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Dear Parents,

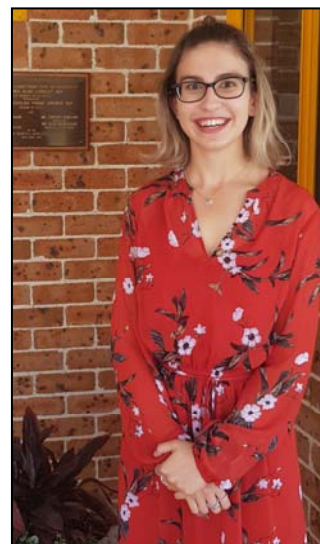
WELCOME!

On behalf of the School Board, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the search for a new classroom teacher has been finalised with the appointment of **Miss Gabrielle McKay**.

Miss McKay has recently completed a *Bachelor of Education (Primary)* at the Australian Catholic University. She has gained experience by teaching at some of the Catholic schools, including St Cecilia's (Balgowlah), Our Lady of Dolours (Chatswood), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Forestville) and at St Pius X College Junior School (Chatswood).

Miss McKay believes *'in the importance of developing a respectful, caring and professional as well as positive relationship with students, their parents and work colleagues that effectively reflect the ethos of AGBU Alexander Primary School.'*

I congratulate and welcome Miss McKay, who I'm sure will prove to be a welcome addition to our school community.



ALEXANDER SCHOOL APP!

We are pleased to introduce a new communication app called **School Stream** to Alexander School. 'School Stream' is a free app that can be downloaded onto any smartphone and will include all of the information that is usually circulated via hard copy or email.



schoolstream

We are always reviewing and looking at ways to improve the way we communicate with our parents. We believe that 'School Stream' will revolutionise this process by providing up to date and regular information about the school, which can be accessed all in one place. The app allows us to deliver information and notices directly to your phone. This allows you to be quickly and easily notified when information and newsletters are sent from the school. It allows you to read the newsletter on your device, at any time. It allows you to re-read news and information when you need it. The app allows you to be continually informed of school news and what is relevant to your child and your family. Between now and the end of the year, we will continue to change and modify the information provided, as we progress with the design and use of the app.

In the meantime, we encourage all families to install the new app and stay in touch with the latest news and information regarding your child's education. There will be a transition period until everyone jumps on board, as parents need to register and will only gain access to the app upon approval. We will still be communicating in the usual way as well as via School Stream until the end of the year. From 2020, all of our communication is expected to be through the "one stop shop" School Stream, which is rated as the number one app. Attached to this Newsletter is an information sheet that provides instructions on how to install School Stream onto your smart phone and to navigate your way around the app and more!

The idea of having a school communication app has been explored for some time, however it was through the support of the P&C and the School Board that we were able to develop the idea further. The school will run a number of information sessions about the app early next year, however parents can start installing it from now to start exploring and providing feedback on the information they like to receive or access on the app.



29th November, 2019

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

2019 HONOUR AWARD LIST



Congratulations to

*Samson
Zabel
Alexander*



ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



The P&C Committee has organised a Christmas Raffle as part of our annual fundraising.

Tickets are selling at \$2 each and we have some amazing prizes!

Make sure buyers fill out their names and phone numbers and return all tickets together with the money to the school office by Monday 2nd December 2019.

Thank you for your support & happy fundraising!

Year 6 Farewell

APS SIGNATURE BEARS

\$20.00



*The special way to remember all
your school friends & teachers!*

LIBRARY BORROWING



This week was the final week
for borrowing books from the
school library. Please make
sure that all books are returned
by the due date: **Monday 2nd December**

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



ARARAT - 118 points

MASIS - 108 points



TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 4 – WEEK 7

Year 6: Zabel, Samson
Year 5: Sara, Harry
Year 4: Lara B., Sargis
Year 3: Martin, Cristian



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 03/12 CARES Bike Safety visit - Years 3-6
- 05/12 2020 Captain Speeches & Election
- 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
- 10/12 Alexander Aged Care - Christmas Visit
- 11/12 Preparatory & Kindergarten Graduation
- 12/12 Last Day Term 4 for Students
- Alexander Playgroup - Final Session
- 13/12 Staff Planning Day

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 7

8 Points – **Masis** \$13.90

6 Points – **Ararat** \$5.20

TOTAL: **\$19.10**

ACCUMULATED: **\$578.00**

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

Performance

Armenian 'Kermesse'

On Sunday 24th November, the students of Alexander school had a successful performance at the Armenian Church 'Kermesse'. Congratulations to all the students who joined the choir and represented the school with great pride. They performed a number of songs on the grounds adjacent to the Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection.

We would like to pass on the words of appreciation and gratitude of the Church Council as well as thank the parents for their support and cooperation. Our notes of appreciation also go to Mrs Seta Keoshgerian and Mrs Zela Margossian-Gaspar for preparing them so well. It was also great to see many of our Graduates taking an active and supportive role in the AGBU Youth and Church Youth (ACYA) activities of the day. Once again, this was a good opportunity to showcase our school to the rest of the community, on what was a wonderful occasion.



