

Dear Parents,

**TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION - 24/7 CONNECTEDNESS**

Do you remember the days when you could take the car for a long drive along the coast or a short trip to the shops and were not contactable for that period of time?

If you saw something amazing along the way that you desperately wanted to share with family or friends, for example beautiful scenery or a great dress, you had to wait until you got to a pay phone or house landline before you could explain what it was. If you were able to take a photo of yourself with the amazing backdrop, you first had to use up the rest of your camera film, then take it to be developed, and then wait for the photos to come back until you could send them through via snail mail.

There was no difference in relation to work. If you had to travel interstate or even across the city, you were faced with the prospect of being totally disconnected from the office for an entire day or more. Even if you were to meet up with colleagues for a simple meeting, it involved everyone agreeing on a landmark and time, rather than a quick text or sms asking them 'where are you?' once you got close to the location. No social media updates, no email, no wifi cloud and definitely no digital cameras with GPS, for an instant upload of your location and snapshot...

While the technology of today has certainly made things easier and saved us lots of time, we are starting to find it harder and harder to clock-off, thanks to the limitless ability to log on. Therefore, what does this 24/7 connectedness mean for our children in the future? How will they cope to manage this in their professions? When you think about it, many professionals who are working in the evening and on weekends from home are starting to see it as part and parcel of the job - certainly school staff fall into that category and always have, regardless of the technology at their fingertips. In fact, educators need to be the forerunners in being globally connected to lead the way for their students, because as it is stated: "If we don't provide our students the chance to connect on a global level, we are not preparing them for the future..."

You may think its too early for a primary school to be considering this aspect of technology in education, but you only need to look around you and monitor the level of connectedness your child has with the 'small screen' to realise that you may in fact be too late.



Here at Alexander school, we certainly have embraced the collaborative connectedness that has taken shape since the introduction of 'Google Apps for Education'. Students and teachers alike have been making the connection in new and innovative ways, crossing the boundaries of the classroom with effective 'cloud' computing. As we move further in this direction, in particular with the senior students, we also need to ensure that at the same time we are equipping them with the right tools of management.

I am also happy to report that since last term the Computer Lab has once again been upgraded with over a dozen new desktop computers, included with the latest Windows 10 operating system and related software.

31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN



**Հոգեհաւոր Հայրերու Ծն ~ Happy Fathers' Day**  
*To all our School Dads and Grandfathers.*  
*Have a Great Day on Sunday!*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### 'ARMENIAN COMMUNITY HISTORIC CULTURAL EVENT' Centenary Celebrations of Armenia's First Independence SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Armenian Community Collaborative Committee is proud to present an evening dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia at The Concourse in Chatswood.

We like to thank the families of students who will be joining the joint school's choir.

**School Choir** - The following are the student requirements for the evening:

- **Long navy or black pants, black socks** and polished **black shoes**. The school will provide in advance the **white polo shirts** of the school choir.
- On arrival the students will be provided with a special event T-shirt, that they will wear while on stage.
- Arrive at the theatre at **2.30pm** for a final rehearsal.
- Students will be supervised by Mrs Seta, Mrs Zela and Mr Manoug. Please contact/inform them when you drop and collect your children.
- The organising committee has indicated that they will be providing water and sandwiches on the day. However, students can bring their own water, sandwiches and snacks. These will be consumed before the start of the concert and while they are waiting backstage.
- The concert will commence at 6.00pm and is expected to finish by 8.30pm.
- Before their performance, students will be taken to an allocated seating area in the theatre to watch the programme. Students will be supervised during this period.
- The evening will present the Armenian History over the last 100 years, through cultural performances by local Armenian talents. Main historical events will be relayed via poetry, songs, music and dance dedicated to the relevant periods or events and will be presented with related visual video clips.



