

Dear Parents,

'RETURN TO SCHOOL' PLAN

Our 'Return to School' for face to face learning and teaching here at Alexander school is well underway. While we were able to welcome our students from Kindergarten to Year 2 this week, the rest of the school is expected to join with the same excitement and enthusiasm next week (starting Monday, 18 May), for the first of our proposed one-day attendance weeks. We say 'proposed' because as you would appreciate the advice, directions and rules are changing daily. While our plan at this stage is the return of the majority, if not all of our students, to in person learning by Week 6, this may be adjusted depending on how successful our reintegration is.

A successful reintegration is dependant on a number of factors not just across NSW, but also at the school: adherence to the social distancing provisions, limiting contact between students as much as practicable, being vigilant with our hygiene and handwashing, and ensuring that if we are symptomatic at all that we stay at home and get tested. It is essential that we do not diminish the gains we have made in relation to COVID-19 through complacency.

From the commencement of our 'Remote Learning', we have been praying for our students, their families and all those affected by the pandemic and the economic effects of the restrictions that were necessarily put in place. As we now enter into what has been labelled the staged or managed return to the classroom, we continue to pray for you.



Whilst the managed return will eventually see all of our students returned to the classroom and playground, it is understandable that some families are nervous about the prospect of a full return. Please be assured that Alexander school will continue to offer student support, as teachers will continue to maintain their Google Classroom. This will ensure that any student that is not yet able to return to school, or those that must stay home due to illness, will be able to continue 'Remote Learning'.

For the return of our students to their classrooms be safe and successful, we need parents to assist with their transport. We require all students to travel to school either by a private car or the school's private bus. This means that students who normally travel to school by Forest Coach Lines will be required to travel by car on the day specified. Arrangements have also been put in place for students who travel from Ryde or on the school's minibus, to travel by our private bus.

I am extremely grateful for the way in which the teaching staff has adapted to the changed circumstances of the past two months, ensuring that every student has had continued access to quality teaching and learning. They embody the truth that schools can only be places of deep learning if everyone learns, including the teachers. We are also grateful for the generosity and hard work of our support staff during this time.

I like to remind our parents that this continues to be a dynamic situation. While we have comprehensively planned for the weeks ahead, we will continue to remain agile. Our system of education has been challenged and our lives changed like never before, as such the School Board remains extremely cautious in our approach.

I would like to thank you all for your patience, support and valued feedback. Rest assured that we are working to get as many students back to school as soon as we safely can.

15th May, 2020

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

Sincere Condolences

To
Noubar and Anne Pezikian & Family
Norma Pezikian & Family

Upon the passing of their
Father, Father-in-Law and Grandfather



Kevork Pezikian

who passed away on 9th May 2020

Mr Kevork Pezikian was a Founding Member
of Alexander School

*From the School Board, Parents, Staff and
Students of AGBU Alexander Primary School.*



BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

*Happy Birthday to the following
who celebrated their special day
over the past few weeks...*

Victoria Khachatourian
Daniel Lapedjian
Nareg Barsamian
Grace Balkejian
Houry Elmasian
Lio Stoebe
Alina Sevazlian

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Live Life Well @ School

GET ACTIVE: MAKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE



Whether you are indoors or outdoors, you can
still get active with an obstacle course.

- Find items around the house that you can safely use to create an obstacle course. Be creative! Use chalk, sticks, leaves, toys.
- Incorporate as many skills as you can e.g. Jog on the spot, hop, throw, catch, roll, balance, skip.
- Time yourself to see how fast you can complete the course.

For more tips visit:

www.makehealthynormal.nsw.gov.au



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Live Life Well @ School

Learn to make my own healthy lunch

Teach kids
healthy habits
for life!

Provide your
children with
useful life
skills for the
time previous
school routines
returns.



1. Prepare ingredients: Wraps, rainbow of fillings of choice chopped and laid out on plates.
2. Demonstrate choosing fillings and wrapping these.
3. Students prepare healthy wraps for lunch from the smorgasbord.
4. Share photos of your creations with your friends.

For more ideas, search
'healthy lunch box builder' at:
www.healthylunchbox.com.au



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Thank You!

Mothers' Day Celebration

Thank You to all the wonderful comments and heart warming support, following the release of our Mothers' Day Celebration videos on Facebook. The unique concert was published online in two parts, thanks to the support of our students, teachers and parents. It was a lovely way to say 'Thank You' to the special person in our life... our Mother!

[Watch the videos on Facebook - [PART 1](#) & [PART 2](#)]



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



Capital Upgrade

Chairs | Shutter | Copier

There has been a number of capital upgrades and maintenance around the school recently. New student chairs have been introduced to some of the classrooms and more is expected during the course of the year. The canteen roller shutter has been replaced with a new security shutter from the outside, while the main copier/printer has been upgraded to a newer model, making it faster and more efficient.

During the holiday period, all the window seals around the school were sanded and applied with a new coat of varnish. At the same time, the fly screens were replaced, ahead of the general clean of all windows and classrooms.



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