Scripture

Operation Christmas Child

The weekly Scripture lessons continue this term with Mrs Cynthia Tomassian. As part of their activities, the students were introduced to **Samaritan's Purse** and successfully took part in the '**Operation Christmas Child**' shoebox gift appeal.



Samaritan's Purse, is a non-profit, Christian organisation providing aid and assistance to those in greatest need, freely demonstrating God's unconditional love without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, or ethnicity of the beneficiaries.

The students taking part in this Christmas gift appeal were asked to 'pack a shoebox' by filling it with a variety of simply gifts. They were then asked to pray for the child who will receive the shoebox and may have never received a gift before. In addition, they included a personal note of encouragement and a photo.

It's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. A real gift says '*You are loved and you matter to God.*'



~ Mark Your Calendar ~
Wednesday, 11th December - 1.00pm
Final Assembly - Prep & Kindergarten Graduation

Swimming Lessons



~ **SWIMMING REMINDER** ~

Friday 6th December

Safety Week

Students are required to bring extra **T-shirt and shorts** to be worn over their swimming costume during the lesson.



Appreciation of Leadership

Today, our Captain Samson was invited to the New South Wales Parliament by the Member for Pittwater Mr Rob Stokes. The occasion was to honour and present certificates of appreciation to school captains in the electorate for their contribution to the community as school leaders.

During morning tea, our Captain had the opportunity to meet the honourable member of our electorate. A very interesting and an informative tour of this historic building in Macquarie Street was provided with a visit to the Legislative Assembly chamber. The guests, including parents, grandparents and school representatives had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the system of government in our state.

This was followed with the presentation of certificates where the recipients also responded to the question: 'What have you learnt as a leader?'

We thank our State MP, Mr Stokes for this wonderful opportunity, which helps the children acknowledge the importance of community service and the responsibilities of leadership.



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!

Letters to Eurnekian School, Etchmiadzin

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Իմ սնունդը ծառայում է օգտագործելու համար՝ աշակերտներին եւ Կենտրոնը վարձարժեքի: Եւ գիտեմ, որ դուք հինգ աշակերտներուն ծննդ 57: Դուք շատ բարձրան 57: Կրթական աշխատանքները ձեր գործունեությունը ու փաստաթղթերը հայտնաբերում են: Դրանից հետո: Հիշում եմ որ մեծ հայտնաբերում կ'ընեն: Եւ իսկապես իմ մեծ փառաբան 5, որ երեւոյց տեսնեն:



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Live Life Well @ School

BUS & ROAD SAFETY



Children are most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus.

To improve safety:

- Wait until the bus has gone, then use a **safe place to cross** e.g. school crossing
- Model safe pedestrian behavior. **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Up until at least 10 years old, **supervise** closely and **hold your child's hand** when crossing the road.

For more tips, click on
'Staying Safe' -> 'Schools' at
Roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



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ACTIVE TRAVEL

Always wear a helmet when you ride and make sure you fit the helmet correctly

1 Allow two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet



2 The straps should not be twisted or cover the ears. Ensure the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears



3 Allow two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin



For more tips:
search 'bicycle helmets' at
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



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Visitors...

Rev. Yesai Sarmazian

On Tuesday, 26 November we were honoured with a special visit by **Rev. Yesai Sarmazian**, from Canada. Our guest was accompanied by Rev. Hagop Sarkissian and Garo Soghomonian from the Armenian Evangelical Church. They were joined by Mrs Sossie Giragosian from the School Board, as they toured the school and visited the classrooms. Rev. Sarmazian had the opportunity to meet and speak to the students during class, who also took the opportunity to present a program of poetry recitals dedicated to the Armenian priest, musicologist, composer, arranger, singer, and choirmaster 'Gomidas Vartabed' who is also considered the founder of the Armenian national school of music. The guests were amazed at the quality of the recitals and highly praised the students for their achievements.



Live Life Well @ School

ACTIVE CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Active presents under the Christmas tree can help kids associate being active with having fun!

Active gift ideas:

- Toys such as balls, skipping ropes & hula hoops
- Bike, scooter, roller blades or a skateboard
- Trampoline
- Beach toys
- Basketball hoop
- Gardening tools
- Chalk for hopscotch



Create long lasting memories being more physically active in the great outdoors this year.

Search 'Family Active Living' at
www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au



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WATERMELON CHRISTMAS TREES



Makes 6-8 trees

Ingredients: 1/4 watermelon

Method:

1. Slice the watermelon into triangles of 2cm thickness and 10cm base width, leaving the rind on.
2. Trim the rind of each triangle to make a tree stump.