**For further questions contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian 0416 262 177 or Mrs Seta Keoshgerian - 0430 209 237**

## HOUSE POINTS TERM 3

*Uniform, Playground, Charity  
& Awards*



**YEREVAN** - 51 points

**SEVAN** - 57 points



## TEACHERS' AWARD

### TERM 3 – WEEK 6

Year 5: Asbed  
Samson  
Year 4: Elizabeth  
Kindergarten: Dzila  
Preparatory: Harout



## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Fruit & Veg Month*

07/09 Cross Country Run  
09/09 Community Cultural Event

*Celebrating*

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armenian Independence*

11/09 Musica Viva Concert @ Kinma  
12/09 Start of Canberra Excursion - Years 5  
20/09 Interschool Debating Comp. # 3  
21/09 Armenian Independence Day  
24/09 Sports Carnival 2018  
26/09 Junior First Aid Training - Years 3-6  
28/09 Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day  
Student Portfolios Sent Home

## ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

### WEEKLY REPORT: Term 3 Week 6

8 Points – **Sevan** ..... \$10.00

6 Points – **Yerevan** ..... \$9.85

**TOTAL:** ..... **\$19.85**

**ACCUMULATED:** ..... **\$454.60**

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## News from the Classroom...

### Robots

Years 1 & 2 have been learning about Technology in the past and how it has changed to what we use today. One of the technologies the class has been learning about was robots. As a result, the class designed and made their own Robots from recycled materials.



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## Book Week...

### Puppet Tricksters

Last Tuesday, as part of our Book Week activities, the students of Alexander school together with the students of the Sydney Japanese School were entertained by Dennis Murphy and his puppet scoundrels. Dennis was able to teach the students about the history of puppetry while presenting a program full of trickery, deception and delight. The children were introduced to the Southern Italian glove puppet Pulcinella and his descendants from England Punch, Russia Petrushka, Greece Karagiosis and Turkey Karagoz. They then witnessed a hilarious traditional puppet show.

The students were able to view shadow and rod puppets from Asia. The program also looked at the 'Trick Marionette' tradition; string puppets that perform impossible feats like the classic skeleton that falls into pieces and then reassembles itself. Dennis became a ventriloquist making the puppets come alive with conversation and he even showed the students how to make their own simple puppet. It was a truly entertaining afternoon for all the students.



## Cake Stall... Canberra here we come!



Year 5

### FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA TRIP



Cake Stall	\$100.00
Next week... Guess lollies in a jar	\$???.??

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
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<b>TARGET... \$120</b>	 <b>\$20.00 LEFT TO GO!</b>
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## International Sports Day

On Wednesday our students from Years 3-5 joined students from the German School, Galstaun College, The Chinese School and Sydney Japanese International School for our fun packed annual 'International Sports Day'. Sydney Japanese International School hosted a fantastic day of varied and exciting activities.

The day started with all the students joining together and competing as coloured teams, not school groups. This enabled the students to meet and make new friends. After an invigorating warm up, the students participated in the 100m sprints. All students then had the opportunity to partake in the long jump. After that all the students showed their strength in the whole team event of the tug of war. The teams were able to compete in Tamaire, a traditional Japanese game where balls are thrown into high baskets on poles. Many students then chose to involve themselves in the taxing 800m race.

After stopping for lunch all students did the Ghenkis Khan dance. Next it was time for the Big Ball race. The race winners were then acknowledged in a certificate presentation. I am sure that all the students would agree that it was a stimulating day for all involved.

Mrs Vicky Dernee  
Curriculum Coordinator







**Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
AGBU international games**  
Under the Auspices of Bishop Haygazoun Najarian  
Primate of Australia & New Zealand.



# CONCERT

Friday 2 November 7:00pm

## Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde NSW

Donations: \$60 (adult)

\$35 (under 12)

# DINNER/DANCE

Saturday 3 November, 7:30 pm

## Miramare Gardens

48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills NSW

Donations: \$150 (adult)

\$100 (under 12)

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