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Dear Parents,

### **THE COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED!**

It's hard to believe how quick the year has gone past, with just two more sleeps before our *Christmas Concert & Graduation Evening*. There is a great deal of anticipation as we all get ready to finish the year on a high note. As usual, it has been an incredibly busy period with numerous events throughout the year.

Before we start making plans for the Festive Season, I would like to run through the list of events that are coming up, by making sure we are all aware and ready to share the spirit of celebration:

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December**
- Years 5&6 joined our annual Christmas visit to the *Armenian Welfare Centre*.
  - End of School Swimming Program - *Safety Week*
  - Student Yearly Reports (As a result of the power outage for most of last week, the reports will now be sent home early next week.)
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December**
- *Christmas Concert and Graduation Evening* from 4.00pm in the Gemjian Hall. Invite family and friends to share the Christmas spirit and farewell our Graduates.
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> December**
- Years 5&6 will visit the *Alexander Rest Home* during the morning, to spread some Christmas cheer to the elderly residents.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December**
- *'The Litterbug Ruins Christmas'* performance presented by the Northern Beaches Council as a litter reduction educational campaign. The story of 'The Litter Bug and Lisa the Litter Guard' is brought to the school as a complementary show, with the support of the council.
  - *Final Assembly - Preparatory and Kindergarten Graduation*. During our final assembly Preparatory and Kindergarten students will receive their Certificates.
  - Afternoon Tea for the parents will follow.
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup> December**
- *Clean-up & Party Day*. To say congratulations and thank you to all the students for consistently working hard right through the year, the school will be treating them to a Party and fun day. They will also be provided with food and drink, with the cost covered by the school. Students are to wear mufti clothes on that day.
  - *Talent Show*, followed by *Kris Kringle* and final farewells with best wishes for the new year.

Please check the Newsletter for more details and requirements in relation to the above.

### **ALEXANDER PLAYGROUP**

Just over a year ago, it was with great pleasure that I announced the return of the 'Alexander Playgroup'. We were very excited to see the playgroup back this year and would like to thank all those who helped with the implementation and support of this project.



Over the past year the 'Alexander Playgroup' has been a great success, where children aged 0-5 years together with their parents have joined every Thursday for their weekly gathering between 10am to 1pm. I like to say a special 'Thank You' to our *Playgroup Coordinator Mrs Lisa Jebian* for taking on the task. She has helped organise the structured activities every week, including play, music and dance. In addition, the Playgroup was joined by our Prep students for some story time and singalong.

The Playgroup will have its final session for the year next Thursday. If you have any friends or relatives who are interested in joining the 'Alexander Playgroup' next year, they can contact the school office.

29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT & GRADUATION EVENING - ORGANISATION



**Student Arrival Time:** All students are expected to be at school by **3.30pm. No later!**

**What To Wear & What to Bring:** Students should come to school in their **Summer Sports uniform** (Years P-2) and **Summer uniform** (Years 3-6). Please check and confirm the **concert requirements email and form** (click the link to open the form) that was sent to parents earlier this week. Make sure you have polished black shoes, pressed uniforms and tidy hair. Only **blue** hair accessories for girls, please!

**Starting Time:** The *Christmas Concert & Graduation Evening* will commence at **4.00pm**. It will be held in the Gemjian Hall. We encourage parents to invite friends and family share the Christmas spirit. Also to congratulate and farewell our graduates.

**Canteen:** There will be **an interval**. However, **food and drinks** will also be made available for purchase from the canteen both **before and after the concert**. There will also be tea, coffee, sweets and cakes.

**Note:** All families have been requested to bring **sweets** for the evening. Please complete the online **form** (click the link to open the form) emailed to parents this week. Any additional contributions of sweets from parents is welcome. Please make sure you supply them to the **Canteen** area as soon as you arrive.



**Graduation:** We will have **reserved** seating for invited guests and parents of Year 6 graduates. We hope all parents will be compliant with these seating arrangements.



