

Dear Parents,

### MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

It was gratifying to see so many of our mothers and grandmothers at our special Mothers' Day Assembly yesterday afternoon. It certainly brought a sparkle to the eyes of all the students as they performed to one of the most important person in our lives - our mothers!

The stage came to life with the colourful displays and the projections on the big screen as each class presented what they had prepared for their mother, including a special badge that they attached on them upon entry. It was evident that the children enjoyed the beautiful songs and dance. Their reciting of great poetry and readings of love showed their affection towards their mothers. We were all fulfilled by their performances thanks to the guidance of our wonderful teachers who had prepared them so well.

Thank you to the P&C and all the parents who contributed to the afternoon tea. Once again thank you to all who came along to enjoy the occasion and in turn congratulated all our Mothers for their untiring work and support.



### BUDDY BAG DRIVE IN OUR 'YEAR TO SERVE'

In our *Year to Serve*, Alexander school will support the 'Buddy Bag' drive organised by the AGBU Youth, as part of their *Year of Benevolence* activities. As it was introduced in our Newsletter last week, the project involves preparing care packages for young people who have been suddenly removed from their homes.

We ask our parents to support this drive by helping prepare the packages, that will then be forwarded for distribution by the 'Alannah and Madeline Foundation'. Please check the newsletter for details or contact the school for more information.

### BREAKFAST @ SCHOOL

Next Friday, the school will 'Host a Healthy Breakfast' for all students to promote a healthy diet as part of the annual *Walk Safely to School Day* (WSTSD).

WSTSD is a community event promoting Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It is an opportunity for parents and carers of primary school aged children to promote safe pedestrian behaviour, the benefits of walking and the value of a healthy breakfast. See the newsletter for more information.



## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY ~ ՇՆՈՐՀԱՒՈՐ ՄԱՅՐԵՐՈՒ ՕՐ

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

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## STUDENT BANKING NEWS

### Enhance School Banking with the CommBank Youth app



The new CommBank Youth app is an innovative digital banking tool to help teach Australian children real-life money skills in an increasingly digital world.

With the CommBank Youth app, students can:

- ✓ Check their Youthsaver account balance
- ✓ View their School Banking deposits in the transaction history
- ✓ Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they have earned
- ✓ Set savings goals and monitor their progress
- ✓ Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

#### Term 2 2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the Term 2 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Tablet Case
- 3D Chalk Set



- ✓ The CommBank Youth app also allows students to enter their School Banking day as a reminder.
- ✓ Keep track of Dollarmites tokens for redemption

Once a student has reached 10 Dollarmites tokens, the CommBank Youth app will inform them that they're ready to redeem a reward item. Students will be directed to visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) where the latest Rewards Card is available to download and print.

[commbank.com.au/youthapp](http://commbank.com.au/youthapp)

For troubleshooting enquiries they can be directed to contact us on 13 2221.



#### Getting started

The CommBank Youth app is now available to download from the App Store on any iOS device (version 9.0+). Please note, only one child can log on per device. The CommBank Youth app is currently not available on Android devices. To log on, students will require their NetBank client number and password.

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards



**ARARAT** - 30 points

**MASIS** - 26 points



## DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

For Providing Wonderful Education to the  
Children of our Community

Mr & Mrs Rafik and Christine Sarkissian \$1,000

Thank you for your support.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 13/06 ICAS - Writing Test Years 3-6
- 14/06 ICAS - Spelling Test Years 3-6
- 21/06 Interschool Debating Comp. # 1
- 30/06 Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
- 17/07 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
- Emergency Care & CPR Staff Training
- 18/07 First Day Term 3 - Students Return

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 3

0 Points – <b>Masis</b>	.....	\$0.00
0 Points – <b>Ararat</b>	.....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$245.45</b>

**NO COLLECTION THIS WEEK!**

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
[www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au](http://www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au)



# Healthy Breakfast @ School



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017



Alexander school will 'Host a Healthy Breakfast' for all students to promote a healthy diet in conjunction with regular physical activity as part of the annual Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD).

WSTSD is a community event promoting Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It is an opportunity for parents and carers of primary school aged children to promote safe pedestrian behaviour, the benefits of walking and the value of a healthy breakfast.

## Photo Gallery

## Mothers' Day Assembly





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 facewisher
- 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!

Kind regards,

Kev Dertadian, Ph.D.  
AGBU Youth, Chairman



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## BUDDY BAG DRIVE

From April to July 2017



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



youth@agbu.org.au



agbusydney



agbu.org.au/buddybags



@agbusydney



**AGBU Alexander Primary School**  
Internet Web Site [www.alexander.nsw.edu.au](http://www.alexander.nsw.edu.au)



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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





# ABOUT

# Buddy Bags

## OUR VISION

Our vision is that every child will live in a safe and supportive environment.

## OUR HISTORY

Alannah & Madeline Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three who were tragically killed with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

Our programs are in one third of Australian schools and almost half of all public libraries.

More than 67,000 Buddy Bags have been distributed to children in refuges and foster care across the country since 2007.

We have reached more than 1.6 million children and their families nationwide since we began in 1997.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

The Foundation relies on donations and the broader community to support our work.

To make a donation, please visit [amf.org.au](http://amf.org.au) or call 1300 620 747.

## CONTACT US

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e. [info@amf.org.au](mailto:info@amf.org.au)

w. [www.amf.org.au](http://www.amf.org.au)

## Buddy Bags provide essential items to thousands of children in emergency accommodation every year.

Around 60,000 children in Australia are in emergency accommodation.

Many arrive with only the clothes they are wearing.

Buddy Bags are backpacks containing new, basic, essential items including:

- toothbrush, toothpaste
- hairbrush, facewisher
- pillowcase, PJs
- underwear, socks
- book, activity kit
- photo album; and
- teddy bear.



Buddy Bags also help restore a sense of safety and security during this time of trauma – one of the vital first steps to recovery.

**Buddy Bags are something they can call their own, no matter where they go.**



**To see how you can help, visit [amf.org.au](http://amf.org.au)**



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Alannah & Madeline  
Foundation

Buddy  
Bags

# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

**WALK.COM.AU**



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