

Dear Parents,

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLING & VIOLENCE!

At AGBU Alexander Primary School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

We are sending you a pocket card from *Bullying. No Way!* with tips on what to do if your child talks to you about bullying. Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips developed by the *Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group* to what works for you and your child.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

- ◆ **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
- ◆ **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
- ◆ **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- ◆ **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
- ◆ **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
- ◆ **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.



Alexander school's anti-bullying policy and programs form part of our *Discipline Policy*. As part of our *National Day of Action* activities, we started the conversation with our students yesterday. We also discussed it and watched small clips during Assembly, while separate presentations were carried out in the classrooms today. The presentation and notes will also be emailed to the parents to reinforce the conversation at home.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the *Bullying. No Way!* website for parents. As well, please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying. Thank you for your support to make Alexander school a great educational institution for everyone.

15th March, 2019

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BULLYING. NO WAY!

SAFE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS.
TOGETHER.

WORKING BEE

SATURDAY - 16th MARCH 2019

From 9am

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to join our Working Bee on Saturday.
This is the only opportunity we have before our annual Easter Concert. Please join us from 9am.

REMEMBER!



*Design and make
your fancy hat
for the Easter*

Hat Parade!



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.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 33 points

MASIS - 35 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 7

Year 5: Stephen

Year 3: Martin

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

16/03	Working Bee
19/03	P&C Meeting
	'Smart Start' Program - School Visit
01/04	Start of Vegetable Week
04/04	'Big Vegie Crunch'
07/04	Easter Concert & Picnic
10/04	Parent/Teacher Interviews & Portfolios
12/04	Last Day Term 1
14/04	Palm Sunday
19/03	Good Friday - Public Holiday
20/03	Holy Saturday - Public Holiday

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 7

8 Points – **Masis** \$12.70

6 Points – **Ararat** \$7.85

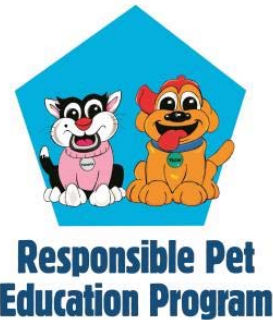
TOTAL: **\$20.55**

ACCUMULATED: **\$79.55**

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

Living Safely with Dogs

The **Responsible Pet Education Program** visited the school on Thursday 14th March. A Pet Educator and their dog attended our school to facilitate education sessions on all facets of responsible pet ownership, safety around animals and minimising the risks from dog bites/attacks. The program helped to teach how to be safe around dogs and how to say 'hello' to a dog with their owners!



Primary age children remain highly over represented in the dog bite/attack statistics. Ongoing education of children and their families in relation to living safely with dogs is vitally important, if we are to continue to reduce the number of dog attacks in the home and community.



Photo Gallery...

Alexander Playgroup




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

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the
AGBU International Games
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SYDNEY

PRESENTS
FIRST TIME IN SYDNEY!



SARINA CROSS
with Live Band

DINNER/DANCE
Saturday, 6 April – 7:00pm







CONCERT
Sunday, 7 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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ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



2019 ANNUAL PROGRAMS 24-31 March

Guest

MR. HAROUT NERCESSIAN

AMAA Representative in Armenia

Lawn Bowls Fundraiser

Sponsor - Longueville Sporting Club

Sunday 24 March 12:00 noon

Longueville Sporting Club - Corner Kenneth St. & River Road, Longueville

Fundraiser Jazz Concert

Featuring Zela Margossian Quintet

Sunday 24 March 4:00 pm

St. Andrew's Uniting Church - 47A Kenneth St. Longueville

Donation \$25

Photographic Exhibition

Featuring works by Rafii Elejian

Sunday 24 March Opening 6:30 pm

St. Andrew's Uniting Church War Memorial Hall - 47A Kenneth St. Longueville

Free Admission

Screening the Documentary "Map of Salvation"

Tuesday 26 March 7:30 pm

St. Andrew's Uniting Church War Memorial Hall 47A - Kenneth St. Longueville

Free Admission

Worship and Praise

Sunday 31 March 10:00 am

Armenian Evangelical Church of Sydney

Banquet Lunch

Sunday 31 March 12:30 pm

St. Andrew's Uniting Church War Memorial Hall - 47A Kenneth St. Longueville

Donation \$30 per person

ALL FUNDS WILL GO TO "SOGH" DAY CARE CENTRES IN ARMENIA AND ARTSARKH

To reserve your tickets for the banquet, please contact:

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Կիրակի 7 Ապրիլ, 2019

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AGBU Alexander Primary School
Easter Celebrations



Sunday - 7th April, 2019

from lunchtime

*Join the festivities of this special day, as we present a
Traditional Armenian Easter*

*A delicious lunch will be served. A day filled with enjoyable activities!
Colourful Easter Hat Parade, followed by student performances.*



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