Dear Parents,

DEBATING COMPETITION
On Wednesday the debating season came to a close as the German International School Sydney hosted the finals debate in the ‘Forest District Interschool Debating Competition’. AGBU Alexander Primary School was represented by Taniel Betchakjian, Nina Kehyayan, Tzolare Giragosian and Matthew Zorlu as fourth speaker. They were up against the formidable team of the John Colet School. The students were challenged by the topic ‘If you see someone breaking the law or rule, you should tell’. Our team presented the affirmative case with the added pressure of coming into the finals undefeated and as the defending champions. Both teams had researched the topic well and were able to present excellent arguments. Each student was able to listen carefully to the arguments of the opposition and devise excellent rebutts… even repairs! It was an interesting and enjoyable debate. It was very closely fought, with our team coming up second best.

I would like to congratulate all the students from Years 4-6. Every student has had an input in our performance this year. Each week it has been a class effort to prepare the debate with every student preparing speeches and rebutts. Without the efforts of the whole class this result would not have been possible. Throughout the debates the students have developed the skills of clear thinking, thorough research, confident presentation and the ability to hear and understand what others are saying. I am very proud of their efforts and the way that they have represented the school.

I’m sure you all agree, that once again this proud result has been made possible thanks to the great support and guidance provided by Mrs Vicky Dernee. A big thank you on behalf of the students and parents.

ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
Today, on the eve of the 24th Anniversary of Independence for the Republic of Armenia, students from Years 4-6 visited the Alexander Nursing Home at Dee Why to celebrate the special occasion. In school tradition, our annual visit included a program of poetry recitals, patriotic songs and dance much to the delight of the elderly. The children sang and spoke well and were deeply appreciated by the residents, who also loved the opportunity of getting to know them afterwards. Special thank you to Mrs Seta Keoshgerian for putting together the program and for assisting with transport to and from the nursing home.

PORTFOLIOS GO HOME TODAY. PLEASE RETURN THEM PROMPTLY NEXT TERM.
HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY, EVERYBODY!

18th September, 2015

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HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 238 points
MASIS - 217 points

DATES TO REMEMBER

06/10 First day Term 4
16/10 Start of School Swimming Program
17/10 25th Anniversary Concert - Prep to Year 6
20/10 Prep/K Orientation Day
28/10 Junior First Aid Course - Years 3-6
07/11 Soccer Tournament @ GIS - Years 3-6
10/11 Prep/K Orientation Day
24/11 Prep/K Orientation Day
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
11/12 Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
13/12 Presentation and Graduation Concert

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 10

8 Points – ARARAT .......... $10.15
6 Points – MASIS .......... $7.85
TOTAL: ................ $18.00
ACCUMULATED: ............ $498.15

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthdays to:
Stephen
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Khloe
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Banking Day: Thursday

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News from the Classroom...

Years 5 & 6 Trip to Bathurst

We set off bright and early on Wednesday morning. After leaving John Colet School we picked up our friends at Ryde and embarked on the long journey to Echo Point. The day was clear so we had a fantastic view of the Three Sisters and the surrounding valley. We then took the short trip to the Scenic Railway. We all enjoyed the steep ride down the valley. After a bushwalk, which included observing many of the mining techniques and resources used in early mining we took the return journey backwards up the mountain in the railway.

After having our lunch we made the long journey to Abercrombie Caves. Our guide Stephen showed us through two caves. The first was the bushranger cave. This cave gained its name because it was a hide out for many of the bushrangers of the 1800s. There is a legend that there is still gold hidden somewhere within this cave. The second cave was the home to hibernating Bent Winged Bats.

We then journeyed to Rossmore Park. We settled into our rooms and then had a delicious dinner. After dinner we all participated in a bush dance. We had terrific fun following guided moves and doing our own free dances. After a long day it was time to retire to our cabins for the night.

Day Two began with a trip to the Mt Piper Power Station. Here we learnt how electricity was made and distributed to our houses. We first watched a video and then went on a tour of the plant. We made our way up to the top of the power station and then got to sit near the turbines, feeling the vibrations pulsing through our bodies. We all looked a sight in our bright blue helmets and protective glasses.

We then made our way back to Rossmore Park where we watched the cattle and drone show. Tzolare got to feed a new born lamb, Samuel feed an orphaned baby calf and Taniel got to milk a cow. We then saw the animals as they paraded to their spots on their own specific platforms. After this we went on a bumpy hayride around the farm. Then we were able to visit the animals in the animal nursery.
After dinner an Aboriginal elder visited to tell us about the aboriginal culture. She brought many aboriginal artefacts with her. She showed us boomerangs, an emu caller and clothing made with possum skins.

