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Dear Parents,

AGBU CENTRAL BOARD DIRECTOR'S VISIT

During a recent trip 'down-under', a member of the AGBU Central Board of Directors, Mr Sam Simonian and his wife Sylva were our guests of honour. The Simonian were accompanied by the Chairman of AGBU Sydney Chapter Mr Mihran Lepedjian and committee members. They were warmly welcomed by the members of the School Board, staff and students.

Our guests were given an introduction and their initial tour of the school. As they were welcomed into the classrooms, they engaged in warm dialogue with students and teachers. The founder and developer of the TUMO Centre for Creative Technologies in Yerevan, Armenia, Mr Simonian was particularly interested in the way technology was used in the classrooms and the level of student collaboration.

During morning tea, the guests were further informed about the general life of the school and the role it plays in our community. In response, our guests stated that they were impressed on the quality of the school, thanks to the hard work of students and staff. Therefore, it was no surprise that the Simonians recorded the following thoughts in the Visitor's Book: *'It was a pleasure to meet the beautiful students and the wonderful staff. A small school far away, but seems to be thriving with promise. To hear the story of those who made this school and consequently this community possible and to continue the Armenian heritage was enlightening and filled us with pride and hope. Wish you continued success!'*



LENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION

During this week's assembly, I reflected on one of the important periods in the Christian calendar - Lent. Lent being a season of 40 days before Easter, is a time for us to stop and reflect on the attitudes of our hearts, priorities and spiritual life as we prepare for Easter. There are special services held in churches during Lent, special times of prayer and special readings from the Bible.



From the early period there were also strict Lenten laws to help with this 'spiritual clean'. It was suggested that to abstain from all meat and animal products was a helpful discipline. All the body needed was a very simple snack in the evening. Today, many Christians still consider it helpful in giving something up during Lent, as a reminder of sacrifices Jesus made, the temptations He resisted during His time in the desert and that they are reflecting on the important things in life. Many continue with the tradition, while others only give up eating certain foods or watching TV or playing computer games... Others try to make more time in the day to think about God and pray.

This season of Lent might therefore be a good time for all of us to attempt a 'spiritual cleansing' of our lives. There may be attitudes that need to be dusted down, habits that need a deep clean or behaviours to be given up. At assembly, one of the things we all agreed to give up were 'distractions'. Instead being grateful for a brain, for education and for every opportunity to learn.

REMINDER...

We would like to remind those families who so far have not sent in their contribution for the **Easter Raffle hampers**, if they could forward their donates to the office as soon as possible.

Please note that we have requested from families to contribute items such as homemade biscuits/sweets, wine, gift packs or stationary and Easter themed decorations to assist with the preparation of more interesting and attractive prizes. Also, if you are able to provide any **baskets or decorative boxes**, we would be happy to use them for the hampers.

We also like to know the type and quantity of sweet/s you will be able to supply for the **Easter cake stall**. Please complete and *Google Form* that has been emailed. Thank you for your support!

Remember to design and make your fancy hat for the **Easter Hat Parade**. Just over two weeks to go! More information about student requirements for the day will be provided next week.



REMEMBER!

*Design and make
your fancy hat
for the Easter
Hat Parade!*



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Happy Birthday to...

Anthony

Mr Manoug Demirjian



HOUSE POINTS TERM 1

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



YEREVAN - 39 points
SEVAN - 41 points



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

TEACHERS' AWARD

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

TERM 1 – WEEK 7

Year 6: Isabella
Sera

Kindergarten: Sarkis

Will your name appear here next?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 16/03 'Smart Start' Program - School Visit
- 29/03 Easter Concert & Picnic
- 06/04 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 09/04 Last Day Term 1
- 10/04 Good Friday - Public Holiday
- 11/04 Holy Saturday - Public Holiday
- 12/04 Easter Sunday
- 01/08 30th Anniversary Concert - Zenith Theatre
- 15/08 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance - Miramare
- 20/09 Armenian Cultural Day
- 06/12 Christmas Concert & Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 1 Week 7

8 Points – Sevan	\$11.20
6 Points – Yerevan	\$9.50
TOTAL:	\$20.70
ACCUMULATED:	\$76.90

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

Life Education Van

The students had a great time during the last week of February, with a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education van.

P/K were invited on 'Harold's Friend Ship' to explore the qualities of a good friend, feelings and emotions, early warning signs, and safe & unsafe situations. The fun interactive learning experience empowered the students to make safer and healthier choices. They covered the following:

- ☺ How to build friendships and care for others
- ☺ Feelings and emotions
- ☺ Safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, and
- ☺ Safe places and people to turn to for help



Years 1/2, students found out how to seek out safe spaces and how friends can care for and support each other in the module 'Safety Rules'. The students were given help to problem solve and focuses on:

- ✓ recognising safe and unsafe environments
- ✓ how to care for others
- ✓ behaviours that maintain friendships
- ✓ places and people who we can go to for help



Years 3/4 students explored the world of medicines; how they help, affect the body and why some people need them in 'Mind Your Medicine'.

- ☺ factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth
- ☺ techniques for effective communication
- ☺ identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing
- ☺ strategies for managing stressful situations
- ☺ medicines as drugs & the consequences of their misuse



Years 5/6 students covered the skills and strategies required to build healthy relationships in the module 'Relate, Respect, Connect'. Presented via a series of fictitious vlogs that resonate with young people moving through upper primary school and beyond this module focuses on:

- ✓ understanding how to respect ourselves and others
- ✓ identifying characteristics of positive relationships
- ✓ strategies to help maintain positive online and offline relationships
- ✓ strategies to respond to unsafe or disrespectful situations online





AGBU
Sydney

Under The Auspices of His Eminence
Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian

V.TEKEYAN
Cultural Committee

Cocktail Night
Saturday, March 28
Tickets are Limited!
Meet & greet with Iveta after the party

First Time In Sydney
Eurovision 2016 Finalist

Iveta
Mukuchyan

**Listen to Iveta in a private cocktail setting at the beautiful
Cafe Birkenhead with champagne on arrival and canapés.**
(\$5 drinks cash bar on the night)

7:30PM Saturday March 28th, 2020
Tickets \$100.00

Tickets through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BHTCA>
or
Haig Lepejian 0410 597 290 | Zara Harutyunyan 0414 697 290
Talar Bedikain 0412 336 202 | Hovhanness Kouyoumdjian 0408 283 826
Natalie Urriola 0430 336 696

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ANNUAL BLESSING
OF HSC GRADUATES
SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020



ԿԻՐԱԿԻ 15 ՄԱՐՏ 2020

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION
10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood



Հրաիրուած են 2019 տարեշրջանի
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We invite all students from our
community who completed Yr 12 in
2019 for a special blessing following the
Arevakal service. All graduates are also
invited to meet with the Primate in the
Diocesan Centre after church, when
scholarships will also be presented.

For further information
please contact the church office on (02) 9419 8056



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Զորեքշաբթի 25 Մարտ 2020ի
երեկոյեան ժամը 7.30ին,
Առաջնորդարանին մէջ
11 Chatswood Avenue, Chatswood

THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING

Presented by ARMEN ARAKELIAN, a volunteer with
the NSW Rural Service for the past 7 years who was
on the frontline during the recent devastating
bushfires that ripped through our State.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

TIME: 7.30 P.M

AT THE DIOCESAN CENTRE – 11 Chatswood Avenue, Chatswood

Note: Armen Arakelian is a graduate student of AGBU Alexander Primary School



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