**Year 6 Graduation Party:** Year 5 students with the support of their parents will host our traditional Graduation Party for Year 6 graduates, their families and guests at the end of the concert.

The party will be held in the Gemjian Hall after the concert and is by **Invitation Only**.

**NOTICE TO PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS:** It is requested that all **former graduates and students** of APS call the office if they intend to visit us during the final week of school.

## CLEAN-UP & PARTY DAY - Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

We all look forward to a great Clean-up & Party Day to treat ourselves after a long year of hard work. So let's make this the best Party Day and Talent Show ever!

Party day is also a **MUFTI DAY** so students can wear fun, sensible party clothes. Please remember, that our Mufti Day Dress Code will apply as usual. So **NO** open shoes, make-up, hair-spray, midrifts, inappropriate slogans on clothing or jewellery. Students will need a hat and a school bag to help carry books home.

**PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MORNING TEA AS PARTY FOOD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL LUNCHTIME.**

The school will provide the party food and drinks for all the students. Please fill in the entry form (to be emailed to the parents early next week) if you want your child/ren to take part in the Talent Show. **All participants must have an entry form completed by their parents.**



We are all looking forward to a fun afternoon!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 08/12** Christmas Concert & Graduation
- 10/12 Alexander Aged Care - Christmas Visit
- 11/12 'The Litterbug Ruins Christmas' show  
Preparatory & Kindergarten Graduation
- 12/12 Last Day Term 4 for Students - Mufti  
Alexander Playgroup - Final Session  
Clean-up & Party Day  
Talent Show  
Kris Kringle & Final farewells!
- 13/12 Staff Planning Day

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

### ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

#### **WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 8**

8 Points – <b>Ararat</b>	.....	\$6.10
6 Points – <b>Masis</b>	.....	\$2.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	.....	<b>\$7.60</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED:</b>	.....	<b>\$585.60</b>

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# 2019 HONOUR AWARD LIST

*Congratulations to*

*Sara - Gold*



*Note ~ Gold recipients have been awarded their second Honour Award*

## 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 on Sunday, to be entered in the draw.

*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



Last 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 9<sup>th</sup> December**

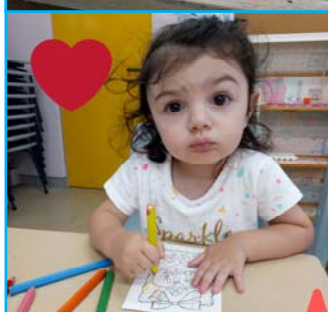


*~ Final Assembly ~*  
**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December ~ 1.00pm**  
**Preparatory & Kindergarten Graduation**





# Alexander Playgroup





## Bike Safety

On Tuesday the students in Years 4 to 6 participated in the Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES). Designed especially for school students, the program provided students with a greater degree of road safety knowledge and an opportunity to develop their practical skills.

The program focused on road safety, bicycle skills and coping with traffic. The practical day at CARES exposed students to a variety of road situations in a controlled and safe environment. CARES provided bikes to suit all levels, and helmets to children who do not own their own. This fun and educational activity enabled the students to participate in enjoyable activities while learning extremely important safety rules.

As one of the students stated, *"everyone needs to be safe on the roads but things can accidentally go wrong. There are a lot of things to think about. It was good to have this opportunity so that we will be able to apply it in the real world."*



Please send carry bags (ideally the strong quality one) to school next week for school books and artwork which will be sent home with children.



# Download our school app for free!

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Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

## Download instructions:

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

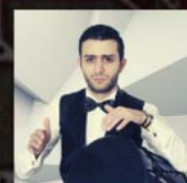
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**Levon  
Tevanyan**



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SUNDAY, 15TH OF DECEMBER, 7:30PM  
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Talar Bedikian - 0412 336 202  
office@agbu.org.au

## 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

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

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FOR 2020**

Visit our website to download a 2020 enrolment form:

[www.saturdaycl-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://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





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