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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK - UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS

Last Monday, the School Board confirmed that we will be guided by the DoE Health advice for the rest of this term. While we expect an update and easing of restrictions by mid November, the Board has made the decision in relation to the Year 6 Graduation and end of year Concert, based on the fact that physical distancing measures will still be in place.

The Ministry of Health advice on 24 September 2020 states:



School related social events

Schools may proceed with planning graduation ceremonies and school formals. These events may be held any time in Term 4 for primary schools, but secondary schools should schedule these events for November 12 onwards to minimise the potential impact on HSC exams. Schools should use the COVID-19 Safety Plan guidance for graduation ceremonies and formals to plan these events including limiting the number of family members or friends attending, such as to parents only. NSW Health recommends that other school related social events such as dinners, fundraisers, fetes and BBQs that involve parents and other adults should not proceed in Term 4.

Therefore, based on the above advice and following the Staff Meeting, the School Board has decided:

1. The 'Christmas Concert & Graduation' event will be held as scheduled - Sunday, 6 December 2020.
2. The event will be 'Live Streamed' with a Prep - Year 6 production, that will be prepared and recorded in advance.
3. Prep to Year 4 students and their parents will be able to join and watch the 'Live Stream' from home.
4. Only students of Years 5 and 6, and their parents will be invited to the Graduation concert in the school's Gemjian Hall.
5. Year 5/6 parents include, father and mother only. No siblings or other members of the family.

2020 continues to be one filled with frustration, heartbreak, war and uncertainty. We have all experienced the disruption and despair caused not only by the pandemic but also the war that our nation is now facing and fighting for survival. The impact has taught us to value our health and livelihood as well as reinforced the need to be flexible and adaptable in what is unfortunately becoming a dangerous and destructive world.

As a school we continue dealing with the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic. We also continue to work hard during this time, to limit the effects on the Graduating Class of 2020. However, it is becoming increasingly certain that as a school we will be forced to make adjustments to the way in which our students graduate in just over six weeks time. At AGBU Alexander Primary School, we must adapt in order to comply with strict NSW Government Health regulations and our overarching policy guidelines.

Therefore, please note that our Year 6 Graduation event scheduled for Sunday, 6 December 2020 will not directly involve any parents or family members of students in Prep to Year 4. As a School we will still conduct all of the traditional ceremonies previously held but in 2020 it will be structured differently and be in line with NSW Government law and Health policy. The School will arrange for photography and video recording as well as live streaming, so that all our students and parents are able to witness this special occasion. In addition, decisions based on the 'Graduation Party' will be discussed with parents of Year 5/6.

We are pleased that 'Orientation Days' will now be allowed and we will be able to welcome next year's Prep and Kindergarten students.

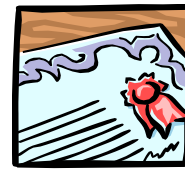
Consequently, I would ask that all parents and extended family members please remain mindful that our plans have been very carefully thought out and importantly, guided by the law. At all times the health and wellbeing of all of our community members were at the forefront of our decisions.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

23rd October, 2020

2020 HONOUR AWARD LIST

Congratulations to
Peter




BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK

Happy Holiday Birthday to...

Luca
Lara G

Live Life Well @ School

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST



It's the most important meal of the day, but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime.

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

Handy tip:
Discourage children from eating breakfast in front of the TV.

This can also help speed up your morning routines!

BOOK FAIR NOTICE

- ♥ The 'Book Fair', as part of Alexander Primary School's Book Week activities, will be open daily.
- ♥ It will be held in the Hall at the second half of lunch.
- ♥ Students will be provided with a "My Wish List" form to list their favourite titles for purchase.
- ♥ Parents should discuss the choice of books with their children, mark the form with the books for purchase and return to school office with money.

