you also understand that this isn’t always possible.

We will do our best to accommodate your special requests in relation to appointment times. I’m sure with the three given time slots we will have fewer disappointments, as parents are prepared to accept any time within the slots provided. If you have a problem with the confirmed appointment time, please contact the office to arrange for an alternative. Please note, Mrs Seta will be available for interviews about the Armenian classes prior to or after your scheduled interview on a first come first serve basis.

Please try to be on time for your appointment, as late-comers put others out. Also please be aware that there is only time for a ten minute interview. If an interview looks like it will go for longer, for instance, if a new discussion point has arisen, another time will have to be scheduled as someone else will be waiting for their time. Please note that student portfolios will also be given out on the day and we hope parents check, sign and return these by early next Term.

Children may attend interviews if you, they and the teacher are comfortable. If they come along with you, they are expected to stay quietly in one place, preferably with you as much as possible. Before and after interviews - roaming about the school will not be allowed.

“Պատերազմի ճմանակ՝ հաղթողներ” ~ “Օբերիմութենքի հաղթողներ”

**Manoug Demirjian**

29th March 2013
SCHOOL FEES DUE
A reminder that Term 1 School Fees were due for payment Thursday 4 April, 2013.
To avoid personal reminders being sent home with your child next week, please send in payment by Wednesday or contact the school office if you anticipate further delays.
It is important to note that the Term 1 fees mainly cover the expenses that the school has already incurred. Such as text books, exercise books, insurance etc.
Therefore, we would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with the suppliers continue to be met.

Note: Please note that there is an error on the due date, printed on the invoices.

School Banking
Banking Day: Thursday
Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 171 points
MASIS - 169 points

DATES TO REMEMBER
29/03 Good Friday - Public Holiday
30/03 Easter Saturday - Public Holiday
31/03 Easter Sunday
01/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday
6/7/04 Children’s Art Exhibition - Church Hall
08/04 Chocolate Fundraising Money Due
10/04 ICAS Slips and payment due - Years 2-6
11/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
12/04 Last Day Term 1
15/04 A.G.B.U. Foundation Anniversary
15/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
Please also check the electronic calendar in the ‘News & Events’ section of the school’s web site.

TEACHERS’ AWARD
TERM 1 – WEEK 9
Year 6: Ani, Samuel
Year 5: Krikor, Narek
Year 2: Anita, Lara
Lilit, Kevork
Christopher

DAYS TO REMEMBER

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL
Armenian Apostolic Church Council $300

In Support of Palm Sunday Celebrations
Mr & Mrs Toros and Sonia Boghossian $250
Mr & Mrs Hovhaness and Mary Kouyoumdjian $200
Mr & Mrs Vahe and Marta Khatchadourian $50
Mrs Foulig Touloumbadjian $50

The very competitive fees at Alexander Primary School often prompt school families to make financial donations to the school to further support school projects. The school welcomes your donation and those of our community members. Donations can also be made in lieu of gift-giving occasions or for memorials.

All donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND
WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 9

8 Points – MASIS ............. $15.90
6 Points – ARARAT ............. $13.90
TOTAL: .................. $29.80
ACCUMULATED: ............. $214.35

Sponsor a child in Armenia through the Armenian Apostolic Church
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au
Year of Achievements...
More Laptops for Students

Since the start of the year six more laptops have been introduced into our classrooms.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Forms Due Tuesday, 2nd April
Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted over one afternoon. Interviews with parents for all students will be held on Thursday, 11th April.

If you would like to make an appointment with Mr Manoug on general school matters, please make a note and a suitable time or date can be arranged.

Interviews will be of 10 minute duration with your child’s class teacher. Please note, Mrs Seta will be available for interviews about the Armenian classes prior to or after your scheduled interview on a first come first serve basis. Children are not expected to attend this evening. If they come along with you, they are expected to stay quietly in one place, preferably with you as much as possible. Before and after interviews - roaming about the school will not be allowed.

Parents are requested to complete the form below by ticking preferred time slots. Please be prepared to accept any session within that time slot. All effort will be made to ensured preferred appointment times. A confirmation notice will be sent next week.

Please return the completed form to the school Office by Tuesday, 2nd April.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - 11th April 2013

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COMMENORATION SERVICE
and
UNVEILING OF A
MEMORIAL KATCHKAR

dedicated to the late
ARCHBISHOP AGHAN BAlIOZIAN
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
of Australia and New Zealand

organised by
The Mayor of Willoughby, Cr Pat Reilly
and the Councillors of Willoughby City

Sunday 14 April 2013
at 3.00 p.m.

Upper Podium
The Concourse
409 Victoria Avenue
Chatswood

OUR COMMUNITY IS
INVITED TO ATTEND THE
COMMENORATION
**News from the Years 3&4 Classroom…**

**Bushwalk Diary**

Every second Friday throughout the term Year 3/4 have been going on a bushwalk. Each time we try to explore a different street in Duffy's Forest. These are some of the discoveries we have made on our adventures.

I found a beautiful Lily lying near long sticks. I found it on the amazing bushwalk our class went on the 15th March 2013. I felt so happy that I was going to find more wonderful things. (Chanel)

My whole class found some pretty horses. My class found these cool horses at the stables. They found them at the end of the bushwalk. I felt cool that my class saw some beautiful horses because I haven’t seen horses for a long time. (Talia)

This is a photograph of Talia, Tzolare, Chanel, Samo, Nina, Taniel, Noah and Matthew. We are in a line singing the “Element Anthem” on our bushwalk on Friday. I was so happy singing the Element Anthem. (Taniel)

Our teacher found this dark rock on the side of the road on the bushwalk. I felt scared because I thought there was a scary snake in there. (Samuel)

Ms Smith took an awesome photograph of me power napping on the comfy rope fence. When she took the photograph I felt very relaxed zzzzzzzz until the rope broke! (Noah)

Nina found a scary dead parrot on the dirt track. We found it at the beginning of the bushwalk. I felt very happy to find an amazing parrot. (Matthew)

On the muddy bushwalk on Friday we found lots of squishy mushrooms but these were the best one. They smell bad that’s why I felt revolted. (Nina)

This is me and I found a patterned tree. It was in a bushy place I could see. I felt really really happy to see this pattern tree. (Tzolare)
Photo Gallery...

Palm Sunday - Easter Celebrations

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