

Dear Parents,

WORKING BEE - THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all the families who attended our Working Bee last Sunday, as we cleaned up our little corner of Australia on what was also 'Clean Up Australia Day'. Thanks to everyone's effort, we managed to remove the weeds from the gardens. The driveway and playground edges were cleaned and weeded out for a much tidier look. Gutters were cleaned, including the stormwater pits and the walkways around the school were pressure washed. Parents also managed to thoroughly clean and bring back the shine to the classroom chairs, while the sports storage area was sorted and organised. Another area that received similar attention was the Covered Outdoor Leaning Area (COLA), which was washed and the stage set up for the annual Easter Concert and picnic. A group of parents also helped to set up the garden beds in the greenhouse, getting it ready for our gardening and planting activities. As usual, the children also worked very hard and provided help were needed.



Morning tea was organised with the support of the P&C members, while lunch tasted delicious thanks to a hard day of work, with positive results. There is always a great feeling of community and a sense of satisfaction when our families get together, enjoy each others company and work for the good of the school in such a willing way. Well done everybody and Thank You - heaps!!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS & OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 18th MARCH

We are all looking forward to our annual Easter Concert and picnic. Once again the students have prepared 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 an **Open Day**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have and are working hard to help make the day a success. They include members of the P&C, parents, teachers and students. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!



A list of student reminders is included in the Newsletter. An updated roster has been provided to help spread the tasks evenly across all families.

'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK

As we discussed during the 'Parent Information Evening' at the start of the year, for over ten years, the school has been running a *Facebook* 'Group' called: *AGBU Alexander Primary School - Sydney, Australia*. It is a 'closed' group for graduates, ex-students and members of the school community. This means that members need to be approved before they can join. It also limits all postings on the page to group members only. It is a great way for graduates to be in contact with their school and classmates.



The school also has a *Facebook* 'Page'. This is open to *Facebook* users and acts like a web page. The Page is called: *AGBU Alexander Primary School*. Those who select the 'Like' button on the page become 'friends' and start receiving newsfeeds. It is a great way to promote the school and the activities to the community. I encourage our parents and members of the community to 'Like' the page, comment on any of the postings and join us on our wonderful journey...

9th March, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



Visit us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool



REMINDER...

We would like thank all the families who have pledged contributes to cake stall – we have plenty of great sweets and treats that will be available for sale at the picnic.

The Easter Raffle chocolate hampers will be prepared during the next week and we need more contributions, so please be sure to send donations to school no later than **Monday 12/3/17**.

Chocolates with minimal packaging are best suited as they will be rearranged in large baskets.

Thank you for your support!

REMEMBER!

*Design and make
your fancy hat
for the Easter*

Hat Parade!



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



YEREVAN - 29 points
SEVAN - 31 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

12/03 School Board Meeting
18/03 Easter Concert & Picnic

25/03 Palm Sunday
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

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Armenian Apostolic Church Council \$1,000

Fr Norayr and Yeretsgin Sonia Patanian \$500
On the happy occasion of their grandchildren
Anita & Lara Kachichian's graduation

Dr & Mrs Artin and Maro Jebejian \$500
In support of Alexander School, for a successful
2017 academic year

Mrs Verjin Markarian \$200

Mr & Mrs John and Sylvia Aghabekian \$200

Armenian Community Welfare Centre \$100

Thank you to your support.

In Memoriam for the Late Levon Apochian

Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian \$50

May his soul rest in peace.

TEACHERS' AWARD

*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 6

Year 5: Samson
Year 4: Sara, Elizabeth

Will your name appear here next?

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 6

8 Points – **Sevan** \$8.80

6 Points – **Yerevan** \$5.75

TOTAL: **\$14.55**

ACCUMULATED: **\$50.05**

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 2-6



Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) specialises in large-scale assessment and measurement programs including the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS are conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally. EAA is an education group of UNSW Global Pty Limited, a not-for-profit provider of education, training and advisory services and a wholly owned enterprise of the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

EAA's main product is the annual **International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**. Over 1.7 million students from across Australia, N.Z. and the Pacific region participate in ICAS each year, with an additional 700,000 entries internationally from other countries. A University of New South Wales medal is awarded in each subject when a top score in each year level in each locale is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Other high performing students receive certificates of high distinction, distinction and credit. All students who participate receive a UNSW Certificate acknowledging their achievement.



Our school will again offer these tests for Years 2-6*, which will take place between May and August. The school is offering all subject areas: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Writing is marked by hand, not by computer, hence the cost difference.

