

Dear Parents,

EASTER CELEBRATION - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Last Sunday, our *Easter Celebration* was a great success, thanks to all the students, teachers, parents, graduates, family and friends who descended on Alexander School, for our annual concert and picnic. The theme for this year was to showcase a 'Traditional Armenian Easter'!

The preparation and planning by the P&C Committee and staff, came together as everyone gathered under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area and contributed to the great success of the day. The delicious food and beautifully presented sweets filled the warm atmosphere. So did the colour and spectacle of the Hat Parade that was enjoyed by all, as it showcased the inventiveness of our parents. The children looked lovely in their outfits, smart and attentive as they performed wonderful songs of praise, poems, readings and dances showcasing the quality and diversity of education at this wonderful educational institution.



A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

As we come to the end of our school term, it is important to reflect and appreciate the efforts of all those who have supported us, in the education of our children. The role that we play as a school community may not be realised immediately by the next generation or the ones who consume so much of our energy and resources. However, in due course they will certainly realise the effort of their supportive parents, dedicated teachers, caring friends, compassionate benefactors, board members and community to say... "Thank You!"

Please find a list of 'Thank You' comments in the Newsletter.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION - PERFORMANCE ON 24th April

A kindly reminder that the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee has invited a small group of our students to perform at the 104th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The Commemoration is to take place on **Wednesday, 24th April** at The Concourse, Chatswood from 7:30pm.

Thank you to the Years 5 & 6 students and parents who have been supportive and cooperative with this arrangement. Detailed information about the performance will be communicated directly with parents.



WINTER UNIFORM

The school will change to Winter Uniforms starting **Week 3 of Term 2**. During the first two weeks of Term 2 either uniform will be acceptable. To ensure your Winter uniform needs are met, please ask your children to try on old uniforms and check if garments need replacement. As we keep limited uniform stock at school, late orders may not be filled quickly. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

PORTFOLIOS HOME TODAY

Please have a good look at your child's work in their portfolios over the holidays. Remember to **sign** them and **return** them to school promptly after the holidays – the portfolio **and the child!**

Have a happy holiday!!

12th April, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

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

- ☺ Our school mothers and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Nune Akayan, Mrs Sonia Apanian, Mrs Ani Barsamian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Annette Galstian, Mrs Dzovig Kassis, Yereckin Hasmik Hambardzumyan, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair and Mrs Vartni Mikaelian.
Also to the following for assisting with canteen supplies: Mrs Laura Demirjian, Mrs Sarah Dixon, Mrs Lisa Jebian, Mrs Sonia Panikian, Natalie Urriola and Araxi Vartanian.
- ☺ Current members of the P&C Committee: Mrs Sonia Apanian & Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison), Mrs Nune Akayan, Mrs Ani Barsamian, Mrs Sarah Dixon, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Lisa Jebian, Mrs Dzovig Kassis, Mrs Sonia Panikian and Mrs Armine Sebazlian.
- ☺ Mrs Dzovig Kassis for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- ☺ All school families including the P&C for organising and running the Easter Concert & Picnic. Your help and contribution helped make the day a great success. Thank you all!
- ☺ Mrs Maggie Betchakjian for preparing, making and donating the lovely craftwork for the Easter Concert & Picnic raffle tickets. Also for crafting the Palm Sunday Candles to support the Easter Stall.
- ☺ All school families for their generous contribution to the Easter Hampers. Making sure we had beautiful gift hampers as raffle prizes and the delicacies for the cake stall helped boost our profits for the day.
- ☺ Mrs Cynthia Tomassian for providing weekly scripture lessons during term one on a volunteer basis, to help children understand and appreciate the Bible and its teachings.
- ☺ Mrs Armine Sebazlian for her contribution as Library Coordinator. Apart from accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books, she continues to help make the Library an inviting place for the students.
- ☺ Mrs Lisa Jebian for Coordinating and running the Alexander Playgroup every Thursday morning.
- ☺ Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in Years P-K and for doing special tasks around the school.
- ☺ All the wonderful teachers who do a great job with the children both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 73 points

MASIS - 81 points

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Albert

DATES TO REMEMBER

14/04	Palm Sunday
19/03	Good Friday - Public Holiday
20/03	Holy Saturday - Public Holiday
21/04	Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
22/04	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
24/04	Armenian Genocide Commemoration
25/04	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
29/04	School Development Day (Pupil Free)
30/04	First Day Term 2 - Students Return
14/05	NAP - Language & Writing Assessments
15/05	NAP - Reading Assessment
16/05	NAP - Numeracy Assessment
18/05	Family Fun Night - Organised by P&C

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 11

8 Points – Masis	\$12.90
6 Points – Ararat	\$10.00
TOTAL:	\$22.90
ACCUMULATED:	\$146.30

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DID YOU KNOW?

