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Dear Parents,

LOCAL SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FUND

The Australian Government provided \$30.2 million in 2019-20 for the 'Local Schools Community Fund'. The Fund was open to all schools in the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors, designed to benefit students and their school community by contributing to small scale projects and their associated costs at the local school level.

The Fund was to provide up to \$200,000 to each of the 151 Federal electorates. Eligible schools could apply for projects up to \$20,000 and upon the recommendation of the local Federal Member for the House of Representatives (MP), the successful applicants would receive the approval from the Education Minister.

Last year, the School Board prioritised the installation of air conditioning units in the classrooms following feedback from the P&C, the School Executive, teachers and other members of staff. As a result, the school submitted an application to the Fund, to install reverse-cycle air conditioning units in all the classrooms.

On the last day of school, as the teachers planned for the new academic year, we received a letter from our Federal Member of parliament, the **Honourable Jason Falinski** that our application had been approved. It was a wonderful way to finish the year and commence the project, to ensure it was ready and complete for the new year.



Therefore, since the start of the year, all students and teachers have been enjoying the comfort of our air conditioned classrooms. Thanks to the approval of the Member for Mackellar, Hon. Jason Falinski MP, we were able to secure over \$18,600 to fund the project valued over \$25,000. The remaining cost of the project was funded by the school, with the support of the P&C. The project has not only create a conducive learning environment but it has also reduce the heating costs during the winter months. Research has shown that temperatures above 23°C can negatively impact student comfort and concentration, particularly in subjects like reading and mathematics. According to Prof. Joshua Goodman: "Moving from a school with no air-conditioned classrooms to an all air-conditioned classrooms reduces the impact [of adverse effects of hot temperatures] by approximately 78%".

We like to take this opportunity and thank Mr Souren Bozikian of *Comfort Zone* for his professional advice and tradesmanship. We also like to thank him for ensuring the on time delivery of this project, with the support and expertise of Mr Varto Barsomian of *360° Sydney Electrical*.

It is unfortunate that we could not conduct the official opening and acknowledgement of this grant, as it was initially planned to take place during our Easter Concert & Picnic. We hope in the near future we can once again invite our local member Mr Jason Falinski MP to the school, to thank him personally on behalf of the school community.

Thank You!

Scripture Lessons

Our annual Scripture lessons have been underway since the start of term. As part of the Armenian Apostolic Church School Scripture Program these weekly classes will continue until the end of next term. The classes are conducted by a volunteer who is joined by class teachers over two sessions every Friday morning. Mrs Shake Vartanian continues her role this year as the assigned teacher. The children enjoy these occasions and are always eager to complete the set tasks that accompany the lessons.



We like to take this opportunity to also thank Mrs Cynthia Tomassian who was able to continue with these sessions from last term, until students were able to return in Term 2. During our 'Remote Learning' she was able to provide online sessions and units of work for students to engage with their families. In fact, these were received so well that she has been requested to continue with the provision on the units of work to act as a supporting material for the sessions being conducted at school.

These brief sessions are in addition to the weekly Armenian History, Religion and Culture lessons.



HOUSE POINTS TERM 2

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

YEREVAN - 59 points
SEVAN - 64 points

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

TEACHERS' AWARD

TERM 2 – WEEKS 8

Year 4: Adelin
Year 3: Daniel Lio
Year 2: David
Year 1: Harout
Preparatory: Levon

Remember 10 Encouragement Awards = Teacher's Award

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
21/09	Armenian Independence Day
25/09	Last Day Term 3 - Mufti Day
12/10	First Day Term 4
06/12	Christmas Concert & Graduation

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 2 Week 8

8 Points – Sevan	\$10.05
6 Points – Yerevan	\$9.00
TOTAL:	\$19.05
ACCUMULATED:	\$132.90

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Capital Upgrade

Air Conditioning



ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

Do you have a child who is ready to start school?
Are you still undecided about the choice of school that best serves the
needs of your child? Would you like to see them in class, experiencing
the real school environment before you make your final decision?

Contact us to arrange for up to a week long school experience for your
child - 9486 3266



Capital Upgrade

Security Cameras

We have recently installed new security cameras around the perimeter of the school as part of the general upgrade to safety and security of our school community. These 24-hour cameras provide onsite and remote connection to ensure the school grounds are monitored for any unauthorised activity. They will complement the final stage of our security fencing project, with the installation of the automated gates.

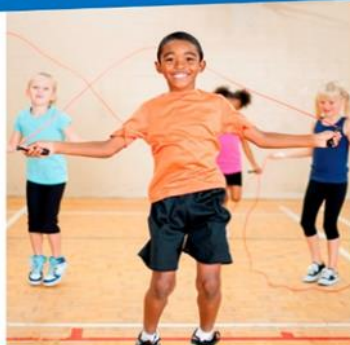


Live Life Well @ School

GET ACTIVE WITH SKIPPING

Tips on SKIPPING FUN:

- Search for 'jump rope tricks' and learn some tricks.
- Master a skipping routine by putting the skipping ticks together; maybe to music.
- Set some skipping challenges e.g. who can skip for the longest time or do the most tricks.



For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least **60 minutes** of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Variety is important!

- Involve the whole family in a routine.
- For inspiration, search
 - 'Jump rope tricks' online
 - 'teacher manual' at www.heartfoundation.org.au



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Live Life Well @ School

BREAKFAST IS THE BEST ROUTINE



Breakfast is important for a student's blood sugar levels. It helps them to concentrate while learning, moderate behaviour and have the energy to engage in physical activity.

Breakfast also reduces the desire to snack on high sugar and high fat foods.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthy-kids.com.au



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TIP: Help kids be in a better frame of mind for school work by discouraging them from eating in front of the TV.

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