

Dear Parents,

HARMONY DAY - THURSDAY, 21 MARCH

This year marked twenty years of 'Harmony' celebrations in Australia. Alexander school also joined the Harmony Day celebrations during our weekly assembly, by embracing Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Harmony Day is about every day of the year... it is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country - from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live. An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

During our presentation, it was made clear that as a nation we should be proud of our strong and successful multicultural society. Sharing our cultural heritage is part of celebrating what it means to be Australian. Our shared Australian values of respect, equality and freedom go beyond our different cultures, and are what makes Australia such a great place to live. The message of respect and belonging goes beyond the week long celebration. It can be lived by each of us, every day.

Facts and figures

- ⊗ Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- ⊗ We identify with over 300 ancestries
- ⊗ Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- ⊗ 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia

Figures from ABS 2016 Census Data**EASTER CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY, 7th APRIL**

Just over two weeks to go before our annual Easter Celebrations with a concert and picnic day. Students have started with their rehearsals for the concert and the P&C will soon be busy finalising arrangements for the picnic. We hope families will bring extended family members and friends to celebrate this day with us.

How you can help make the day a success?

- ⊗ Encourage other family members and friends to come along.
- ⊗ Bake cake or sweets for the Cake Stall. (See P&C Report)
- ⊗ Assist the P&C with their roster of manning one of the stalls for the afternoon.
- ⊗ Send in your Easter Hamper contributions to the school office as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have and are working hard to help make the day a success. They include members of the P&C, parents, teachers and students. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere!

22nd March, 2019

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17-23 MARCH

HARMONY WEEK



Visit us on
Facebook

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

REMEMBER!

Design and make your fancy hat for the Easter Hat Parade!



BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Zareh



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards



ARARAT - 40 points

MASIS - 47 points



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

TEACHERS' AWARD

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 8

Year 6: Zabel, Samson

Year 4: Berj, Lara

Year 1: Dzila

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28/03 '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
- 21/04 Easter Sunday - Public Holiday
- 22/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 8

8 Points – **Masis** \$9.00

6 Points – **Ararat** \$6.20

TOTAL: **\$15.20**

ACCUMULATED: **\$94.75**

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Parents & Community - News

Second P&C meeting was on Tuesday 19th March. It was another very productive meeting with plans for the year starting to take shape.



Easter Concert: Sunday 7th April

All family and friends are welcome to come the first major event for our school community. There's lots to enjoy including the Easter lunch, sweets/treats, student's performance and of course the traditional Easter Hat Parade. Make sure the children, included siblings and family not attending school come prepared to participate in the fun.

Cake stall and Raffle prize donations are requested and in keeping with the new system of collecting information via Google forms, parents will be asked to nominate their donations to assist the P&C in planning and preparations. As mentioned in the last report, we are requesting more traditional Armenian sweets for the cake stall and a broader variety of items other than chocolate eggs for the raffle hampers. Your prompt replies are appreciated as this will help the P&C with planning.

The P&C would like to thank Maggie Betchakjian for once again donating the raffle ticket crafts and preparing the tickets for the event.

The draft roster for the day will be available this week for everyone to review. If you have been allocated to a time that you are unavailable please let the School Office office@alexander.nsw.edu.au know so that adjustments can be made. As in the past all families are included on the roster to enable this event to be run as smoothly as possible.

Canteen

The new canteen process successfully helped teachers to distribute lunches and monitor students eating. There has been some issue communicating changes to the menu on a weekly basis. To try and make it easier for parents to keep up with the latest menu the school will try to have the current canteen menu available live either via a Google Calendar or a website link. Until then please only refer to the latest email for the current menus.

Communicate with Us

We love to hear the ideas and suggestion you all have about events and initiative our school community should consider. Email us at PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au or join our next meeting which will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at Governor Hotel Macquarie Park.

Just a reminder that formal communication to and from the school is only sent to parent via the newsletter or your nominated email address. Canteen order requests should be sent to the school canteen with lunch orders and WhatsApp chat groups are only informal communications to connect our community and shouldn't be treated as a source of information for school matter.

Two weeks to Easter Concert – we're counting down!

Sonia Panikian -

On behalf of the 2019 P&C



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®

Photo Gallery...

Working Bee

Many thanks to all the families who attended our Working Bee last Saturday. Thanks to everyone's effort, we managed to set up for the annual Easter Concert and picnic. There is always a great feeling of community and a sense of satisfaction when our families get together, enjoy each others company and work for the good of the school in such a willing way. Well done everybody and Thank You!



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Join us for "FOULE" lunch following the Arevakal church service to share in this meal together to mark the median of Lent.

Sunday 31st of March 2019

On the church grounds / at Edgarian Hall, from 12:20pm

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Donation / Նուիրատուութիւն \$10

We welcome donations on the day, with all proceeds to raise funds towards housing for a family still living in a container/cabin in Gyumri, following the 1988 Earthquake.

This project is undertaken by the Church of Holy Resurrection under the direction of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Everyone is welcome

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Հայ Համայնքը**



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Կիրակի 7 Ապրիլ, 2019

կէսօրուրնէ սկսեալ



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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