The final week of Lent is called the Holy Week.

Holy Week recalls the events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday (Ծաղկազարդ) is the first day of Holy Week. It celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday (Աւագ Հինգշաբթի) recalls Jesus' last meal, washing of His disciples' feet, and His arrest and imprisonment.

Good Friday (Աւագ Ուրբաթ) observes the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross.

Holy Saturday (Աւագ Շաբաթ) is chiefly a day of solemn vigil.



Easter Sunday (Սուրբ Զատիկ) celebrates the glorious Resurrection of Jesus - the Son of God.

«Քրիստոս յարեալ ի մեռելոց»
«Օրհնեալ է յարութիւնը Քրիստոսի»



P&C Report

Parents & Community - News

As the Term 1 wraps up, there are a lot of fun things happening with our school community!

Easter Concert: Sunday 7th April

This year was another successful event with a beautiful performance by the children and glorious summery weather. With almost \$3000 raised on the day it was a great effort by all. Thank you to everyone for chipping in on the day to help make running the day a lighter load for all – I think it might have been record time for packing away with everyone heading home in time for dinner!

Family Fun Night: Saturday, 18 May 2019

A flyer is now available for this event. We're planning to make this a casual fun night so the whole family can enjoy the company of friends. All friend, family, students past and present are welcome on the night so please spread the word and organise a group to come along. Tickets can be booked online via the link ...

Next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2019

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting – location to be confirmed. If you'd like to join us please email PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au

Sonia Panikian
P&C Coordinator



CANTEEN FOR TERM 2

The Term 2 Canteen Calendar will be made available during the first week of Term 2. Remember to keep it in a handy spot. Please note that it is subject to change and it is always a good idea to refer to the weekly email updates, or to our online calendar for up-to-date information. www.alexander.nsw.edu.au/canteen.html
A big Thank You to all the parents who have volunteered for the canteen service.

Support your canteen, support your school!!

Visitors to Alexander School

Mr Harout Nercessian ~ AMAA Armenia

On Thursday, 26 March we were honoured by a visit from Mr Harout Nercessian the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) Armenia Representative.

He was joined by Rev. Krikor Youmshajekian from the Australian branch of the AMAA, as they toured the school and met with the students and staff.

As part of the visit the AMAA had organised a number of fund raising events to help fund the five "Shogh" Educational Day Centres in Armenia and Artsakh. The after-school care programs required assistance to support children in their studies, provide nutrition, hot food, as well as social care to the children and their families.



Sarina Cross ~ International Singer

On Sunday 7th April, during our Easter Celebrations, we were joined by famous singer Sarina Cross and guest members of her band. Sarina was invited to Sydney by the AGBU to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the 'AGBU International Games' that was successfully held in Sydney. The guests joined our Easter Concert and picnic and were also given a tour of the school.



The Big Veggie Crunch!



AGBU Alexander Primary School joined more than 540 primary schools across NSW, with 127,219 students registered for Vegetable Week this year.

Despite the huge interest, we were not able to break The Big Veggie Crunch record set in 2018. However, there was a whole lot of vegetable eating going on - 40,612 students crunched on vegetables together at 10am on Thursday 4th April and a further 14,117 crunched at another time over Vegetable Week.

Did you know that currently only 5% of NSW children are eating enough vegetables? In order to work towards improving this percentage, we are increasing children's knowledge, exposure and positive attitudes towards vegetables.



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TEACHERS' AWARD

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

TERM 1 – WEEK 11

Year 5: Vanessa, Lara

Sara

Year 4: Lara

Year 3: Khloe

Year 2: Sirag, Michael

Sofia

Year 1: Sevana

Kindergarten: Lara, Zareh

Lia

Will your name appear here next?

SCHOOL FEES DUE

A reminder that Term 1 School Fees were due for payment on **Friday 22nd March**.

Reminders will soon be sent for any outstanding fees.

It is important to note that the Term 1 fees mainly cover the expenses that the school has already incurred. Such as text books, exercise books, insurance etc.



Photo Gallery...

Easter Celebrations



More photos on our Facebook page.



SATURDAY 18TH MAY 6PM

**AGBU Alexander
Primary P & C Presents**

**An evening filled with fun, food and entertainment
for the WHOLE family**

Ararat Cultural Centre, 3 Grattan Cres, Frenchs Forest



ALL WELCOME

Adults \$50

Kids (under 12) \$25

Kids (under 4) Free

Ticket Sales:

Sonia Panikian: 0415462177

School Office: 94863266



Visit us on
Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/AGBUAlexanderPlaygroup>



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Palm Sunday
SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019
Morning Service 9am, Holy Mass 10.15am

Children's Day
Children's Blessing
and Procession with Candles

Ornate candles will be available to purchase on the day

The Church Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual stall of traditional pastries & sweets.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION
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10 MACQUARIE STREET CHATSWOOD



Sunday 21st April
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
@ Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection, 10 Macquarie St Chatswood

Easter Fun Day
GAMES & ACTIVITIES



AGBU MOVIE NIGHT

Kids Movie Night

\$20
per child!

