

Dear Parents,

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

On Saturday, 'Masis' and 'Ararat' House Captains, and took part in Ryde City Council's annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration at the Genocide Memorial in Meadowbank.

Our student representatives took part in the wreath laying ceremony and in the commemoration program. Their speeches in English and Armenian were well received and commended by everyone, including Federal and State Members of Parliament, Councillors and representatives of Armenian community organisations.



ARMENIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR

On Tuesday, the Director of Armenia's National Library, **Mr Tigran Zargaryan** visited Alexander school accompanied by Father Avetis Hambardzumyan. Mr Zargaryan joined the Year 6 students in class and took part in an interesting and very educational dialogue with the students. He answered a number of formal and well thought out questions from the students which will no doubt leave a special mark in their memory.

Mr Zargaryan, also had the opportunity to tour the school and meet with the students and executive. We thanked our guest for the visit and wished him all the best, with the promise of enhancing our cooperation in the future.



N.A.P.L.A.N. NEXT WEEK

We have the compulsory National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 next week, with the 'Language Conventions and Writing' assessments on **Tuesday, 9th May**. The 'Reading' assessment on **Wednesday, 10th May** and the 'Numeracy' test will be held on **Thursday, 11th May**.

These tests can be stressful for the children. The best preparation is good rest during the week of the test, a calm, unrushed morning and a good breakfast before the test. Keep up the home reading each night so that your child does not find the reading part of the test too difficult. There is always a great deal of reading in these tests, except for the Writing. Even the Maths tends to have quite a bit of reading to get through.

Mrs Dernee is available to answer any concerns or questions you have in relation to these assessments.

MOTHERS' DAY - THURSDAY ASSEMBLY

An invitation is extended to all our parents and members of the community to join us during our special

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Mothers' Day Assembly on **Thursday** afternoon.

During the special assembly on **11th May**, students will have the opportunity to thank their mothers and grandmothers through poetry recitals, song and display. Come and join the celebration **after 2.00pm** to honour the special person in our lives - our mother.

SCHOOL TIMES

As you are aware, we have two *Crunch&Sip* breaks at school. One is before the morning bell, to give student the opportunity to eat some fruit or vegetables as they start their day in class, and one towards the end of the day. To ensure this extra time and the morning assembly do not flow into the first period, the **morning bell is set to ring at 8.55am**. The students then have five minutes of *Crunch&Sip* time before they line up for our morning assembly at 9.00am. Students need to be in class for the start of their first lesson at 9.05am.

Late arrivals need to follow the usual procedure of going to the office to sign in a late note before heading into class. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BOARD MEMBERS - SCHOOL VISITS

We are happy to report that School Board members will now be available at school on a weekly basis. Following the School Board and AGBU Sydney Chapter Committee's joint meeting, it has been decided that members of the School Board will make regular visits to the school to provide assistance and support.

Starting this week, Mr Sarkis Manoukian will be at school every Thursday. Mr Manoukian is a Board member and the Executive Director of AGBU Sydney. He will be joined by School Board Chair, Mrs Sossie Giragosian on a monthly basis, to follow up Board matters. While School Board Secretary, Dr Kevork Dertadian will help review operational and maintenance matters.

As a result, we hope parents will have the opportunity to be in touch with Board members on a regular basis.

WINTER UNIFORM

The school will change into its Winter Uniform starting next week. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the uniform policy. A reminder that we have a long sleeved polo shirt for winter sport. Thank you for your cooperation.

5th May, 2017

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 30 points

MASIS - 26 points



DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

*On the happy occasion of their daughter's
Wedding Celebration*

Mr & Mrs Garo Soghomonian \$500

In Support of the Easter Celebrations

Mr Toros Boghossian \$200

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 09/05 NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
- 10/05 NAP - Reading Assessment
- 11/05 NAP - Numeracy Assessment
Mothers' Day Assembly
- 12/05 Mothers' Day - Children's School Stall
- 19/05 Healthy Breakfast @ School - \$2 Donation
- 23/05 ICAS - Digital Technologies Test Years 3-6
- 24/05 'Friendship Day' @ Kinma School
- 30/05 ICAS - Science Test Years 2-6
- 12/06 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- 21/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 1

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 2

8 Points – **Masis** \$15.80

6 Points – **Ararat** \$14.80

TOTAL: **\$30.60**

ACCUMULATED: **\$245.45**

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 11th May, 2017 ~ 2:00pm

Come along to help celebrate and honour the special person in our lives ~ our mother.



INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION: Year 6

The Forest District Debating Competition for Year 6 will get under way next term. There was a Debating Workshop to teach debating skills and formats to all students of the four* schools on Wednesday, 3rd May. This was held at the Sydney Japanese School.

* Hamazkaine A&S Galstaun College will once again not be taking part in the competition this year.

Debating rounds will commence this term with our first debate on Wednesday, 21st June at our school. The competition will comprise of three rounds of debates with the final being held on Wednesday, 16th August 2017.

Below is a schedule of debating venues and we ask parents to **sign-off on all venues** to grant permission for your child to attend. Travel to and from venues will be private cars of school staff and parent volunteers, if required.



Our students will be accompanied to debating sessions by Mr Manoug Demirjian. This year the competition is being coordinated by Mr Demirjian and Mrs Dernee. Please return the signed form to school by **Monday, 8th May**.



FOREST DISTRICT INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION - Years 6

I grant permission for my child/ren _____

to attend the debates as outlined below. I understand s/he will travel to and from school by private cars of school staff and parent volunteers, if required. The debaters will be accompanied by Mr Manoug Demirjian.

DEBATE	DATE	VENUE	TRAVEL	PARENT'S SIGNATURE
Workshop	Wednesday 3 rd May	Sydney Japanese School	Private cars of staff & parents	I grant permission for my child/ren to attend the debates at the following venues: SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
# 1	Wednesday 21 st June	AGBU Alexander Primary School		
# 2	Wednesday 2 nd August	John Colet School	Private cars of staff & parents	
# 3	Wednesday 9 th August	Sydney Japanese School	Private cars of staff & parents	
Final & Party	Wednesday 16 th August	German International School	Private cars of staff & parents	



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For any enquiries, information, assistance,
correspondence, please contact:

Mr Sarkis Manoukian

AGBU Executive Director

Mothers' Day Children's Stall

Friday 12th May, 2017

School shopping for Mothers' Day

Students will have the opportunity to buy
gifts for their mum on Friday, 12th May .

The gifts will be provided by the P&C up
to the cost of \$10 each.

If there are extra gifts students can also
buy for grandmothers, aunties etc. as long
as they have enough money... so come
prepared!

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It's the law that tutors or coaches who work with your
children must have a **Working With Children Check**.

1

Tutors must
have a current
WWCC

2

Parents must
verify the
WWCC online

3

Got a clearance?
You're good
to go!



MOTHER'S DAY SPARKLING HIGH TEA

Nor Serount Ladies Auxiliary Committee would like to
invite you to an afternoon of delicacies with Assorted
Finger Sandwiches, Mini Quiche Tarts, Freshly Baked
Scones served with jam & cream, Decadent Petit Fours,
Choice of Assorted Boutique Teas/Coffee & a Glass
of Sparkling Wine.

Every Mother will also receive a special gift to take home!

Sunday 21st May 2017

2.30pm @ Atlantis Bar & Dining, 58 - 62 Delhi Road North Ryde

Pre-Book your seats via Facebook

or phone - 0431 470 228

Adults - \$45 Children under 12yrs - \$15



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Armenian General Benevolent Union, Sydney
2 Yeo Street Neutral Bay, NSW
AGBU Youth
youth@agbu.org.au

Dear members of the community,

As part of our Year of Benevolence, AGBU Youth is reaching out to services in the local area in order to provide support for vulnerable young people.

One of our initiatives involves preparing care packages for young people who have been suddenly removed from their homes. We are running a charitable drive to collect and deliver as many of these packages as we can between April and July, 2017.

We are writing to you today to ask if you would be willing to encourage your members to get involved by providing some care packages, and to act as a drop off point for the initiative.

Care packages will be distributed by the 'Alannah and Madeline Foundation' (AMF), and need to include the following:

- x1 backpack
- x1 toothbrush
- x1 tube of toothpaste
- x1 hairbrush
- x1 facewasher
- x1 pillowcase
- x1 pair of socks
- x1 pair of underwear
- x1 pair of pyjamas
- x1 picture frame
- x1 teddy bear (or soft toy)
- x1 activity kit
- x1 book

For more information, you can consult the AMF flyer attached. You can respond to this request via email at youth@agbu.org.au or by contacting Talar on 0425 209 471.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide. Looking forward to hearing from you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kev Dertadian', written over a horizontal line.

Kind regards,

Kev Dertadian, Ph.D.
AGBU Youth, Chairman



In partnership with



BUDDY BAG DRIVE

From April to July 2017



Help support children in need as part
AGBU Youth's year of benevolence.



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