

Dear Parents,

ROCK AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

Last Saturday's Christmas Concert was a wonderful way to conclude the academic year. Magnificent! Amazing! Excellent!... Are just some of the adjectives used to describe the Musical Production of "Rock Around the Christmas Tree!"

The "Alexander Department Store" joined the Christmas celebrations, when the mannequins and toys from different levels of the department came to life! Some were modelling the latest fashion, while others the summer swimwear. Even the mannequins from the sleep wear department woke up and joined with the toys. At the end they all came together to have a celebration of their own with the Christmas music and songs being left on and playing in the store's background.

Most of the audience commented on the quality of the program that encapsulated them from start to finish. While we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of many to make this possible, we also accept the fact that we could not have provided anything less, as we welcomed the birth of Our Lord in the usual and unique Alexander school way!

I like to take this opportunity and thank the Alexander community for their unstinting support of this great educational institution. May your Christmas Season be peaceful and happy and may the New Year bring nothing but good news, happiness and good health!



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

On Wednesday, the students from Years 3-5 performed for the residents of the **Alexander Rest Home** to spread some Christmas Cheer. Our students annual visit creates a joyous atmosphere. This has become a rewarding experience for the elders of our community and we hope, in turn, for our students who will look back on such outings in the years to come with personal gratification.

Today, the same group visited the **Armenian Community Welfare Centre** to entertain the elderly folk who had gathered in the Edgarian Hall of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection. Once again they did a magnificent job in brightening up everyone's day with wonderful dancing and singing of Christmas Carols. I would like to congratulate them and the teachers for putting together a great program.

REPORTS GO HOME TODAY

Yearly reports go home today. Please discuss them with your child but don't ask them to explain the reports. There are many aspects of the reports which are expressed in adult language and the children are not privy to the meaning of this language. I hope you are happy with the progress they have made this year.

14th December, 2018

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

REMINDERS: Armenian Festival - SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2018

Years: Prep - 5 - The following are the student requirements for the event:

- All students who are taking part in the event are expected to be at the Armenian General Benevolent Union Stall at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour by **11:45pm** to have enough time to get ready for the performance at 12.30pm.
- Student uniform requirement is as follows:
Boys & Girls: White polo shirts or t-shirts (provided), long black pants (tights or jeans accepted), black socks and black school shoes.
- Make sure your children have taken time to eat and drink before the performance.
- Remember that you are representing the school. Be polite, smile and enjoy the day!

For further questions or clarification please contact: Mrs Seta Keoshgerian 0430 209 237

REMINDERS & HAPPENINGS OF WEEK 10



Please send plastic carry bags (ideally the strong quality one) to school next week for school books and artwork which will be sent home with children.



Tuesday: Terrey Hills Nursing Home

Visits: Following our annual Christmas visits last week, to the Alexander Rest Home & Armenian Community Welfare Centre, Alexander students (Years 3 & 5) will visit our local Terrey Hills Nursing Home.

Wednesday: Party Day & Talent Show - Mufti

We all look forward to a great Party Day to treat ourselves after a long year of hard work. So let's make this the best Party Day and Talent Show ever!

Party day is also a **MUFTI DAY** so students can wear fun, sensible party clothes. Please remember, that our Mufti Day Dress Code will apply as usual. So **NO** open shoes, make-up, hair-spray, midrifts, inappropriate slogans on clothing or jewellery. Students will need a hat and a school bag to help carry books home.

PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MORNING TEA AS PARTY FOOD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL LUNCHTIME.

The school will provide the party food and drinks for all the students. Please fill in the separate entry slip (available from the office) if you want your child/ren to take part in the Talent Show. All participants must have an entry form signed by their parents. We are all looking forward to a fun afternoon!

This is also the Last Day for the Students. Therefore, a fun-filled time of packing up classrooms.

Kris Kringle. Final farewells!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN



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It has been a wonderful experience for me being School Captain for 2018 . I have been given the privilege to have been chosen for this role and would like to share all of the wonderful moments I had with you all.

During the year we held our Mother's Day concert. At our concert we sung in rejoice of our mothers who do so much and play such an important role in all our lives. Not only do they help us, but they help our school in so many different ways.

In amongst some of these wonderful moments was of course our school's Book Week. I really enjoyed listening to everyone's character backgrounds. It was such fun learning and presenting songs, poems and all of our own character backgrounds to you. And of course, seeing all our teachers dress up in all sorts of different costumes!

Then of course, we had our Sports Carnival. It is a very thrilling and stimulating running. Even if you don't win. It is such fun cheering on all of your teammates and friends, even though your lungs do hurt.

One of the most exciting things about being school captain is that you are almost guaranteed to be able to debate. It was very nerve wracking getting up on a stage and saying a speech but being school captain has definitely taught me to be a confident speaker.

This school has given me more than a good education, but also friends and a second home. I'm sure when I get to high school that I will never forget all of the good memories this school has given me.