Handy tip:

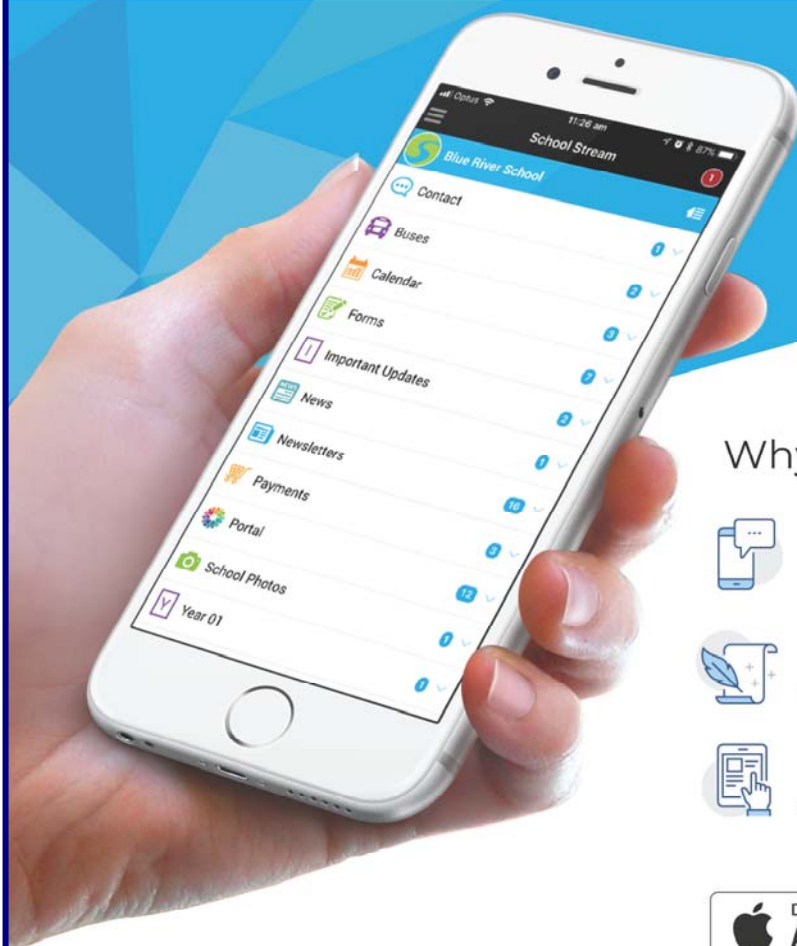
Serve these cute watermelon Christmas trees at end-of-year class parties.

For more ideas,
search 'Christmas' at
healthy-kids.com.au



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Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?



Receive instant notifications for important news.



Easily register absentees and excursions.



Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download on the
App Store



GET IT ON
Google Play

Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



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twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp



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Food Drive!

FoodBank Collection

We have decided to support the 'FoodBank' collection that is being promoted by our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Jason Falinski MP.

In previous years, his office has had a fabulous response from schools in the seat of 'Mackellar', that we are part of. This is a unique opportunity for school communities to give back at Christmas.

Hunger is a hidden crisis in Australia with over 3.6 million Australians seeking food relief at some point each year. Half of those are children.

The items for the food drive will be collected by FoodBank from the office of Mr Falinski. We will deliver our collection to his office during the last week of school. So, please send your donations to the school office by Monday 9 December, 2019.



FoodBank accepts the following items:

- Canned meals - fruit, vegetable, soup and meat
- Noodles, pasta, and rice
- Baked beans and spaghetti
- Long life milk
- Baby food and formula
- Deodorant, soap and body wash
- Shampoo, conditioner and sanitary items
- Baby wipes and nappies



Please don't feel limited to our suggestions – However, as you can appreciate **no perishables** including **fresh produce** can be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact the school Office.

Saturday School of Community Languages

Connection Diversity Excellence

Saturday School of Community Languages (SSCL) is the largest provider of face-to-face languages education in NSW.

Classes are held every Saturday morning during the school term at each of our 15 high school centres.

Students from public and non-government secondary schools are eligible to enrol if the language requested is their background language and is not available for study at their weekday school. There are no fees charged for enrolment.

Students at SSCL follow the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses. All languages are Board Developed Courses that can contribute towards a Higher School Certificate.

Languages offered

- | | |
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| - Arabic | - Macedonian |
| - Armenian | - Maltese |
| - Bengali | - Modern Greek |
| - Bosnian | - Persian |
| - Chinese | - Polish |
| - Croatian | - Portuguese |
| - Filipino | - Punjabi |
| - Hindi | - Russian |
| - Hungarian | - Serbian |
| - Italian | - Spanish |
| - Japanese | - Tamil |
| - Khmer | |

**APPLY
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FOR 2020**

Visit our website to download a 2020 enrolment form:

www.saturdaycl-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Complete a form and email it to us by Friday 29 February
2020 to start classes for your background language





ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
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Christmas Concert & Graduation Evening

Sunday
8th December
2019

From
4:00pm

Gemjian Hall



Invite family and friends to join our

Christmas Spirit

and to

Farewell our Graduates

2 Namba Road, Duffys Forest

For more information please contact the
School Office - 9486 3266