As you know, the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is extended to Australian students in Year 2. This exciting development brings the well-known benefits of ICAS forward to Year 2, creating an extra 12 months for teachers to diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses in the subjects of **English** literacy, **Mathematics** and **Science**.

Benefits of Year 2 ICAS:

A rigorous independent assessment of students' English literacy strengths and weaknesses. A rigorous independent assessment of students' numeracy strengths and weaknesses. First independent chance to understand your students' ability and performance – a whole year in advance of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Gives Year 2 students an opportunity to experience external assessments in the core curriculum areas of **English**, **Mathematics** and **Science** prior to Year 3.

The school needs to register the number of students sitting each of the tests. Parents who would like to have their child/ren participate in any one or all of the tests are asked to complete and return the form below. Closing date for applications and payment for all tests is **Monday, 19th March 2018**. **Please do not be late.**

Indicate your choice of tests by placing a tick in the appropriate box/es. Provision has been made for families with more than one child at the school. Please return form with payment to the office by **Monday, 19th March**.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - Years 2 - 6

Student #	1.	2.			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - Digital Technologies, Tuesday 8 th May	\$9.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - Science, Tuesday 29 th May	\$9.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - Spelling, Wednesday 13 th June	\$13.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - Writing, Thursday 14 th June	\$19.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - English, Tuesday 31 st July	\$9.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICAS - Mathematics, Tuesday 14 th August	\$9.00	

NAME OF STUDENT/S 1. _____ 2. _____

MONEY ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Cheques payable to: AGBU Alexander Primary School)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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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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The Big Veggie Crunch!

Did you know that only 5.4% of Australian children eat enough vegetables?

To encourage students to eat more vegetables, we took part in "The Big Veggie Crunch" (as part of Vegetable Week) on Thursday, 1st March at 10am.

More than 292 schools, 47,920 students crunched at 10am on Thursday, with a further 11,915 students crunching at other times over the week, to break the record for the most children eating vegetables simultaneously.



Fundraising: Graduates & Parents

Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings Balgowlah

On Saturday, 24 February a number of graduates and parents volunteered to run a very successful Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Balgowlah, to help fundraise for new play equipment.

We like to thank our parents, Greg Panikian, Gregor & Svetlana Khachatourian, Vartan Sevazlian, Manoug Demirjian and Board member Sossie Giragosian for their support on the day. Special thank you to graduates, Ilda Zorlu, George Keoshgerian, Sevag Keoshgerian and Kevork Dertadian for their assistance and valued contribution. Once again, this was a wonderful opportunity to come together and help benefit the school.





EASTER PICNIC

Sunday 1st April 2018 from 10.30am

Lane Cove National Park

Picnic Site #32 Haynes Flat

Please join us for a fun filled picnic with a traditional BBQ lunch (which includes a drink), Easter egg hunt, Face painting, Egg Tapping competition, traditional Easter cakes, desserts & fantastic raffle prizes.

Pre-Book tickets via Facebook or phone – 0431 470 228

Adults - \$20 Kids under 12yrs - \$10



KIDS BASKETBALL TRAINING

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
(UNDER 14)

MONDAYS FROM 5-6PM

TO REGISTER CALL:
LEEZA - 0450 760 611

New Venue!

FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY
RYDE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

AGBU ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



Do you have a child who is ready to start school?

Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the needs of your child?

Would you like to see them in class, experiencing the real school environment before you make your final decision on the school of your choice?

Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your child - 9486 3266

Photo Gallery...

Working Bee

Many thanks to the following families and friends who attended our Working Bee last Sunday. **Akayan** (Chris), **Ananyan** (Ani, Elizabeth & Martin), **Anoshian** (Kegham), **Bozikian** (Souren, Isabella & Lara), **Chahrozian** (Gregory), **Demirjian** (Manoug), **Dixon** (Gareth, Sarah & Lucas), **Galstian** (Annette), **Khachatourian** (Svetlana), **Khoudair** (Natalie, Lara & Anthony), **Mikaelian** (Arthur), **Panikian** (Greg, Sonia, Zabel & Samson), **Patanian** (Hagop), **Sevazlian** (Vartan & Alina), **Stoebe** (Belinda, Lio & Luca) and **Tomassian** (Vahe, Cynthia, Albert, Berj & Peter) were all here to help maintain the school grounds.





ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep to Year 6

OPEN DAY ~ 18 MARCH 2018
Sunday
1pm ~ 4pm



Discover what makes our students Shine!

*Come along and see how we nurture your child in our
unique environment and caring community.*

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep)** to **Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels.

The age requirement for students entering **Preparatory** is **4 years by 31st July** (3½ years at the start of the school year), while for **Kindergarten** it is **5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year.

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