On the last day of our trip we journeyed to Hill End. Our class formed a team and we visited landmarks answering questions about them. It was a great way to find out information about the town’s history. Next we went to the Bald Hill Underground mine. This was a gold mine that had been used at the time of the gold rush. Here we learnt about gold mining techniques. We also got to climb a 30 metre ladder out of the mine.

Our last stop was gold panning. We filled our pans with soil and sat by the water, swirling our pans in search of gold. Some students were lucky enough to find a speck of gold, but most of us came away with soggy shoes and socks. It was a fantastic excursion. It was jam packed with wonderful educational experiences as well as being the most fun way to learn.

By: Year 5/6
SWIMMING LESSON NEEDS FOR TERM 4

Students require the following items for swimming lessons to commence on Friday, 16th October (Week 2).

- **Swimming Costumes:** Girls must wear one piece costumes, no board shorts (two piece costumes are not permitted). Boys are to wear only Speedo type swimmers, not board shorts. All costumes must be worn under sports uniform.
- **Swimming Cap:** All students must wear swimming caps to reduce the risk of earaches and avoid wet hair. Please label caps with student’s name.
- **Swimming Goggles:** All students must wear goggles to reduce irritation to eyes. Label goggles for easy identification by students.
- **Thongs/Sandals:** Bring a pair of thongs or sandals which will be worn to and from the pool. Again, please label each thong or sandal with your child’s name to avoid confusion.
- **Undergarments:** Clean underwear should be supplied for students to change into after swimming.
- **Towel:** Supply a towel adequate in size for drying.
- **Swimming bag:** This should be separate from school bag and will store towel, undergarments and thongs.

Please remember... Swimming lessons start Week 2.

TERM 4 SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students will return to school next term wearing **Summer Uniform**. However, during the first two weeks after the holidays either uniform will be acceptable, depending on the weather. To ensure your summer uniform needs are met, please ask your children to try on old uniforms and check if garments need replacement. The school has limited stock of uniform so should you require new garments please ring the school office as soon as we return from holidays.

CANTEEN FOR TERM 4

The Term 4 Canteen Calendar and Menu will be given out early next term. Remember to keep them in a handy spot. Please note that they are subject to change and it is always a good idea to refer to our online calendar for up-to-date information. A big Thank You to all the parents who have volunteered for the canteen service.

Support your canteen, support your school!

We’d like to say a big Thank You to ...

- Our school mums and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Karis Khatchadourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair and Mrs Soushan Akayan, Mrs Cynthia Tomassian and Mrs Natalie Urriola.
- Mrs Karis Khatchadourian for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- P & C members and parents for organising, running and supporting the Fathers’ Day Cruise and the Fathers Day Stall. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!
- Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for donating the lovely craftwork for the Fathers’ Day Cruise raffle tickets.
- Mrs Armine Sevazlian for making a great difference with her contribution as Library Coordinator. Apart from accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books, she has also helped make the Library more inviting and accessible to the students during lunchtimes.
- Mrs Karis Khatchadourian (Canteen Coordinator) for organising the Sports Day Canteen facility.
- Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian and senior students for their tireless effort in developing and maintaining the Vegetable Garden and the Chicken Coop.
- Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the P-2 class and for doing special tasks around the school.
- All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!
2015 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to
Lara
Vanessa
Elizabeth
Tzolare

Photo Gallery

Armenian Independence Day @ Alexander Rest Home

http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool
Life Education NSW mobile classroom will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 7th October, 2015.

Life Education provides a positive health based education program for students in P/K to Year 6 and helps them gain an appreciation and respect for the human body. The aim of Life Education is to reduce drug abuse and the older students discuss the effects of drugs on the body.

The Life Education programs are progressive and each year students participate in a different program building on the knowledge gained in previous years. Programs also help to develop life skills enabling students to make informed choices concerning their health and to be confident in politely informing their friends and peers of their decisions concerning drugs and other issues. The programs are a fully integrated part of the curriculum. Specially designed teachers’ manuals and children’s work sheets provide ongoing class material to further develop skills and knowledge.

**HAROLD MERCHANDISE**

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organization that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

Please return permission slip and money to the office by Tuesday, 6th October.

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Students may bring money to buy these listed Happy Harold products directly from the Life Education Van.

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**LIFE EDUCATION NSW VISIT - P-6**

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Life Education NSW mobile classroom which will visit AGBU Alexander Primary School on Wednesday, 7th October 2015.

STUDENT/S NAME/S: .................................................................

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ........................................... DATE: ............

MONEY ENCLOSED: $ ................... ($10.00 per student)

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