\$50
per family!
(3+ Children)

Easter Saturday
20th April
6pm – 10pm

AGBU Hall: 2 Yeo St Neutral Bay

To RSVP contact
Anie Kurumelian: 0432328628

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National Commemoration of the 104th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Melanie O'Brien

"Social Death: The Armenian Genocide and Cultural Destruction"

Dr. Melanie O'Brien is the Vice President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

She is a Senior Lecturer of International Law at the University of Western Australia, teaching International Humanitarian Law, Public International Law, and Research units. Her research examines the connection between human rights and the genocide process. She has conducted fieldwork and research in Armenia, Argentina, Austria, Cambodia, China, Israel, Germany, the Netherlands, South Africa, Turkey, the UK and the USA.



The Concourse, Concert Hall
Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW
Wednesday, 24th of April 2019
Doors open at **7:00 PM**
Program begins at **7:30 PM**

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
His Eminence Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian
The Armenian Apostolic Church, The Armenian Catholic Church, The Armenian Evangelical Church



Organised by The Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee



Member Organisations

Social Democrat Hunchakian Party, Armenian Revolutionary Federation, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, Armenian General Benevolent Union, Hamazkaine, Tekeyan, Homenetmen, Armenian Relief Society, Dkhrouni, Armenian Youth Federation, Nor Serount.

AN EASTER STORY MAP



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.



THE LAST SUPPER

Jesus teaches the sacrament of Communion.
"The bread is my body."
"The wine is my blood."

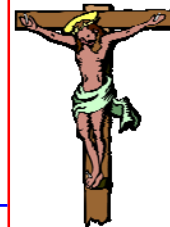
THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Jesus prays for God to be with Him and watch over Him.



RESURRECTION

Jesus' dead body was buried in a tomb but on the third day when they visited the tomb, Jesus' body had been raised from the dead.



CRUCIFIXION

Jesus carried His own cross to Golgotha. He was crucified on the cross.

DIVINE SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION

PALM SUNDAY - DZAGHGHAZART 14/4/19

'Jamerkoutyoun' - Morning Service	9.00am
'Badarak' - Holy Mass	10.15am
'Turnpatsek' - Opening of the Doors	12.00pm

ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ - 14/4/19

Առաւօտեան ժամերգութիւն
Սուրբ Պատարագ
Դռնբացք

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 18/4/19

Commemorating our Lord's Last Supper and the Institution of Holy Communion - 'Badarak'	10.30am
'Vodnlva' - Washing of the Feet	6.30pm
'Khavaroum' - Vigil	8.00pm

ԱԻԱԳ ԳԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ - 18/4/19

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Յիսուսի Զրիստոսի - Սուրբ Պատարագ
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Խաւարում

GOOD FRIDAY - 19/4/19

'Gark Khacheloutyan' - Crucifixion Service	11.00am
'Gark Taghman' - Burial Service	4.30 pm
'Hokehankist' - Requiem Service	5.30 pm

ԱԻԱԳ ՈՒՐԲԱԹ - 19/4/19

Կարգ Խաչելութեան
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Ընդահնուր Հոգեհանգիստ

HOLY SATURDAY - 20/4/19

'Jamerkoutyoun' - Easter Eve Service	4.30pm
'Badarak' - Holy Mass	5.30pm

ԵՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ ԶԱՏԿԻ - 20/4/19

Երագալոյցի ժամերգութիւն
Սուրբ Պատարագ

EASTER SUNDAY - 21/4/19

Commemorating the Resurrection of our Lord

'Jamerkoutyoun' - Morning Service	8.30am
'Badarak' - Holy Mass	10.00am
Sermon by His Eminence Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate of Australia & New Zealand	12.00pm

ԶԱՏԿԻ - 21/4/19

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Նաճարեան, Առաջնորդ Աստ. Եւ Ն.Զ. Թեմի

EASTER MONDAY - 22/4/19

Blessing of Graves - Macquarie Park Cemetery	8.30am - 1.30 pm
General Requiem Service	12.30 pm

ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿ ՄԵՌԵԼՈՅ - 22/4/19

Գերեզմանօրհնէք - Գերեզմանատան մէջ
Ընդահնուր Հոգեհանգիստ Յուշարձանի առաջ



BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

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