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Dear Parents,

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Nelson Henderson

I believe this quote is a wonderful metaphor for all aspects of a school's life. Over 30 years ago when our Benefactors, Founding Members and the general community decided to give birth to a new educational institution called AGBU Alexander Primary School, they naturally didn't expect to sit in the shade of its buildings. When the members of the Founding Committee worked tirelessly over many years towards their vision of a community school, they were not doing it for themselves or even for their children, but for those who were to pass through the doors and step into this unique establishment in the years to come.



For over three decades, this metaphor has continued to resonate with every member of the school community. From the Board members who took on the task of watering, fertilising, maintaining and protecting the 'tree' to the dedicated teachers, whose daily task is to lay the foundations for our students to have a great future. The fruits of our collective effort as parents and educators will not necessarily be seen in our children for years or even decades to come - long after their schooling has finished.

It is hard for young children to comprehend, that the effort they put in their education today will equip them with the tools they need to 'Grow', in order to help them 'Serve' their needs and that of their family and community in the years to come. It is those values that are inscribed in the verses of the Bible that we try to instil in our students, as the world would be so much better off if we all thought about the long term and the good of the whole community.

Unfortunately, we often hesitate to contribute to a future that may not be ours, but are happy to accept those things that have been provided by others in the past. It is important for all of us to remember that *'The fruit you eat comes from trees planted by those who came before you'*. We appreciate and value the ongoing contribution of parents and the community in general on various aspects of our school life. These will not only benefit the students of today but also those of tomorrow. We have Benefactors and Founding Members who may no longer be with us, but continue to contribute to the life of the school. We have ongoing support by members of the community or by parents whose children no longer attend the school. Their generosity and legacy benefits your children today and your support in return is vital in ensuring we continue to build for the future.



It is this spirit of community that is also acknowledged and valued by the National and State Governments, who in turn provide their support for the ongoing operation of the school. We also appreciate the additional support for specific capital projects that are essential in providing the ideal learning environment.

Teachers, parents and the students have 'planted' so many 'trees' since the start of this year, thanks to all of the wonderful learning that is routine at Alexander school. It is comforting to know that the values and skills learnt from such accomplishments will live on in the lives of our children... *What you learn here is like planting trees for those who will come next.*

TERM 2 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School accounts are enclosed with today's Newsletter. Invoice payments are due by *Thursday, 2nd July*.

If paying by cheque, please make sure that your payment is to: 'AGBU Alexander Primary School'. Payment are also accepted via direct bank deposit. Please refer to your invoice for school account details.

We understand that your financial circumstances may have been impacted over the last few months, so we ask that you make this payment at your earliest convenience or contact the head of school to discuss.

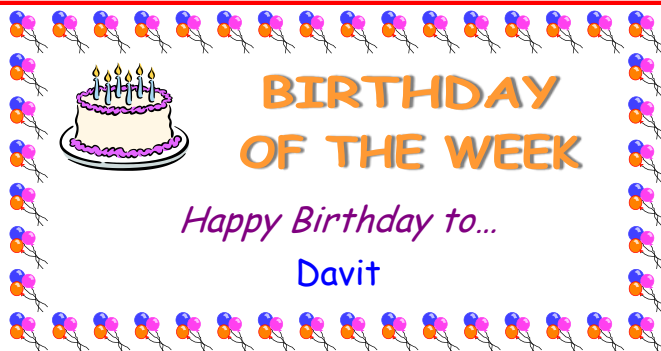
DONATIONS TO ALEXANDER SCHOOL



In Memoriam for the Late Kevork Pezikian

Mr & Mrs Noubar and Anne Pezikian	\$1,000
Mr & Mrs Dikran and Seta Dikranian	\$100
Mrs Anahid Emirzian	\$100
Mr Simon Dikranian	\$50
Mr Kris Benic & Mrs Jenny Dikranian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Gregory and Salina Dikranian	\$50
Mr & Mrs John and Urvasi Emirzian	\$50
Mr & Mrs Eddie and Nataly Emirzian	\$50

May his soul rest in peace.



