

Dear Parents,

WORKING BEE - THIS SUNDAY!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to join our Working Bee this Sunday, to help clean and tidy the gardens and grounds. This is the only opportunity we have before our annual Easter Concert and Open Day event. We have plenty to do... please join us from 9am.



TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Class Teachers: Years 3-6 Mrs Vicky Dernee | Years 1-2 Mrs Libby Lattimore & Mr Manoug Demirjian | P-K Miss Charlotte Holloway.

Armenian Language & Culture: Armenian Language lessons for Years P-6 are with Mrs Seta Keoshgerian | Armenian History, Religion and Culture (Culture) lessons for Years 1-6 are with Mr Manoug Demirjian and Prep with Mrs Seta Keoshgerian.

Eastern Armenian: The lessons are taught with the assistance of Yerekin Hasmik Hambardzumyan. She joins the Armenian classroom every *Wednesday* to deliver these lessons.

Scripture: The scripture instruction program will continue to be implemented across the whole year. Mrs Cynthia Tomassian has once again volunteered to join the weekly Culture classes on *Fridays* to assist with the teaching of scripture during Terms 1 and 4.

Music: The lessons are taught with the assistance of Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar on *Tuesdays*. She also provides private piano lessons on *Monday & Tuesdays*. Please contact the school office if you want to enrol your child. Lessons have commenced and we would like to remind students to have their piano books in their bags.

Library: Mrs Armine Sevazlian has volunteered to continue her role as Library Coordinator. Library borrowing days and lessons are on *Mondays*. The Library will also be open during recess and lunch.

Office: The office is managed by Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian. She also travels on the Ryde bus providing supervision and support. Mrs Boyadjian also assists with the running of the school canteen.

Teachers' Aide: We like to welcome Miss Noushig Yessayan and Ms Wendy Holloway as our new Teachers' Aides. They join the junior classes few times a week to provide assistance and support. We are specially please to see one of our initial graduates, Miss Noushig back at the school to assist!

Miss Christine Apanian is our volunteer classroom and office assistant.

THE NEWSLETTER IS FOR YOU

On a final note, may I urge parents to make special time each weekend to read through the pages of the school Newsletter with your child/ren. A great deal of time and effort is poured into producing this publication. It is compiled for the benefit of keeping you informed with what's happening at your child's school. Shared reading time will keep you up to date and will model positive attitudes toward school and learning.

2nd March, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



WORKING BEE

SUNDAY - 4th MARCH 2018

From 9am.

TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by *Friday, 23rd March*. We would appreciate prompt payment so that our trade terms with suppliers are met. If you believe there may be an error in your Tax Invoice please contact the school Office. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Parents are reminded that **Building Fund** contributions are **tax deductible** and special receipts will be issued in order to claim a deduction.

Payment may be sent through the post or paid directly to the school Office. Students delivering money to school should hand fees to the school office immediately on arrival to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost money in transit.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE: For K - 6 Students

In response to the national agenda and changes to the *NSW Education Act* resulting from the Wood Royal Commission and the new School Leaving Age, there are significant changes required to school processes and practices around student attendance. Under the *Education Act*, schools are required to ensure that individual students meet certain attendance standards. This includes mandatory attendance for students under 17 years of age unless exemptions are applicable.

ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters for the collection and reporting of student attendance data. As part of the implementation of the National Standards, **it is important to note that holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences.**

A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

- If the Principal **accepts** the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L".
- If the Principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and **does not accept** the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as "A".

As outlined during our *Parent Information Evening*, a note of reminder to all parents that reasonable or justified explanation of all student absence needs to be reported. This includes partial absences or leaves for an extended period. The new coding reflects these changes and teachers need to **legally report** all absences accordingly.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



YEREVAN - 21 points
SEVAN - 22 points



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

TEACHERS' AWARD

Congratulations to our first recipients of the year.

*Let your teacher know when you are ready to collect your
Teacher's Award and be included in this weekly honour list.*

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

TERM 1 – WEEK 5

Year 5: Zabel Panikian

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration

25/04 ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

8 Points – **Sevan** \$6.20

6 Points – **Yerevan** \$5.00

TOTAL: **\$11.20**

ACCUMULATED: **\$35.50**

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REMINDER...

We would like to remind those families who so far have not sent in their contribution for the Easter Raffle hampers, if they could donate Easter chocolates by **Monday 12/3/17**.

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.

We also like to know the type and quantity of sweet/s you will be able to supply for the Easter cake stall. Please complete and return the slip from last week's Newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Remember to design and make your fancy hat for the Easter Hat Parade. Only two weeks to go!

More information about student requirements for the day will be provided next week. Stay tuned!



REMEMBER!

*Design and make
your fancy hat
for the Easter*

Hat Parade!



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.



BOOK COVERS

All children should by now have covered all school books with clear plastic. Thank you parents for supporting your children in getting this annual chore out of the way.

Cancer Council recommends you protect yourself in 5 ways:



SLIP on clothing that covers your arms and legs

SLAP on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat

SLOP on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen

SEEK shade

SLIDE on wrap around sunglasses

Water is the best drink for kids

Crunch&Sip®

Students are able to keep a bottle of plain water to drink during the day. When students don't drink enough water, they can become dehydrated, which causes headaches, irritability and restlessness in the classroom.

Plain tap water is the best thirst-quencher as it has no added sugars, and contains a mineral that helps strengthen teeth and bones. Soft drinks, cordials, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters contain 6 teaspoons of sugar in every 250ml glass, which means they contain a large amount of energy. This can contribute to dental caries and decay and an excess energy intake (which can lead to overweight and obesity). So make sure you encourage your child to drink plain tap water at school by sending a bottle in their school bag. Children often enjoy cold water, so why not freeze a bottle to send in the lunchbox?

Also, try making water readily available at home. Have a jug of cold water in the fridge and place a jug of water on the table at meal times. Or make jugs of water more appealing by adding a slice of lemon or ice cubes made in novelty shaped trays.

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Կիրակի 18 Մարտ, 2018

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A.G.B.U. Alexander Primary School
Easter Celebrations

Sunday - 18th March, 2018

from lunchtime



*Join in the festivities of this special day,
as we join our Lord on His Last Supper.*

*A delicious lunch will be served. A day filled with enjoyable activities!
Colourful Easter Hat Parade, followed by student performances.*



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