

Dear Parents,

THE SPIRIT OF VARTANANTS



Yesterday, according to Alexander school tradition, the students visited the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection to receive Holy Communion and blessings for the start of the school year and on the occasion of Vartanants.

During the special mass it was evident to all parishioners that the spirit of Vartanants was among them...

All of a sudden, everything starts to appear much different than it looks. Before we realise, there is a sense of transformation from the sanctuary of the church to the field of Avarayr, on the banks of the Dghmoud river. No!... that's not His Eminence Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian giving the day's sermon at the altar, it is our vibrant Ghavont Yeretz, addressing the Armenian people on the strength of the Christian faith. He is giving his memorable speech which has been immortalised as the driving spirit of Vartanants. Also standing there is Vartan Mamigonian, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armenian troops. He will be next to give his historic and final speech, preparing the 66,000 Armenians physically and spiritually for the holy battle... in fact one of the most significant battles for the Armenian nation!



Vartan Mamigonian knows the task ahead is difficult if not impossible, but for him the choice is clear. At this defining moment, it is a do or die for his people... He may be outnumbered against an army of 300,000 Persians, but quantity is not an issue, it is quality that matters! He is among friends who are ready to make the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

One by one... the soldiers, now turned students, come forward to receive blessings and Holy Communion, before they face the enemy. However... who is the enemy now? It's no longer the Persians... the current enemy is much stronger and the battles fought on many fronts much harder... Once again, the time has come to regroup, to unite!

The mission set by our founding fathers is clear, but the road ahead is scattered with many obstacles. Nevertheless, we truly believe the spirit of Vartanats is among us. Hence, the sacrifice we make and the price we pay today is nothing compared to what our ancestors were prepared to do on the field of Avarayr.

Together we are reawakening the Vartatants spirit!

1st March, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

SPORTS DAY GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Term 1 Sports Day will include the Gymnastics Program, provided by 'Be Skilled Be Fit'. The weekly sessions started on Friday, 8th February and will continue until the last day of Term - Friday, 12th April.



The **subsidised cost** of the gymnastics program is **\$60** per student for the ten sessions. The actual cost is \$10 per session or a total of \$100. However, this has then been subsidised by the 'Sporting Schools' funding at \$40 per student. Invoices have been issued.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY - Application for Permission

As part of the school Mobile Phone Policy, parents are reminded that children first **need to request and be granted permission in writing**, before being allowed to carry a mobile phone in their bag.



Students who were granted permission to carry a mobile phone last year need to **renew their application**. A copy of the policy is available to parents on request. The policy includes the relevant application form.



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

School Banking

Banking Day: Thursday

Students need to have their bank deposit books in order to make a deposit into their account.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 15 points
MASIS - 15 points

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

TEACHERS' AWARD

Congratulations to our first recipients of the year.
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 5
Year 5: Sara Demirjian
Year 4: Lara Bozikian

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

14/03	Responsible Pet Education Program (P-2)
17/03	Working Bee (To Be Confirmed)
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
19/03	Good Friday - Public Holiday
20/03	Holy Saturday - Public Holiday
21/04	Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
22/04	Easter Monday - Public Holiday

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 5

8 Points – Ararat	\$11.20
6 Points – Masis	\$10.40
TOTAL:	\$21.60
ACCUMULATED:	\$39.80

SPONSOR A CHILD IN ARMENIA THROUGH THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Mothers' Christmas Club \$1,335
A group of ladies who donate proceeds from their annual collection to benefit the school in some way.

Armenian Apostolic Church Council \$1,000

Dr & Mrs Artin and Maro Jebejian \$1,000
In support of Alexander School,
for a successful academic year

Mr & Mrs Hovhanness & Mary Kouyoumdjian \$500
On the Happy Occasion of their
50th Wedding Anniversary

Armenian Community Welfare Centre \$100

Thank you to your support.

In Memoriam for the Late Eugenie Keshishian

Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian \$50

In Memoriam for the Late Fr Razmig Boghossian

Mr & Mrs Varoujan and Sylvia Iskenderian \$150

Mr & Mrs Kevork and Vicky Tashjian \$50

In Memoriam for the Late Vahan Shanakian

Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian \$50

May their souls rest in peace.

Live Life Well @ School

STAY SAFE ONLINE

Your home may practice cyber safety but your child can still see inappropriate material on someone else's device.



Cyber safety is everyone's business!

For online safety:

- Use an internet filter
- Activate the parental control function on devices
- Supervise internet use
- Let children know that they should tell you if they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them

For more information:
esafety.gov.au/iparent



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Cancer Council recommends
you protect yourself in 5 ways:



SLIP on clothing that covers your arms and legs

SLAP on a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat

SLOP on 30+, broad-spectrum sunscreen

SEEK shade

SLIDE on wrap around sunglasses

INTRODUCING

Hye Stories

Armenian Children's books,
written and printed in
Sydney, Australia
with a transliteration system
and English translation.

