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Dear Parents,

### **HE HAS RISEN!**

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."*

Matthew 28:5-6

'Fear'... will be the word that could be used to describe the first term of 2020. It certainly has been a period like no other in the 30 year history of Alexander school. We commenced the academic year with the fear of bushfires that had ravaged across NSW. Then, all of a sudden, a global pandemic known as COVID-19 came to spread fear at an astonishing speed with staggering consequences. This led to so many fears - including the fear of isolation, loneliness, unemployment, financial collapse, the safety of our loved ones - and finally the greatest fear of all from this virus has been the fear of death.

However, as the angel passed on the message to the women who had come for Jesus, the message of Easter is that death has been conquered. As Christians, we believe that through His life and ministry, Our Lord identifies with and comes alongside us in our suffering, offering comfort, love and healing in all we are going through. As I had stated before, it is imperative that we stay positive and have our trust in God, to help guide us towards the right choices and the light at the end of the tunnel... In fact, Jesus is that light at the end of the tunnel and only He is able to lead us to a new life.



So much has changed in our school community in such a short period of time. However, the commitment to support our students in their 'Remote Learning' has never been more strongly demonstrated than in recent weeks. The challenge has been embraced by our teachers and support staff with a rapid response, being innovative on how students would be taught and how to best support learning, engagement and wellbeing when our classrooms were largely empty. As a result, there was remarkable collaboration and teamwork, including tremendous organisational skills.

I would like to thank the wonderful support of our parents and professional response of our teachers. It has been an extraordinary effort and a phenomenal example of commitment. As we listen to the health experts, observe what is happening overseas, and are guided by all levels of government, we know this is not all behind us. We will continue to face more uncertainty, disruption and isolation next term, and expect to start the same way we finished this week. However, no matter what the circumstances may be, we will be better prepared to help our students learn and grow.

Considering what the students missed out during our usual period of Easter celebrations, we hope the personalised gift packs they received from the 'Alexander Bunny' has put a big smile on their faces. Finally, I like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Easter.

12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

**A**s we come to the end of our school term, it is important to reflect and appreciate the efforts of all those who have supported us, in the education of our children. The role that we play as a school community may not be realised immediately by the next generation or the ones who consume so much of our energy and resources. However, in due course they will certainly realise the effort of their supportive parents, dedicated teachers, caring friends, compassionate benefactors, board members and community to say... "Thank You!"

## *We'd like to say a big Thank You to ...*

- ☺ Our school mothers and volunteers for providing a great canteen facility for students and staff: Mrs Sonia Apanian, Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian, Mrs Sarin Elmasian, Yerekin Hasmik Hambardzumyan, Mrs Dzovig Kassis, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Natalie Khoudair, Mrs Vartni Mikaelian, Mrs Belinda Stoebe, Mrs Cynthia Tomassian and Mrs Araxi Vartanian.
- ☺ Current members of the P&C Committee: Mrs Sonia Apanian & Mrs Margueritte Boyadjian (Office Liaison), Mrs Ani Barsamian, Mrs Sarah Dixon, Mrs Annette Galstian, Mrs Svetlana Khachatourian, Mrs Lisa Jebian, Mrs Dzovig Kassis and Mrs Araz Shahinian.
- ☺ Mrs Dzovig Kassis for Coordinating the Canteen rosters and menu through the school office.
- ☺ Mrs Cynthia Tomassian for providing weekly scripture lessons during term one on a volunteer basis, to help children understand and appreciate the Bible and its teachings.
- ☺ Mrs Lisa Jebian for Coordinating and running the Alexander Playgroup every Thursday morning.
- ☺ Mrs Vartni Mikaelian for helping with the organisation and general setup of the Playgroup room.
- ☺ Mrs Annette Galstian for her assistance in preparing with the allocation of the Year 1 & 2 classroom.
- ☺ Mrs Armine Sevazlian for her contribution as Library Coordinator. Apart from accessioning, organising, sorting and re-shelving the books, she continues to help make the Library an inviting place for the students.
- ☺ Christine Apanian for her help and assistance in Years P-K and for doing special tasks around the school.
- ☺ Mr Arthur Mikaelian for helping with the transportation of the school mini-bus when required.
- ☺ To all the office and support staff for helping organise and prepare the personalised Easter Caddy Hampers for all the students, including the support for their distribution and delivery.
- ☺ Mrs Justine Hirlian for preparing and printing the personalised student name labels on the Easter Caddy Hampers. It certainly made the gift special!
- ☺ All the wonderful teachers who did a great job with the organisation and setup of the 'Remote Learning' packs. Also for the support in the online delivery of lessons and supporting the students both socially and academically. Thank you for the hard work. Enjoy your break!

**«Քրիստոս յարեալ ի մեռելոց» ~ «Օրհնեալ է յարութիւնը Քրիստոսի»**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

12/04 Easter Sunday - Public Holiday  
 13/04 Easter Monday - Public Holiday  
 24/04 Armenian Genocide Commemoration  
 25/04 ANZAC Day - Public Holiday  
  
 27/04 School Development Day (Pupil Free)  
 28/04 First Day Term 2 - 'Remote Learning'  
 12/05 ~~NAPLAN - Language & Writing - Cancelled~~  
 13/05 ~~NAPLAN - Reading - Cancelled~~  
 14/05 ~~NAPLAN - Numeracy - Cancelled~~  
 20/09 Armenian Cultural Day - TBC  
 06/12 Christmas Concert & Graduation

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## Notes of Appreciation...

