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Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATION TO 'OUR GLADYS'!

Last Saturday was a historic day for not only the people of New South Wales, but also for the Australian-Armenian community. Our Gladys Berejiklian became the first elected female Premier of NSW, and the most powerful woman in Armenian world politics.

During her acceptance speech she stated: "...a State where someone with a long surname and a woman can be the Premier!" Most important is the fact that she is not just an Armenian in surname, but also a very active member of our community. It is interesting to note that she didn't speak a word of English when she started school... Well done Gladys! You make us proud!

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Krikor and Arsha Berejiklian and family!



EASTER CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY, 7th APRIL

We are all looking forward to our annual Easter concert and picnic. Once again the students are preparing a great programme and we extend a special invitation to all members of the community to join us in our celebration.

It is an opportunity for current and future friends and families to visit the school and view our activities. So come and enjoy the fresh air, the delicious food, the colourful hat parade, the great entertainment and wonderful atmosphere as we showcase a 'Traditional Armenian Easter!'

THE 5 KEYS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS*



Confidence: Take some risks sometimes, because it's OK to make some mistakes and learn from them. Try new activities and don't be afraid to speak up when you need to.



Resilience: Stay calm, even when things go wrong, keep a sensible view of what is really important and choose to be positive even when things don't turn out well for you.



Persistence: When the going gets tough, the tough get going, the harder you try, the greater your success and sometimes you have to do things that are not pleasant or very enjoyable, but you have to keep trying.

Organisation: Plan what you have to do and the time you have to do it.

Getting Along: Be tolerant of others and remember that everyone is different and we all make mistakes. Remember school rules and play by the rules. Think carefully about what you are doing and remember to use your common sense!



* With acknowledgement to *You Can Do It! Education Programs*.

REMINDER...

We would like to remind those families who so far have not sent in their contribution for the Easter Raffle hampers, if they could forward their donates by **Monday 1/4/19**.

Please note that we have requested from families to contribute items such as homemade biscuits/sweets, wine, coloured eggs and Easter themed decorations to assist with the preparation of more interesting and attractive prizes.

We also like to know the type and quantity of sweet/s you will be able to supply for the Easter cake stall. Please complete and Google Form that was emailed earlier this week. Thank you for your support!

Remember to design and make your fancy hat for the Easter Hat Parade. Only two weeks to go!

More information about student requirements for the day will be provided next week.



REMEMBER!

*Design and make
your fancy hat
for the Easter*

Hat Parade!



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 47 points

MASIS - 58 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 9

Year 4: Sargis

Year 2: Kris

Kindergarten: Harout, Ava

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01/04 Start of Vegetable Week
- 03/.4 'Smart Start' Program - School Visit
- 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 9

8 Points – **Masis** \$8.20

6 Points – **Ararat** \$7.50

TOTAL: **\$15.70**

ACCUMULATED: **\$110.45**

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National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2019

Letter to Parents

In May 2019 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from **14-16 May 2019**.

TUESDAY 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY	THURSDAY 16 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy
Writing test		

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one Numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students. Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdraw from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Any questions? Contact the NAPLAN team on 1300 119 556 or naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent-Carer-support>

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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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