

Dear Parents,

IN MEMORIAM: LOUISE MANOOGIAN SIMONE

AGBU Alexander Primary School was deeply grieved by the passing of Louise Manoogian Simone: the late president of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, and in her own right a visionary benefactor of the Armenian nation and numerous institutions. She died on 19 February, at age 85.

As the daughter of our school benefactors Alex and Marie Manoogian, Louise Manoogian Simone brought a distinguished family legacy to a new level, extending its commitment to service, excellence, and innovation to a new generation. She succeeded her father as the international leader of AGBU, and likewise embraced her parents' dedication to the Armenian nation.

During her tenure as president of AGBU (1989-2002), - which coincided with one of the most critical periods in Armenian history - Louise Simone rose to every occasion and surpassed every demand upon her. In its announcement of her passing, the AGBU rightly called her "one of the most consequential figures in modern Armenian life."

During her presidency, she visited the AGBU Sydney Chapter and Alexander School in June 1995. It was a very momentous occasion, when for the first time our benefactor Dr Alex Alexander met her in person, to share their vision of the school.

She was a leader in the relief effort to an earthquake-shattered Armenia; delivered aid and comfort to her countrymen in Artsakh; and was an influential advocate for the newly-born independent Armenia. She retired from the AGBU presidency in 2002, but she remained a major global benefactor through the Manoogian Simone Foundation. Hospitals, schools, cultural institutions, and historic monuments all benefitted from her generosity.



Louise Manoogian-Simone & Dr Alexander 20 June, 1995

During our assembly this week, we reflected on her life and following a minute of silence we prayed for her soul. May our risen Lord bless the soul of Louise Manoogian Simone, and remember her in His kingdom.

VARTANANK - HOLY COMMUNION

In school tradition, all students and staff will attend the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection, Chatswood on Thursday, 28th February 2019, to receive blessings and Holy Communion for the start of the new school year and on the occasion of St Vartan.

Once again, we have received an invitation from His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian (Primate of the Armenian Church of Australia & New Zealand) to join in the special Mass on St Vartan's day.

On this special occasion, the students will reflect on the importance of the 'Battle of Vartanank' and its significance to the survival of Armenians as Christians. Parents are also invited to share the event with us.

22nd February, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

TERM 1 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term 1 School Accounts are being sent home with your Newsletter today. Payment of fees will be due by **Friday, 22nd 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.



REMINDER: Don't Forget the Fruit!

The school has a **Crunch&Sip** break at the **start** and also the **end** of each day, for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

Crunch&Sip®

LIBRARY BAGS

Congratulations to all the students who remembered to bring their library bags for borrowing this week. If you forgot to bring yours in, try to remember next week.



LIBRARY DAY IS **MONDAY**

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 6 points

MASIS - 8 points



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

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28/02 Holy Communion at Church - St Vartan
- 14/03 Responsible Pet Education Program (P-2)
- 17/03 Working Bee
- 19/03 'Smart Start' Program - School Visit
- 01/04 Start of Vegetable Week
- 04/04 'Big Vegie Crunch'
- 07/04 Easter Concert & Picnic
- 12/04 Last Day Term 1
- 14/04 Palm Sunday
- 08/12 Christmas Concert & Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 4

8 Points – Masis	\$10.70
6 Points – Ararat	\$7.50
TOTAL:	\$18.20
ACCUMULATED:	\$18.20

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
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AGBU GRIEVES THE LOSS OF BELOVED PRESIDENT AND VISIONARY LEADER LOUISE MANOOGIAN SIMONE

One of the most consequential figures in modern Armenian life and most collectively admired and respected leaders in AGBU's century-old history, Louise Manoogian Simone will leave an indelible mark of hope and inspiration through her dedicated service to the Armenian people, the Armenian homeland and the Armenian Church.

Her recent passing has brought deep sorrow to the worldwide AGBU family, which she served with tireless devotion and singular distinction, as the first and only female leader of the organization, first as a Central Board member and as international President for 12 years.

Upon learning of her passing, current AGBU President Berge Setrakian, who served as Vice President under Simone's leadership, described her as a pioneering spirit and a woman far ahead of her time. "She was called upon to steer the AGBU through many challenges, rising to become a driving force behind many of the successes and benefits that Armenians across the world enjoy today. She was a role model for all who had the good fortune to work with her and watch her brilliant mind at work. Always idealistic, yet practical, efficient and wise, she managed to see past the immediate obstacles to find solutions that would yield lasting results."

Louise Simone's life was one of great destiny. During her tenure, she was the first to organize the massive relief effort in the aftermath of the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia; she brought aid and comfort to combat victims and their families in war-torn Nagorno-Karabakh; and was instrumental in the rebirth of an independent Armenia, helping it to overcome many hardships created by a collapsed socio-economic and educational system.

"The sheer number of fronts on which she operated on any given day was truly astounding, not only managing all the moving parts with grace, but also maintaining all the existing AGBU educational, cultural and artistic programs across the diaspora," Mr. Setrakian noted.

Among Louise Simone's proudest achievements was the establishment of the American University of Armenia, AGBU Children's Centers, and AGBU Senior Dining Centers, all of which continue to thrive in Armenia to this day, thanks to her inspired leadership.



Alexander Playgroup

**Ages
0 - 5**

When: Thursdays

Time: 10am - 1pm

Where: Alexander Primary School

To receive further information call the office - 9486 3266

**Come along &
join the fun!**

SCHOOL BANKING - Youthsaver Account with Commonwealth Bank

School Banking at Alexander school has developed and grown over the years. We now have a large percentage of students taking part in the savings program.



'Prepare to take your child on an Outback Savings Adventure' - Youthsaver account opening kit is enclosed with today's Newsletter for those students who have not yet joined or are new to the program. In the packaged envelope you will find all the required information and forms to start your child's account.

Once the accounts are set up and ready to go, your child/ren will be able to take part in '**School Banking Day**' now set for **Thursdays**. This is when students can bring their deposits to be banked through the School.

Parents who are interested in getting their children to join the savings program can contact the office for more information. For new students, if your child already has a Youthsaver account, they too can join the program.

Message from the Bank...

Dear Parent,

Teaching your child the all-important skills of money management and saving when they're young can empower them for success in the future. Commonwealth Bank Student Banking is a special initiative designed to do just that. Through education and fun, we aim to help make your child a Super Saver.

Student Banking - teaching kids Super Saver powers.

The Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program runs within primary schools to help boost your child's understanding of money and saving.

- ◆ **Educational resources** - We provide schools with fun resources to assist teaching of basic skills.
- ◆ **Weekly banking** - Your child can do their banking at school where it's easy for them to make regular deposits. Student Banking coordinators often allocate a class banking day and a banking monitor to help teach children the responsibility of saving.
- ◆ **Money for their school** - When your child signs up for Student Banking or makes a deposit at school, the Bank will pay a commission to your school. This money can help buy new books, computers, sports equipment or whatever else the school may need.



Get your little Super Saver started now.

It's easy to get your child involved with Student Banking. Just sign them up for a Youthsaver account. It's packed with fun features your child will love.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

A Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 is paid to the school for every 10 School Banking deposits processed per student, in line with the existing School Banking Rewards Program for students. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child/ren good savings skills.

For more information on a Youthsaver account please call 13 2221, visit commbank.com.au/dollarmites or drop into any Commonwealth Bank Branch.