A.G.B.U. Alexander Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 - WEEK 1

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Dear Parents,

ARMENIAN TEACHERS BLESSED - FEAST OF HOLY TRANSLATORS

The October commemoration of 'Holy Translators' focuses on the creation of the Armenian alphabet and on the accomplishments of the Holy Translators. In modern times the entire month of October has been designated as a *'Month of Culture.'* Armenians throughout the Diaspora and Armenia mark this with events not only in remembrance of the past, but in celebration of modern-day scholars, theologians, writers, translators and teachers of Armenian schools.

It has become customary now for the Armenian school teachers of our community to gather together each year at the invitation of the Diocese to participate in the Divine Liturgy at the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection on the Feast of the Holy Translators, *Tarkmanchadz* and receive the blessing of the Primate, His Grace Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian.

On Sunday, 13 October 2019 the Armenian school teachers from Sydney's day, Saturday, community language and Sunday schools were recognised for their valuable contribution toward instilling our cultural heritage and national identity through education in our future generations. During the service, teachers received Holy Communion and following the Divine Liturgy an intimate cocktail reception was held in the Diocesan Centre in their honour.

AGBU STATEMENT ON THE ALARMING CURRENT EVENTS IN SYRIA

The AGBU Central Board and our worldwide membership are following with alarm the developments in Syria, specifically the military invasion by Turkey in its northeast regions. Reports from our local chapters and communities indicate a mounting humanitarian crisis and new waves of refugees. The situation requires an immediate response from the international community and relief organizations.

We take note of the official statement by the Armenian Foreign Ministry, the Catholicos of All Armenians and Supreme Patriarch Karekin II, and Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia Aram I calling on the international community to act without delay to restore the shaken international peace in the region.

As descendants of survivors of the Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the predecessors of the present Turkish regime in 1915, we know too well the human toll such aggression can take. AGBU appeals to the Turkish authorities to immediately stop the invasion and aggression against the Syrian people, which is eerily similar to some of the Ottoman Empire's actions more than a century ago. We call for the international community to hold Turkey responsible for its actions, recognizing that such action in 1915 would have meant a markedly different history for the Armenian people.

18th October, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

School Banking

Banking Day: Thursday

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthdays to…

Miss Christine
Luca
Lara G
Mrs Lattimore

DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL

In Memoriam for the Late Hagop Simonian

Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	$200

In Memoriam for the Late Haigouhi Soghomonian

Mrs Mary Tchetchenian	$100
Mr & Mrs Varouj and Sona Tchetchenian	$100
Mr & Mrs Serop and Maggie Mikaelian	$100
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	$100
Mrs & Mrs Eddie and Naiyri Baghdigian (Melbourne)	$50
Mrs Foulig Touloumbadjian	$50
Mr Kevork Pezikian	$50
Mr Simon Dikranian	$50

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

ARARAT - 12 points

MASIS - 11 points

TEACHERS' AWARD

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Year 5: Harry, Alina
Year 4: Berj
Year 3: Martin
Year 2: Anthony, Razmik
Kindergarten: Ava, Harout

DATES TO REMEMBER

02/11	Soccer Tournament @ GIS - Years 3-6
16/11	Family Night - Kids Crazy Costume Party
20/11	Interschool Debating Comp. # Finals Round
24/11	Armenian 'Kermesse' - School Choir
03/13	CARES Bike Safety visit - Years 3-6
06/12	Armenian Welfare Centre - Christmas Visit
	End of School Swimming Program
	Student Yearly Reports - Sent Home
07/12	Armenia's Earthquake Remembrance Day
08/12	Christmas Concert & Graduation
12/12	Last Day Term 4 for Students
13/12	Staff Planning Day

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 1

8 Points – **Ararat**	…….….	$6.70
6 Points – **Masis**	……...	$5.50
TOTAL:	……...	**$12.20**
ACCUMULATED:	……...	**$492.00**

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

Visitors from Armenia

The Armenian String Quartet

On Thursday 17th October, during our first assembly for the term, we welcomed 'The Armenian String Quartet' from Armenia. The talented musicians were visiting Sydney for a Tribute Concert, dedicated to the great Armenian priest, composer, ethnomusicologist, choral conductor and teacher 'Komitas' on the 150th anniversary of his birth.

Following a special welcome and student performances, the visitors took centre stage to perform a number of songs from Komitas. The students thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, as they also joined in to sing and hear great classical pieces.

Maintenance

Playground Seating

During the holidays, maintenance was carried out around the playground. In particular, the bench seats outside the classrooms were all sanded and repainted. The timber edging around the play equipment was also repaired and upgraded, while some parts of the covered walkways were repaired and painted.

P&C Report

Parents & Community - News

Hope that you all had a relaxing holiday break recharged and ready for Term 4!

Family Night | Kids Crazy Costume - Saturday, 16th November 2019

NEW DATE!!! SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019

This is a great excuse to organise a group of your friends to come and enjoy the night filled with tunes and fun. Prizes for best costumes, and the 'big kids at heart' (yes that's all those adults!) are also welcome to come dressed up for a laugh. Book online and come along to dance to night away!

Tickets are $50 for adults and $25 for kids age 12-4 (under 4 are free), BYO alcohol. Book early!!

Secure your tickets by by calling the School office on 9486 3266 or Sonia on 0415462177 or via the online reservations through this link:

https://forms.gle/vf4DevWnsxKgLVW88

Christmas Raffle

In Term 4 each student will receive a book of tickets for the Christmas Raffle. Prizes include Gift Cards to the value of $300, Armenian Cognac, Armenian dried fruits and chocolates, and a huge gourmet hamper. If you would like to donate a prize please contact the school PC via email PC@alexander.nsw.edu.au

The winners will be drawn at the School End of Year Concert and Graduation.

Kind regards

Sonia Panikian
P&C Coordinator

Photo Gallery

Feast of Holy Translators

Visit us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchool Like

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!

Managing Your Child's Asthma

Six steps to managing your child's asthma. Ask your doctor to assist you to in managing your child's asthma according to the six-point plan below.

1. Know how severe your child's asthma is (ask your doctor).
2. Achieve best lung function - find out what to do, so that your child's lungs function at their best. The use of a peak flow meter or symptom score diary may help in determining the best lung function.
3. Maintain best lung function - avoid things, which trigger your child's asthma.
4. Optimize medication - use the lowest dose of medication possible to achieve the best lung function, without producing side effects.
5. Develop an asthma action plan with your doctor so that you know what to do during an attack of asthma.
6. Have your child's asthma checked regularly by your doctor, and learn as much as you can about the management of your child's asthma.

Asthma Cycle of Care

If your child has:

- symptoms on most days or nights
- uses an asthma reliever puffer more than 3 times per week
- has been in hospital with an asthma attack
- missed school due to asthma

then see your GP to enrol in the Asthma Cycle of Care and get an Asthma Action Plan to help you take control of your asthma.

If you have any questions, or for further information contact Asthma Foundation NSW.

Asthma Foundation NSW ☎ 1800 645 130 www.asthmansw.org.au