

Dear Parents,

### ASIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The last Thursday of the school term saw the culmination of our Asian Studies. The celebrations started with a delicious lunch and selection of Vietnamese, Balinese or Indian cuisine. The Vietnamese spring rolls and a mango rice pudding, the Indian curry puffs and butter chicken together with the Naan bread were great to taste. The Balinese Nasi goreng together with a number of complementary deserts and sweets made the perfect lunch for all to enjoy. The students were then able to share the knowledge they had gained about their Asian country in our special assembly.

It was wonderful to see all the students dressed up in the traditional costumes of their respective country of study. The hall was also nicely decorated with fantastic displays and a table full of information about each Asian country.



After individually presenting the fascinating information they had learnt about India, Years 1 & 2 had a fun dance display that put Bollywood to the test. Prep and Kindergarten students were next to discuss and answer questions about Vietnam. They were able to share some factual information and show some of their craftwork. This was followed by a Vietnamese music and dance performed by the students.

Years 3-6 presented their extensive knowledge of Bali and acted out a two traditional fables: Cicak and Kancil & The Mouse-Deer and the Crocodile. Both stories told us about each animal's characteristics. They then set up a mini percussion orchestra to mimic a Balinese gamelan ensemble and played a traditional Balinese round. However, as if this was not enough, the audience were then asked to stand up and learn how to say 'head', 'shoulders', 'knees', 'toes' and other body parts in Balinese and before you know it everyone was singing and dancing the song we all love... in Balinese!

We not only had a fun and entertaining afternoon but also a great educational experience learning about some of the unique customs and aspects of the daily life of the three Asian countries studied.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff for organising the event and helping prepare the food and dress the children. Also a big thank you to all the parents who joined us in the afternoon to witness the great learning that takes place everyday in our classrooms.

*Have a lovely break and we hope to see you back refreshed next term.*

# 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 Sona Anoshian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Sarah Dixon, Mrs Annette Galstian, Mrs Lisa Jebian, Mrs Varteny Kachichian, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Angela Khatchadourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair and Mrs Soushan Akayan, Mrs Janette Misislian and Mrs Cynthia Tomassian.
- ☺ Our graduate mums Mrs Talar Bedikian and Mrs Sonia Apanian who had requested to be rostered on the canteen menu to help provide a lunch special, many years after their children have graduated from APS!
- ☺ Mrs Sarah Dixon for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- ☺ P & C members and parents for organising, running and supporting the Mothers Day Stall. Your help and contribution helped make the activity a great success. Thank you!
- ☺ Mrs Nune Akayan, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian and Mrs Anette Galstian for volunteering and dedicating their precious time and skills to help replace all the classroom curtains. Thanks to their mammoth effort, we now have 'made to measure' and lovely looking curtains to brighten up our classrooms.
- ☺ Mrs Armine Sevazlian for her contribution as Library Coordinator. Apart from accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books, she has helped make the Library inviting and accessible to the students.
- ☺ Mrs Lisa Jebian for organising the removal of our green waste. With her support we were able to distribute for free large amounts of firewood to the neighbours and local community.
- ☺ Mr Hratch Apoyan for donating and planting a well established pomegranate tree, a symbol of Armenia.
- ☺ Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian for preparing and running a well organised and educational cooking workshop for Years 1 & 2. The class was able to prepare very tasty Indian Naan bread as part of their Asia Studies.
- ☺ Our graduates Kevork Kachichian, Taniel Betchakjian, Krikor Demirjian, Narek Topouzian and Garo Betchakjian for visiting the school on their pupil-free days and helping with tasks around the school. Thanks to their gardening and weeding skills the school grounds are looking much nicer.
- ☺ Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in Years P-K 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!

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards*

**ARARAT** - 152 points

**MASIS** - 155 points

## School Banking

### Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

17/07	School Development Day (Pupil Free)
	Emergency Care & CPR Staff Training
18/07	First Day Term 3 - Students Return
27/07	Mothers Dinner Outing - Organised by P&C
01/08	ICAS - English Test (Years 2-6)
02/08	Interschool Debating Comp. # 2
09/08	Interschool Debating Comp. # 3
15/08	ICAS - Mathematics Test (Years 2-6)
16/08	Interschool Debating Comp. # Final
21/08	Start of Book Week and Book Fair
24/08	Book Week Assembly
22/09	Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
10/12	Christmas Concert and Graduation

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 10

8 Points – <b>Masis</b>	.....	\$15.25
6 Points – <b>Ararat</b>	.....	\$10.20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$25.45</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$389.20</b>

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### Great Start to the Debating Season!

The annual 'Forest District Interschool Debating Competition' is up and running in its 21<sup>st</sup> season this year. After taking part in the introductory 'Debating Workshop' at the Sydney Japanese International School in early May, the AGBU Alexander Primary School hosted the first debate last Wednesday. From the initial two debates, it was made very clear that we were going to have hard fought battles between all the competing schools.

In the first debate for the afternoon, Alexander school opposed the Sydney Japanese school. The topic was '*Parents do too much for their children*' and we were on the affirmative team. The team consisted of Lara, Anita, Lilit and Jessica as fourth speaker. Kevork took care of the time keeping while Christopher controlled the debate as the chairperson.