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Photo Gallery - Vartanants & Holy Communion



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Սիրելի Պրն. Դեմիրճյան,
Աստծո ողորմած կամոք բարեհաջող վերադարձանք Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ
Էջմիածին՝ Ավստրալիա կատարած հովվապետական Մեր այցելությունից:
Ուրախ եղանք հովվապետական Մեր ուղևորության ընթացքին այցելելու
Սիդնիի Հայկական Բարեգործական Ընդհանուր Միության «Ալեքսանդր»
վարժարան և հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունը բերելու Ձեզ, կրթօջախի
հոգաբարձուներին, ուսուցիչներին և բոլոր սաներին:
Գոհունակ սրտով Մեր գնահատանքն ենք հղում Ձեզ և բոլոր
ուսուցիչներին, որ ամենայն սիրով հանձն եք առել ավստրալաբնակ մեր մատաղ
սերնդին հայեցի ու հոգևոր արժեքներով կրթելու և դաստիարակելու, նրանց
գիտակցության մեջ ազգային դիմագիծը դրոշմելու գովարժան առաքելությունը:
Թող Տերը Իր օրհնության ներքո պահի «Ալեքսանդր» վարժարանը,
արդյունավորի ազգի արժանավոր զավակ կրթելու Ձեր նախանձախնդիր ու
անձանձիր ջանքերը՝ պարգևելով Ձեզ և Ձեր ընտանյաց անդամներին
քաջառողջություն, կենաց արևատություն և ամենայն բարիք:

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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!



Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection
Sunday School
 would like to invite the community's children for a fun
 masquerade party in the occasion of

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**Kids to be dressed in costume
 or to wear masks.**

For reservations:

**Please contact the
 church office on
 (02) 9419 8056 to register
 your child's name, to
 assist us with the
 catering needs.**



Venue: Edgarian Hall

(The Church Hall)

Date: Saturday March 2, 2019

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00 Pm

Age: 5-14 Years old

Donation: \$5 per person

★ **DJ**

★ **Food**

★ **Face painting**



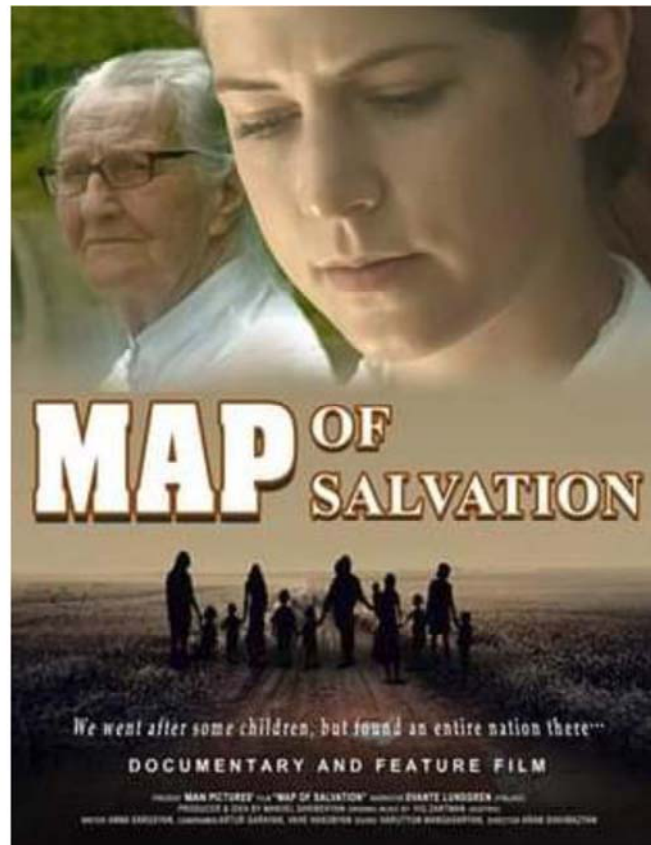
Please note: Parents of kids under 10 years old are encouraged to stay with their kids.



ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



Screens the Documentary



Finnish historian and genocide scholar Svante Lundgren tells about the humanist movement that emerged as a wave of protest and resistance during human tragedies in the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries, especially the Armenian Genocide. The film is built on the basis of actual events. The heroes of the film are humanists known to history, real people, who have witnessed the massacres of the Armenians. They are five, European, humanist women: Maria Jakobsen (Denmark) and missionaries Karen Eppe (Denmark), Bodil Bjorn (Norway), Alma Johansson (Sweden) and Hedwig Bul (Estonia). They are witnesses of the Armenian Genocide and the founders of shelters for Armenian children and women who barely escaped death.

Tuesday 26 March 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's Uniting Church War Memorial Hall
47A Kenneth St. Longueville
Free Admission

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SARINA CROSS

WITH LIVE BAND

DINNER/DANCE

Saturday 6th of April 7:00pm

CONCERT

Sunday 7th of April 6:00pm

Miramare Gardens

48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills NSW
Donations: \$150 (adult)
\$100 (under 12)

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde NSW
Donations: \$60 (adult)
\$35 (under 12)

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