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4

Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards


YEREVAN - 16 points
SEVAN - 25 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 4 – WEEK 1 & 2

Year 6: Vanessa
Year 4: Christian
Year 3: Peter
Year 2: Lara G, Luca
Kinder: Christopher, Anna
Prep: Grace



ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 1

8 Points – Sevan	\$7.80
6 Points – Yerevan	\$5.85
TOTAL:	\$13.65
ACCUMULATED:	\$373.75

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ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 2

8 Points – Sevan	\$15.50
6 Points – Yerevan	\$8.50
TOTAL:	\$24.00
ACCUMULATED:	\$397.75

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#RecognizeArtsakh

Աղօթք Արցախին - Praying for Artsakh

On the first day of term, students of AGBU Alexander Primary School held a special assembly in support for the Republic of Artsakh. The Australian and Armenian national anthems were followed by the anthem for the Republic of Artsakh. This was followed by a brief presentation about the history and current conflict for the Artsakh Republic. The students then came forward to light a candle in memory of the soldiers and people of Artsakh.

His Eminence Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian and Fr Avetis Hambardzumyan continued with special prayers and the students joined in the Lord's Prayer. In conclusion, His Eminence shared messages of importance with all the students. [\[Watch the video on Facebook HERE\]](#)



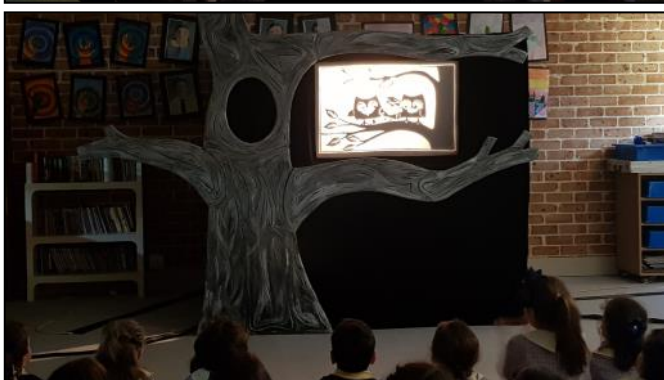
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"The Owl's Apprentice" by Little Wing Puppets

The Owl's Apprentice captured the students' hearts on Thursday. This interactive and playful show combined shadow and hand puppetry, physical comedy and great storytelling skills. The students were told the story of Poot Poot who was searching for wisdom. On his search he met a host of characters including an echidna, a wombat, a kookaburra, a lyrebird, a kangaroo and a platypus. He learnt a little from each.

After the show, puppeteer Jenny Ellis who created this show, demonstrated the puppets and gave the students insights into the puppet making process. The student were enthralled by the show which encouraged their participation making them part of the wonderful experience.



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SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

CHECK TABLE FOR YOUR LOCAL SCREENING TIMES

12:00PM - 8:00PM
SYD, MEL, CAN, HOB

11:00AM - 7:00PM
BRISBANE

9:00AM - 5:00PM
PERTH

11:30AM - 7:30PM
ADELAIDE

10:30AM - 6:30PM
DARWIN

2:00PM - 10:00PM
AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON

CALL BETWEEN THESE TIMES ON THE NUMBERS LISTED TO DONATE

0497 437 759
(SYDNEY)

0497 121 183
(ALL AUSTRALIA)

0460 709 005
(MELBOURNE)

02108985495
(ALL NEW ZEALAND)

TO MAKE YOUR DONATIONS ELECTRONICALLY DEPOSIT DIRECTLY TO

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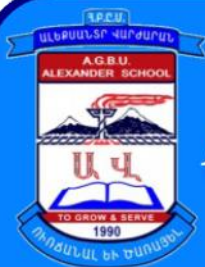
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ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep to Year 6

ORIENTATION & OPEN DAYS*

Preparatory & Kindergarten

TUESDAYS 27 OCTOBER
10 NOVEMBER & 24 NOVEMBER 2020



* Registration Required
COVID-19 Safety Plan

*Come along and see how we nurture your child in our
unique environment and caring community.*

AGBU Alexander Primary School caters for students from **Preparatory (Prep) to Year 6**. Enrolment is open to all children of primary school age and applications are accepted for entry at all year levels.

The age requirement for students entering **Preparatory** is **4 years by 31st July** (3½ years at the start of the school year), while for **Kindergarten** it is **5 years by 31st July** of the enrolment year.

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