The Alexander team was able to use strong arguments and well thought out rebuts. We spoke clearly and were able to convince the adjudicators that we presented the stronger case. It was a great round one result!



#### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

*Happy Birthday to...*

Peter

Vanessa



#### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

*Happy Holiday Birthdays to...*

Lucas

Miss Holloway

### TEACHERS' AWARD

#### TERM 2 – WEEK 10

- Year 6: Kevork x2,  
Lilit, Lara  
Anita, Jessica  
Year 4: Albert, Zabel  
Asbed x2, Samson  
Year 3: Sara, Isabella  
Alina, Harry x2  
Stephen x2  
Lara, Elizabeth x2  
Year 2: Lara, Berj  
Sargis  
Year 1: Adelin, Martin  
Kindergarten: Kris, Lucas  
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Peter  
Prep: Dzila, David  
Lara



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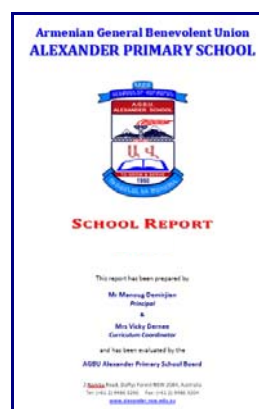
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## Cooking 'Naan' Indian Bread!

As part of the Asia Unit of study for this Term, the students of Years 1 & 2 had the opportunity to extend their knowledge of India by moving their classroom to the kitchen! During the final week of term, thanks to the support of parents and teachers, the students had the privilege of preparing and cooking both authentic and modern forms of Naan bread.

The well organised and prepared lessons in the school canteen were led by one of our parents Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian. With the assistance of classroom teacher Mrs Libby Lattimore, the cooking instructions were transformed into English, Mathematics and Science lessons. The students were in charge of the set tasks as they read, organised, measured and got their hands dirty by mixing and rolling the dough into shape.

After resting the dough for a few hours, the oven was heated and students were back into their rolling and final shaping to the required size before being placed into the oven. Within few minutes, the students could see the bread rising and puffed brown, ready to eat!

Thanks to their hard work and effort the bread tasted better than expected! They were so proud of their achievement that the students decided to share their creation with the rest of the school.

### Authentic Naan Bread

#### Ingredients:

- ◇ 3/4 cup lukewarm water
- ◇ 1 teaspoon dried active baking yeast
- ◇ 1 teaspoon caster sugar
- ◇ 280g plain flour (2 cups)
- ◇ 1 teaspoon salt
- ◇ 4 tablespoons ghee (or 8 tbsp. oil)
- ◇ 2 tablespoon plain yoghurt
- ◇ 2 teaspoons kalonji (black onion seed)

#### Directions:

1. Whisk the water with the yeast and sugar until yeast is dissolved. Cover and let it stand in a warm place for 10 minutes.
2. Sift flour and salt three times into a large bowl. Add the yeast mixture, half of the ghee (or oil) and all the yogurt. Mix into a soft dough then knead on a floured surface for about 5 minutes or until dough is smooth and elastic. Place the dough in a large greased bowl, cover and let stand in a warm place for 1<sup>1/2</sup> to 3 hours or until the dough has doubled in size.
3. Punch down dough then knead for 5 minutes. Divide dough into 6 pieces. Roll each piece out into 20cm round naans.
4. Cover a baking tray with foil and grease the foil. Brush the naan with a little of the remaining ghee (or oil) and sprinkle with some of the kalonji seeds. Cook naan one at a time under a very hot grill for about 2 minutes on each side or until puffed and just browned or in the oven 200C in baking tray for about 5 minutes.





## Visitors

### Graduates come to Serve

During the term, our graduates **Kevork Kachichian** (2013), **Taniel Betchakjian** (2015), **Krikor Demirjian** (2014), **Narek Topouzian** (2014) and **Garo Betchakjian** (2012) visited their primary school during their pupil-free days, ready to 'serve' and help with tasks where required.

We are always proud of our graduates who continue their close relationship with the school and are ready to serve in any way that they can.



## Visitors

### Dr Hrayr Jebejian

On Friday 30 June, we were honoured by a visit from Dr Hrayr Jebejian, the General Seceraty of the Bible Society in the Gulf. He was visiting us from Nicosia, Cyprus and was joined by Dr Krikor Youmshajekian, President of the Armenian Missionary Association of Australia and Minister of St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Longueville. Together, they toured the school and met with the students and staff.



## Visitors

### Parents of Graduates come to Serve

During the final week of term, parents of our graduates **Mrs Talar Bedikian** and **Mrs Sonia Apanian** visited Alexander school, following their request to be rostered on the canteen calendar, to help provide a lunch special for all the students, even after many years since their children's graduation!

It is very humbling and gratifying to have had such parents, that even after their graduate children Alexander Apanian (2004), Tatiana Bedikian (2008), Rebecca Apanian (2009) & Aren Bedikian (2010), they still have strong connections to the school and find the time to come and serve our students.

We thank them for their service, which we know will not be the last, and pray for God's blessing on them and their families.





# Alexander School Mums' Dinner Outing!

Organised by the P&C Committee.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 @ 7.30pm

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# Asia Studies Day & Assembly

29 June 2017