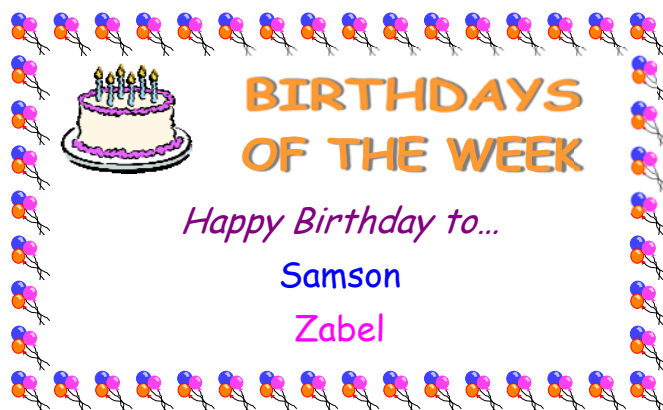
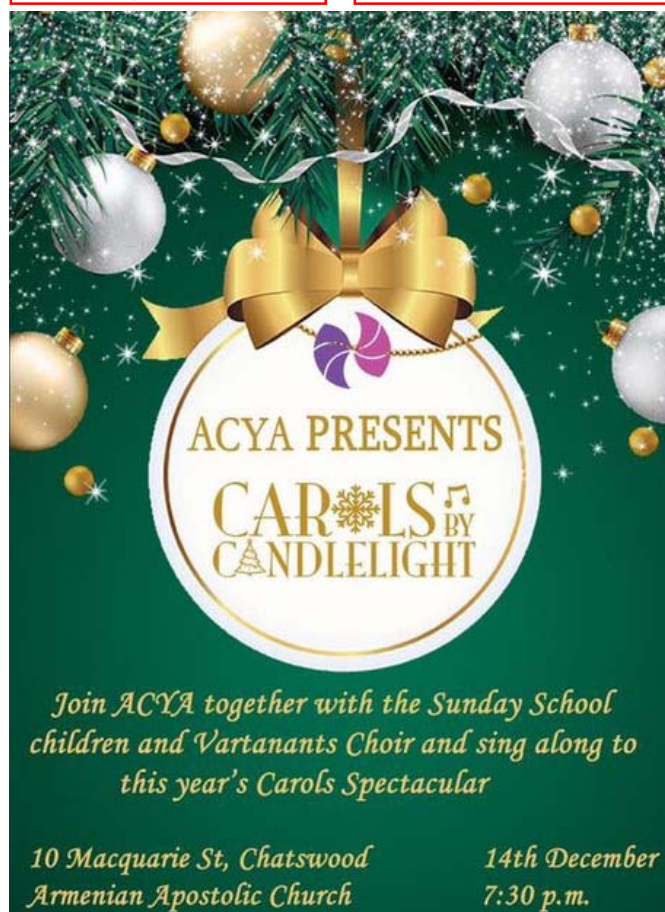
So to all of you I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We'd like to say a big Thank You to ...

- ☺ Mrs Sonia Apanian, Mrs Nune Akayan, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Sarin Elmasian, Mrs Annette Galstian, Yerekin Hasmik Hambardzumyan, Mrs Dzovig Kassis, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair, Mrs Vartni Mikaelian, Mrs Sonia Panikian, Mrs Cynthia Tomassian and Mrs Araxi Vartanian.
Also to the following for assisting with canteen supplies: Mrs Lisa Jebian, Mrs Laura Demirjian, Mrs Sarah Dixon, Natalie Urriola.
- ☺ Mrs Sarin Elmasian for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- ☺ P&C members and parents for organising, running and supporting the Christmas Concert canteen and cake stall during intermission. Your help and contribution made the evening a great success! Thank you all!
- ☺ Mrs Annette Galstian and Sarin Elmasian for sorting and organising the Teachers' Resource Room.
- ☺ Mrs Nune Akayan and Dzovig Kassis for helping sort, stocktake and organise the Uniform Shop.
- ☺ Mr Michael Aghabekian for volunteering his time to involve the students at lunchtime soccer activity.
- ☺ Mrs Armine Sevazlian for her contribution as Library Coordinator by accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books in the School Library.
- ☺ Mr John Aghabekian for donating and installing new spotlights for the mural at the school entrance.
- ☺ Mr Vrej and Lisa Jebian for helping replant the entrance pots to make them more welcoming.
- ☺ Mrs Lisa Jebian for organising the running of the new Alexander Playgroup.
- ☺ Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in the P-2 class and for doing special tasks around the school.
- ☺ Mrs Lisa Jebian for helping organise the addition of three new hens in our chicken coop. Also, thank you to our neighbour Mr Mark Andrijic and his family for donating their chickens to the school.
- ☺ All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work throughout the year. Enjoy your Christmas Holidays and we will see you back in 2019!

Community Announcement

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 16/12 'Armenian Festival' - Darling Harbour
- 18/12 Terrey Hills Nursing Home - Christmas Visit
- 19/12 Last Day Term 4 for Students (Mufti)
Party Day & Talent Show
- 20/12 Staff Planning Day

- 29/01/19 Staff Return - Meeting and Planning
- 30/01/19 Staff Preparation Day
- 31/01/19 Students Start 2019 School Year

Check the online calendar for the latest updates.



ARMENIAN *festival* 2018

SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER 2018

Tumbalong Park Darling Harbour

100 YEARS SINCE SARTARABAD

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AGBU Alexander School Stall!
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News from the Classroom...

Armenian Needlework Exhibition

On Wednesday, 5 December students from Years 3-5 visited the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sydney to view the Armenian Needlework Exhibition on display on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia. The exhibition was organised by the Armenian Evangelical Women's Auxiliary who took the students on a guided tour of the beautiful and unique display. The students were enlightened by the tour and even took on the task of making their own woven bracelets with a little help and guidance. It was a wonderful opportunity and a great cultural experience.



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