



Dear Parents,

HALF YEARLY REPORTS

The Half Yearly Reports have been distributed today. We hope you find them helpful in understanding your child's progress at school so far this year.

If on reading this report, you wish to address aspects of your child's learning, to help with any issues they might have, the teacher concerned will assist you with specifics. As you know, the forwarding of reports before the end of term helps facilitate parents arrange for an appointment before the holidays. Should you need to speak to your child's teachers, please fill in the form in this newsletter and they will call you back or arrange an interview. Parents of 'Prep' students have also received a special progress report.



With the reports out, I would like to remind parents that providing support and encouragement towards your child's learning is the most important way you can help them succeed. Remember, parents are the children's first teachers and helping your child to learn can be simple. Reading to them and encouraging them to tell you the same story in their words, or asking them to talk about something that interests them are just a few examples. We can help children learn almost any way which suits us, because many of the everyday things we do at home help our children learn. Things like writing a shopping list or placing a lunch order, cooking and following a recipe together, planning a party and writing invitations together or even getting your child to teach you about using the computer or how to play their favourite App game!

ASIA STUDIES DAY & ASSEMBLY

On **Thursday**, during our assembly we will see the culmination of our Asian Studies for the Term. We will have a special 'Asia Studies Day Assembly' and hope to share some of knowledge gained by Prep-Kindergarten about China, by Years 1-2 about India and by Years 3-6 about Japan.

I would like to take this opportunity and welcome our parents to the assembly, which will start after the student are served delicious Asian food during lunch time. Parents are welcome to join from 1.30pm.

Invitation: Special Asia Studies Day Assembly - Thursday 4th July, 2019 from 1.30pm.

BATHURST TRIP - FUNDRAISING

Students of Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Bathurst this year. The 3-day trip, is part of their unit of work on the discovery of gold in Australia. During the trip, they will experience how life was like on the goldfields, during the goldrush of the 1850s.

To help them with the cost of the excursion, fundraising activities will be organised in the lead up to their trip next term. This was kick-started last week with the 'Green & Gold Day', which raised over \$90 thanks to the support of our parents.



Our next activity will be part of our Asia Day Celebrations next Thursday, when we will serve a variety of delicious Asian food. Students will get the chance to taste food from the countries they have been studying, thanks to the support of teachers and parents. In return, we would like students to contribute \$4 for the meal, which will go towards our fundraising efforts.

I.C.A.S. ASSESSMENTS - UPDATE

The format of the annual assessments organised by the University of NSW, in particular the 'International Competition & Assessments for Schools' has been changed this year. The assessment period has been moved to September and will be conducted online, with the exception of the writing test for Years 3 & 4. More information, including the option of registering and paying online will be emailed to parents.

28th June, 2019



ASIA DAY ASSEMBLY

Thursday 4th July, 2019 - From 1:30pm

As a culmination of our Asia studies, come along to celebrate!

Asia Day Lunch - Taste delicious variety of Chinese, Indian and Japanese food!

Provided to all students with the support of parents & teachers to help Year 5 & 6 Fundraising

\$4
Donation

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Sevana
Vanessa

LIBRARY BAGS

Congratulations to all the students who bring their library bags for borrowing each week.

LIBRARY DAY IS **MONDAY**

COMING SOON...

ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL REPORT 2018

Includes...

- Academic Performance,
- Teacher Standards,
- School Policies on Enrolment,
- Discipline, Safe & Supportive Environment, Improvement Targets, Summary of Financial Information and a lot more!

*Grab a copy from the office.
Also available on the website.*

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 95 points
MASIS - 102 points

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

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 - WEEK 9

Year 6: Zabel, Albert
Year 5: Isabella, Elizabeth
Year 3: Martin
Kindergarten: Harout, Ava

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

DATES TO REMEMBER

04/07	Asia Studies Day & Assembly Asia Day Lunch - Donation \$4
05/07	Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
22/07	School Development Day (Pupil Free)
23/07	First Day Term 3 - Students Return
01/08	School Registration - Inspection Day
27/09	Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
27/10	Armenian Cultural Day
08/12	Christmas Concert & Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 9

8 Points - Ararat	\$9.60
6 Points - Masis	\$4.10
TOTAL:	\$13.70
ACCUMULATED:	\$303.40

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Earthquakes ~ Model Construction

Year 3-6 were challenged with the task of making an earthquake proof model. The model could be made with a variety of materials but had to be at least three levels high. The students were presented with the following materials: toothpicks, straws, paddle pop sticks, pegs, sponges, dough, blu tack, cardboard, plastic and marshmallows. The students started working on a variety of strategies to make the strongest models. After they were finished the students set up a shake table to test their designs.

Our findings:

- The models made with straw seemed to work best. This is because straws are very light even though they take up more space than the toothpicks.
- The best model of all was the one made of just four straws. This worked well because there were no joints to fall apart.
- The only model that was made of toothpicks that survived was because the toothpicks were supported by more than half the toothpicks' height in sponge.
- The models made with blu tack seemed to fail. The joints fell apart because the toothpicks were not deep enough into the blu tack to support them. Also the blu tack was heavy and weighed the model down.
- We found that triangular shapes were stronger than square shapes.



REPORTS: TEACHER CONTACT REQUESTED

I would like (teacher/s name) to call me

on.....(phone no.) to discuss.....'s school report.

A suitable time is(time) on.....day.



PARENT'S NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

A black poster for the AGBU Basketball Gala Day 2019. The title is in large red letters. The text is white. There are orange and white basketball graphics in the corners and a white zigzag line at the top and bottom. The text reads: "LET THE GAMES BEGIN!", "AGBU BASKETBALL GALA DAY 2019", "Come along for a fun-filled day of basketball!", "SUNDAY 14 JULY 9AM - 5PM, RYDE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE", "ELS HALL PARK", "109 KENT ROAD, NORTH RYDE", "Lunch will be sold on the day", and "AGBU".

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AGBU BASKETBALL GALA DAY 2019

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day of basketball!

**SUNDAY 14 JULY 9AM - 5PM, RYDE
COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE
ELS HALL PARK
109 KENT ROAD, NORTH RYDE**

Lunch will be sold on the day

AGBU

Under The Auspices of His Eminence Archbishop
Haygazoun Najarian



PREMIERE - DOCUMENTARY FILM
**VOSKAN
YEREVANTSI**

THE EPIC FIRST PRINTING
OF THE ARMENIAN BIBLE

with the presence of

Rev.Ft. Vahan Ohanian Italy

Director Hakob Papazyan Armenia

Producer Nver Mnatsaganyan Armenia



Donation \$20

16 July 2019 7:00 PM



Level 4, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre,
109-135 Blaxland Road, Ryde NSW 2112

For tickets please call Hovhannes Kouyoumdjian 0408 283 826

For more information please contact Office@agbu.com.au



ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep to Year 6

ORIENTATION & OPEN DAYS *Preparatory & Kindergarten*

TUESDAYS 30 JULY | 13 AUGUST | 27 AUGUST
10 SEPTEMBER & 24 SEPTEMBER 2019



**ENROLLING
for
2020**

*Come along and see how we nurture your child in our
unique environment and caring community.*

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep)** to **Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels.

The age requirement for students entering **Preparatory** is **4 years by 31st July** (3½ years at the start of the school year), while for **Kindergarten** it is **5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year.

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