

Dear Parents,

### **FUN WITH HEALTHY HAROLD**

The students had a great time on Wednesday, with a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education van.

**P/K** were invited on 'Harold's Friend Ship' to explore the qualities of a good friend, feelings and emotions, early warning signs, and safe & unsafe situations. The fun interactive learning experience empowered the students to make safer and healthier choices. They covered the following:

- ☺ How to build friendships and care for others
- ☺ Feelings and emotions
- ☺ Safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, and
- ☺ Safe places and people to turn to for help



**Years 1/2**, in the module 'Ready, Steady, Go!' focused on the benefits of healthy eating, physical activity, strategies to stay safe, and how our body reacts in different situations. They looked at:

- ✓ Benefits of physical activity
- ✓ Safety strategies in different environments
- ✓ Identifying how our body reacts in new situations
- ✓ What our body needs to be healthy including nutrition, water, and sleep



**Years 3-5** participated in the program 'bCyberwise', where they explored cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving. An interactive, student centred sessions covered:

- 🔗 Building positive relationships with online and offline friends
- 🔗 Safe and respectful behaviour online. Responsible behaviours when using communication technology
- 🔗 Strategies for keeping personal information safe online
- 🔗 Strategies to deal with face to face and cyberbullying
- 🔗 Exploring the role of bystanders

All the children enjoyed their valuable educational experiences with Harold. We would like to extend a big thank you to Louise who guided all the students through the various programs.

### **GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

Our gymnastics program for the term will come to an end, with the final session next week. Thanks to our providers 'Be Skilled Be Fit', the students have made wonderful progress. The program was well structured and catered for outcomes set out in the curriculum. In this week's session the students were tested on their overall performance, with reports due to be handed out early next term. The instructors have also made positive comments in terms of the goals set and targets achieved by students. We are all pleased with the results. Some of the photos that have already appeared on our Facebook page give a better view of all the fun and action!

6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

## News from the Armenian Classroom

### Ծաղկազարդ

Ծաղկազարդը այն օրն է, որ Յիսուս Երուսաղեմ եկաւ:

Երբ Յիսուս մօտեցաւ Երուսաղեմ քաղաքին, իր երկու աշակերտներուն ըսաւ, որ երթան դիմացի գիւղը և աւանակ մը բերեն: Յիսուս այդ աւանակին վրայ նստելով մտաւ Երուսաղեմ:

Ամեն ժողովուրդը ուրախացան և ձիթենիի ծիւղեր, արմաւենիի ոստեր և իրենց հագուստները դրին գետին, որ Յիսուս վրայէն անցնի:

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As part of our **Easter Celebrations**, the students took part in a number of fun and educational activities. They got their hands dirty for some delicious Easter Cooking. They watered some lentil seeds for Easter Planting, and helped to Colour some Eggs from our chicken coop for a game of Egg Cracking and Egg & Spoon Race!

Last Thursday, they took home a lovely Easter Pack with all the goodies! Thank you to all the teachers and wonderful parent volunteers who helped make our Easter Celebrations a memorable one.

Parents can view a **special video** produced on this occasion on our **Facebook** and **YouTube** pages.

**YouTube:** [https://youtu.be/Yi\\_SThpPp7g](https://youtu.be/Yi_SThpPp7g)



### HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards*



**YEREVAN** - 63 points  
**SEVAN** - 72 points



*Support your House Team and earn points by  
having the correct uniform, by following the  
playground rules and by being generous.*

### TEACHERS' AWARD

*Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award*

#### TERM 1 – WEEK 10

Year 5: Asbed

Year 3: Berj

Kinder: Lara, Arek

David

Dzila



### DATES TO REMEMBER

|       |  |
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| 13/04 | Last Day Term 1 - Mufti Day                |
| 15/04 | AGBU Foundation Anniversary                |
| 24/04 | Armenian Genocide Commemoration            |
| 25/04 | ANZAC Day - Public Holiday                 |
| 30/04 | School Development Day (Pupil Free)        |
| 01/05 | First Day Term 2 - Students Return         |
| 08/05 | ICAS - Digital Technologies Test Years 3-6 |
| 10/05 | Mothers' Day High Tea                      |
| 11/05 | Mothers' Day - Children's School Stall     |
| 15/05 | NAP - Language & Writing Assessments       |
| 16/05 | NAP - Reading Assessment                   |
| 17/05 | NAP - Numeracy Assessment                  |

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 10

8 Points – **Sevan** ..... \$9.80

6 Points – **Yerevan** ..... \$8.25

**TOTAL:** ..... **\$18.55**

**ACCUMULATED:** ..... **\$119.50**

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# National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2018

## Letter to Parents

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from **15-17 May 2018**.