Happy Birthday to...
Davit

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEKS 7

Year 6: Alina , Sara
Stephen

Year 5 Lara

Year 3: Michael , Sirag
Razmik

Preparatory: Davit , Grace



Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

*Uniform, Playground, Charity
& Awards*



YEREVAN - 48 points
SEVAN - 55 points



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



DATES TO REMEMBER

26/06	Student Half Yearly Reports - Sent Out
03/07	Last Day Term 2 - Mufti Day
20/07	School Development Day (Pupil Free)
21/07	First Day Term 3 - Students Return
20/09	Armenian Cultural Day - Cancelled
21/09	Armenian Independence Day
25/09	Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
06/12	Christmas Concert & Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 7

8 Points – Yerevan	\$5.15
6 Points – Sevan	\$4.80
TOTAL:	\$9.95
ACCUMULATED:	\$113.85

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
www.armenianchurchsydney.org.au

2020 HONOUR AWARD LIST



Congratulations to

*Alina
Sara
Stephen*



For being this year's first Honour Award recipients.

Thank You!

The Legacy of Our Founding Members

We recently honoured and farewelled another Founding Member who was a strong believer in the principles of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. Mr Kevork Pezikian and his late wife Sirvart were so committed to the vision of this all Armenian organisation that they named their son after its benevolent founder Boghos Noubar Pasha.

The Pezikian's commitment to their faith and identity led to Kevork joining the AGBU Sydney Chapter to serve as a committee member. Sirvart, on the other hand took up the position of editor for the new monthly publication called 'Mioutune', which continues to serve us to this day.

Their exemplary work was followed by their son Noubar, who served the organisation as a committee member during the years when AGBU Alexander Primary School was founded. Together with his sister Norma, they also became Founding Members and enrolled their children at the school.

For many years, Noubar and his wife Anne continued to serve the school as Board members and as proud parents of our graduates Nyree and Garren. Together with Norma's son Daniel, they are the fruits of the 'tree' that was planted by our Founding Members who continue to serve us today.



I was lucky enough to meet Mr Kevork Pezikian for the last time and talk to him at length, during what became his final visit to the Armenian church. He was full of smile and appreciation... I feel honoured to have taken a photo of this magical day with his son. May God bless his soul. He will be cherished forever.

The same spirit of our Founding Members continues to embrace us and urge us in our commitment to serve the community, when we are constantly humbled by their generosity and support. One such gesture was a recent donation from another Founding Member, who is a regular and **anonymous** supporter. We humbly accept their donation of **\$5,000** towards the benefit of the school community.

While our Benefactor of the Canteen building, **Mr & Mrs Varoujan and Sona Tchetchenian**, who have been staunch supporters of our school over the past 30 years and more, have made a very generous donation of **\$4,800**, to be put towards the tuition fund of two students. May God bless them and their families.

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Manoug Demirjian

Have you washed your hands?



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub to protect yourself from viruses.



Find the facts
health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



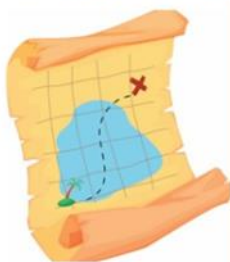
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Live Life Well @ School

GET ACTIVE + MAP A TREASURE HUNT



- One person hides some treasure in the yard or around the home (e.g. a coin, small toy, sticker etc.) and then draws a map for the other person to find the treasure.
- Take turns hiding the treasure and drawing a map.
- Optional extra: Work out north, south, east and west



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Live Life Well @ School

PLANT SOME VEGETABLES



Kids are more likely to **taste and eat** vegetables they have grown!

For more information:

- Search 'munch and crunch garden' online
- Check out composting and worm farming videos and fact sheets at www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



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