"The world has become a scary place, the kids want to go out, see their grandparents, go to school, hang with friends, go to the playground. Return to a life of normality. While it's not going to be forever and we have to keep reminding ourselves of that, I have to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all the hard working teachers and principal at AGBU Alexander Primary School who have gone above and beyond in this time of uncertainty to ensure their school kids have plenty of work, games, books, colouring in, craft and activities to do in this quarantine period. Sure we keep hearing about 'online learning' and yes we have made the temporary switch to a virtual classroom however I was completely blown away at the details the teachers went into with photocopying, cutting shapes, site words, activities and games for all their craft work and ensuring that the kids have plenty to do, not just during school hours but throughout the day or night to keep their minds busy and carefree from the crisis the world faces.

Thank you for making it easier for us parents with all the photocopies, the labelling, the stapling in categories, all coded and simple. I can't even begin to imagine how much work and time this would have taken to achieve and in such a short turn around to have it all ready for us to roll out immediately.



So thank you for making the life of Mrs Jebian much easier. This temporary teacher promises not to drink on the job, stay calm & collective and keep up the great work and dedication that is so apparent in the girls real world teachers. Thank you."




"May I take this opportunity to say thank you... Your communication has been great. Your understanding has been great and you planning for these uncertain time, both pro-active and re-active has been great... [We] have much appreciated it."

"...We are so blessed and grateful to be a part of this school community. Աստուած ձեզ պստապան:"



"I cannot express how surprised and grateful I am right now! You have gone above and beyond once again for your students! This makes me so proud and blessed that my son is part of this school! Thank you so much!!! You have earned a special place in God's heart by making so many children and their families happy in this difficult time! THANK YOU!!! "

"Thank you all very much for your dedication; we wish you a healthy and Happy Easter..." 



«Աստուած արատապէս օրհնի ձեզ ու մեր ողջ Ալեքսանտր դպրոցական համայնքը:»



<http://www.facebook.com/AGBUAlexanderPlaygroup>



### Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

**Start Smart**: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.

**The Beanstalk**: offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

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## Australian National Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide Live Stream Event

*24 April 2020 • Friday • 7:30 PM*  
*Live Premiere on Facebook*

**ORGANISED BY THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE**

#### MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Social Democrat Hunchakian Party, the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Hamazkaine, Nor Serount, Homenetmen, Tekeyan, Armenian Relief Society, Dkhrouni, AGBU Youth and the Armenian Youth Federation.

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**LIVESTREAM TIMETABLE**

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#### SCHEDULE of HOLY WEEK & EASTER

#### ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ 9 ԱՊՐԻԼ

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**Սուրբ Պատարագ 10.30**  
**Խաարում 7.00 կ.է.**

#### ՈՒՐԲԱԹ 10 ԱՊՐԻԼ

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**Կարգ Խաչելութեան 11.00**  
**Կարգ Թաղման 4.30 կ.է.**  
**Ընդհանուր Հոգեհանգիստ 5.30 կ.է.**

#### ՇԱԲԱԹ 11 ԱՊՐԻԼ

**ՃՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ ՍԲ. ԶԱՏԻԿ**  
**Սուրբ Պատարագ 5.30 կ.է.**

#### ԿԻՐԱԿԻ 12 ԱՊՐԻԼ

**ՍՈՒՐԲՅԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՏԵԱՌՆ ՄԵՐՈՅ**  
**ՅԻՍՈՒՄԻ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ – ԶԱՏԻԿ**

**Սուրբ Պատարագ 10.30**

#### ԵՐԿՈՒՇԱԲԹԻ 13 ԱՊՐԻԼ

**ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿ ՄԵՆԵԼՈՅ**  
**Սուրբ Պատարագ և Հոգեհանգիստ 10.00**



THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION  
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#### THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Holy Mass 10.30 am  
Vigil - "Khavaroum" 7.00 pm

#### FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Crucifixion 11.00 am  
Burial Service 4.30 pm  
Requiem Service 5.30 pm

#### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Holy Mass 5.30 pm

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL EASTER

Holy Mass 10.30 am

#### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

REMEMBRANCE DAY  
"HISHADAG MERELOTS"  
Holy Mass & Requiem 10.00 am

Սոյն արարողութիւնները պիտի կատարուին **ԴՌՈՓԱԿ** և հեռաւիժովին ֆէյսպուքով և Եիւթուպով:

All services will be performed **BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**, which will be streamed live on Facebook & YouTube

<https://www.facebook.com/ArmenianApostolicChurchofHolyResurrection/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHkaI8RP6rb7LVUcGEMziCA>

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### Ընդհանուր Հոգեհանգիստ

Աւագ Ուրբաթ, 10 Ապրիլ, կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 5:30ին:

Սոյն Հոգեհանգստեան արձանագրութիւնները պէտք է կատարուին մինչեւ Հինգշաբթի, 9 Ապրիլ կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 2 եւ կամ նոյն օրը (Աւագ Ուրբաթ) կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 4էն 5:

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Հեռ. (02) 9419 8056

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### REQUIEMS

Requiems continue to be performed every Sunday, with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. These will be performed BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, which will be streamed live on Facebook

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### HOLY WEEK GOOD FRIDAY

A general requiem service will be held on Good Friday, 10 April, at 5:30pm.

All registrations for the above requiem service will need to be done by Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2pm, or 4pm-5pm on Good Friday.

For all requiem registrations, contact the church office on Ph: (02) 9419 8056 or Email: [church@armenian.com.au](mailto:church@armenian.com.au)

**Payments can be made by EFTPOS, by calling the church office.**

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