

Dear Parents,

A SAD FAREWELL - DR LEVON POLADIAN

On Tuesday, with deep sorrow and sadness, we farewelled one of the initial members of our School Board.

Dr Levon Poladian

served on the Board and chaired the Education Committee when the school was first established. During that period he also chaired the New South Wales High School Certificate (HSC) Armenian Syllabus Writing Team and the HSC Examination Committee.



I had the honour of knowing Dr Poladian and in particular his father Arto from a young age. When we were both involved in the AGBU theatrical group, I have fond memories of us acting out a comedy play at the AGBU Cultural Centre where he managed to captivate the audience with his humour and wit.



On behalf of the School Board and Alexander school community we pass on our condolences to the family and friends. We feel the untimely loss of a dear friend. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.

COMING UP...

Easter Celebrations & Open Day - Sunday, 18 March. We are all looking forward to our annual Easter concert and picnic. Once again the students are preparing a great programme and we extend a special invitation to all members of the community to join us in our celebration. The day has also been set as our first **Open Day** for the year.

It is an opportunity for current and future friends and families to visit the school and view our activities. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

COURTESY IS THE WORD AND THE ACTION!

As a virtue, you can't beat *courtesy* to make all those about you feel special and appreciated. The students are being encouraged to adopt *courtesy* as a virtue to be practised and expected from others.

How to be courteous?

- Say *please* and *thank you* whenever asking for anything.
- Give way at doorways, open the door for other people.
- Offer to carry things for adults who have a lot to carry.
- Look at people to whom you are speaking.
- Offer help to your classmates when they are in difficulty.
- Show you appreciate what others do for you.



Please reinforce this **virtue** in your home and help us to bring up well mannered children for the future good of our community.

23rd February, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, 18th March



Just over a three weeks to go before our annual Easter Celebrations with a concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic.

We hope all families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us. A reminder that it is **compulsory for all students to attend**. Teachers put much effort into organising concerts and preparing each student for their individual part.

How you can help make the day a success?

- ⇒ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
- ⇒ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (See below)
- ⇒ Assist the P&C with their roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
- ⇒ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.



Easter Eggs for Raffle



Our annual Easter Raffle is always very popular due to the exciting and abundant hampers on offer as prizes. It is the generosity of school families which enable us to prepare such wonderful baskets. We would like to call upon families to donate **Easter chocolates** again this year. A variety of chocolates would be appreciated – little sized eggs, medium sized eggs, large-sized eggs, bunnies, chicks, hollow eggs, cream-filled eggs – whatever. Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets. We also use excess chocolate eggs/bunnies as prizes for egg & spoon races. Please send your contribution to the school office as soon as possible and no later than **Monday, 12th March**. Also, if you have any **unwanted baskets** lying around at home, we would happily use them for the hampers.

Easter Cake Stall

The P&C committee has made a special request for all families to contribute cakes or sweets and make the Easter Cake Stall the best ever! Home-made fare, in particular traditional Armenian choreg, are always best sellers and fetch good prices. Some ideas for traditional sweets include – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava... Another popular selling item is homemade cake – uncut and sold whole.



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards




YEREVAN - 15 points
SEVAN - 13 points



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


DATES TO REMEMBER

24/02	Bunnings Fundraiser - Balgowlah
01/03	The Big Veggie Crunch
04/03	Working Bee
12/03	School Board Meeting
18/03	Easter Concert & Picnic
30/03	Good Friday - Public Holiday
31/03	Holy Saturday - Public Holiday
01/04	Easter Sunday
02/04	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
13/04	Last Day Term 1 - Mufti Day



School Banking

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



Please make sure the slips are filled and completed, with the correct amount enclosed, to help with the transaction.

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 4

8 Points – Yerevan	\$6.40
6 Points – Sevan	\$3.30
TOTAL:	\$9.70
ACCUMULATED:	\$24.30






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ALEXANDER SCHOOL LIBRARY

AGBU Alexander Primary School has a modern Library, which supports the educational program and curriculum of the School through providing relevant and useful materials, resources and teaching programs. The Library has over 5,000 resources including junior and senior fiction, non-fiction, reference materials, teaching resources, audio-visual materials, catalogues, and much more. The Library Automation System operates the *Oliver Junior* software, a web based library and information management solution, especially designed for schools. The Library Management System helps to catalogue and circulate books as well as giving the students and teaching staff easy access to the system to locate and use library resources online effectively through its OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) system. It allows the students and the teaching staff to access the system online from anywhere and anytime.



The objectives of the Library are:

-  *to provide the students and teaching staff with resources useful and relevant to the academic needs and teaching curriculum;*
-  *to educate the students to effectively and efficiently utilise online and offline library resources;*
-  *to develop students' interest in and commitment to books and reading;*
-  *to help students undertake research on a specific project.*
-  *to support students and teaching staff in library related activities and programs.*

What makes a difference for our Library is its bilingual nature, which allows the students to be exposed to a variety of materials and resources both in Armenian and English. The *Oliver Junior* library software also allows us to have a bilingual resource database in which we can search for resources in both English and Armenian.

Library Opening Hours

The Library is open on **Mondays** from 9:00am to 3:00pm. On Mondays the Library will be open for students to have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with new books obtained by the school, search for books of their choice to read in the library during the recesses or do research related to a specific homework or assignments.

Students who have their Library bags can also borrow new books and return the ones they've read.

Mrs Armine Sevazlian
Library Coordinator



EASTER CAKE STALL - CONTRIBUTION

The P&C would like to ask **all families** if they can please indicate the type of sweet they will be making/bringing for the Easter Cake Stall. Some ideas for traditional sweets include – choreg, kata, mahmoul, kaghka, kounafa, khourabyeh, baklava or homemade cake (uncut and sold whole). Please return slip to the school office early next week to help us organise the event. **Once again, Thank You for your support.**

✓ **YES, I will be contributing to the Easter Cake Stall and I will be making...**

Type of Sweet: _____ Quantity: _____

NAME OF STUDENT/S: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



AGBU

SYDNEY SPORT

COACH WANTED

AGBU Sport is looking for a basketball coach for a group of enthusiastic juniors.

Responsibilities would include training on Mondays in St Ives, between 5-6pm, with the potential of games in the future.

Enquire within!



agbu.org.au



Leeza: 0450 760 611



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KIDS BASKETBALL TRAINING FOR BOYS & GIRLS (UNDER 14)

MONDAYS FROM 5-6PM

TO REGISTER CALL:
LEEZA - 0450 760 611

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Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.

Alexander School is Registered for this program. Please collect and send your vouchers.