| TUESDAY 15 MAY   | WEDNESDAY 16 MAY    | THURSDAY 17 MAY |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Language Conventions</b><br>(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | <b>Reading test</b> | <b>Numeracy</b> |
| <b>Writing test</b>  |                     |                 |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one Numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 18 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdraw from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent-Carer-support>



## Visitors to Alexander School

### Bank of Sydney ~ Armenian Missionary Association

During March, we hosted a number of overseas visitors and guests of honour. On 8 March, we had a brief visit by **Mr Nar Khatchadourian**, who was given a tour of the school. Mr Khatchadourian was in Sydney on a business trip from Lebanon, as a major shareholder in *Bank of Beirut* and current partner in 'Bank of Sydney'. He was accompanied by other members from the 'Bank of Sydney', Mr Soteris Hadjikyriacou (Head of Marketing) and Mr Hisham Nakkash (Senior Relationship Manager).

Mr Khatchadourian is well known by the AGBU community, being a member of many Armenian associations and board of trustees, including the Tekeyan Cultural Association. He is also the founder and board member of the Lebanese Armenian Friendship Association.



On Friday, 16 March we were honoured with the visit of over twelve guests, a special delegation from different parts of the world (America, Lebanon, France & Armenia) who had arrived in Sydney to join in the Centenary Celebrations of the **Armenian Missionary Association**. The Australian chapter of the association had organised the visit, led by Rev. Krikor Youmshajekian. Among the guests was Mrs Maral Deyirmenjian, the Principal of the Armenian Evangelical Central High School in Beirut, with whom we had the opportunity to meet and establish future cooperation and exchange.

The students, who were preparing for their Easter Concert, also performed for our honoured guests. A tour of the school was followed, where we were also joined by current and former members of the School Board. During morning tea, the guests had the opportunity to know more about the school, while at the same time, we were made aware of their roles and community activities.





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### Arayik Harutyunyan ~ State Minister, Artsakh Republic

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March our guest of honour was Hon Arayik Harutyunyan, the State Minister from the Artsakh Republic. The Minister, who was visiting the Sydney community, was accompanied by Mr Kaylar Michaelian, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Artsakh in Australia.

During our special assembly, the honoured guests were given a brief introduction to our school and witnessed student performances, including dance, poetry recitals and songs. Following a note of appreciation by Mr Michaelian, the State Minister was invited to address the students. The honourable minister, spoke warmly to the students and thanked them for their hospitality. He then invited our Captain to present the school with a flag of Artsakh. It was a historical moment, as the flag was raised for the first time at Alexander school.

Captain, Zabel in return thanked the minister for the visit and in exchange passed on an information pack with some Australian souvenirs.





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I Will Never Forget The Armenian Genocide

Ապրիլեան Եղեռնը անջնջելի յիշողութիւնն է՝ հայերուն, համայն մարդկութեան,  
մինչեւ ամբողջական ճանաչում, հատուցում՝ արեան ու հողին մեր նահատակներուն

HISTORY DOES NOT FADE AWAY, HISTORY SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED



**Lest we forget**

**103<sup>rd</sup> Armenian Genocide Anniversary Remembrance**

**Under the auspices of Primate Bishop H. Najarian**

**Organized by the AGBU Sydney Chapter**

**Sunday 22 April 2018, 6PM**

**AGBU Centre, 2 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay NSW**

***Main speaker from overseas: Vahagn Vardanyan***

*(Hong Kong – Singapore)*

*Master of Intl. Affairs (Missouri State University, USA)*

*M.B.A. (American University of Armenia)*

*Mr V. Vardanyan has been working on his doctoral thesis at the National Uni. Of Singapore on the area of National Identity. The thesis, successfully defended earlier this year, focuses on the Diaspora-Homeland relations.*

***Cultural program and Q. & A. with the speaker. Open invitation to all.***

A vibrant blue poster for AGBU Kids Weekend Camp. The background is a bright blue sky filled with small white stars and yellow dots. At the bottom, there are stylized green hills and a brown tent. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and yellow fonts. The AGBU logo is at the top, followed by the event name in large yellow letters. The dates and location are in white. A yellow banner highlights the 'SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY' event. A cloud graphic contains the price '\$75 PER CHILD'. The contact information is at the bottom in a white bar.

**AGBU**  
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**COME AND JOIN US AT**

**KIDS  
WEEKEND  
CAMP**

**APRIL 28 - 29, 2018**

**AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2 NAMBA ROAD, DUFFYS FOREST**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY**

**\$75  
PER CHILD**

**CONTACT US**  **youth@agbu.org.au**  **KeV: 0403 659 575**





AGBU Alexander Primary School P&C

# Mother's Day HIGH TEA

THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018 12PM - 3PM

**Come join us for an afternoon  
filled sophisticated delights  
celebrating motherhood.  
Grandmas, aunts, family and  
friends are all welcome.**

Donations \$45 per person  
All proceeds to contribute to  
new 3-6yr old playground

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