



# Mar Narsai Assyrian College

## *Harp of The Spirit*

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#### **COLLEGE EVENTS**

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February**

College Assembly

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Year 7 Parent In-  
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at 7pm

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Evening at 7pm

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#### **Dear Parents and friends of Mar Narsai Assyrian College:**

As this is our first newsletter I take this opportunity to welcome you back to the College for the new Academic year of 2013. I also take this opportunity to welcome all new parents, students and teachers in to our school community and wish them all the best and a happy journey for the students of Mar Narsai College.

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We have 70 students enrolled in year 7 for this school year, and as a result have had to form three classes. The new students seem to have settled well into their new school environment and we will make every effort to cater for their educational needs and guide them through out their educational journey at MNAC.

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We have planned information meetings for parents and students of all years; we will send you all this information via the fortnightly newsletter on the website and via fliers. Should you have any queries, contact the school if you need any information concerning your children's education and make appointments to see your child's teacher or student advisor. It is important for all parents to know their child's year advisor and subject

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teachers and it is in your child's benefit that you as parents meet with your children's teachers from time to time and ask for progress reports about your child's performance at school.

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It is vitally important that every parent is familiar with our school's policies and procedures and we ask that you support our policies because they are there to protect and help your child to do well in their studies while in our care.

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We have some excellent news for our school the Assyrian community. I am much honored to announce that 21 students from last year's year 12 students have been accepted and admitted into universities in NSW. Adding to this our year 12 students achieved 14 band 6 (top mark) in the Higher School certificate exams. Congratulations to Jasmin Yalda who scored 98.97 ATAR, Adorina Shaheen 96.95 and Marina Georgis 90.3 and many other students received Atars in the 80's.

God bless,

John Haskal  
Principal



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Dear parents, students and friends,

Welcome to another productive and successful school year. I look forward to meeting many of our parents throughout this year. A special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their parents as they join the community of Mar Narsai Assyrian College. Year 7 students have already settled in their daily school routines thanks largely to a very successful Year 6- 7 transition program in 2012, involving students, parents and staff from both St. Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School and MNAC.

Our teachers are impressed by the quality of all our Year 7 students and are working diligently with them to ensure that every student is given the best educational experience possible. Other students are already engaged in their respective studies and teachers are focused on setting up high expectations across all aspects of the school and supporting all students as needed. This week we conducted the Year 11 Assessment Information Evening, where we shared with Year 11 students and their parents important assessment information about the Preliminary Courses that commenced last week. Year 7 students and their parents will have their information evening on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.

### Student Diary or Planner 2013

All students have been issued with new planners that contain very important information including: policies, procedures, agreements, expectations, prayers, and study skills lessons. Parents are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with these planners so they can be in a good position to support their children's education at MNAC in 2013. Parents are asked to inspect their child's planner every week to check for communication from teachers and to sign the planner at the end of each week.

### Students Wellbeing

Mar Narsai Assyrian College has in place an effective Pastoral Care policy and other relevant procedures that aim to ensure that students feel safe, respected and cared for every day in a rewarding learning environment. Pastoral Care Teachers supervised by Year Advisors keep a close eye on all students so they can provide support when needed. Parents are encouraged to contact their Child's PC teacher or Year Advisor to discuss any concern they may have.

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

*Excellence*

*Christian*

*Values*

*Commitment*

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# Important Information

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## **Student Attendance**

School commences at 8:30am. Warning bell rings at 8:25am and students are expected to make their way to their pastoral care class. Students should not be in the College grounds before 8:10am (unless they have period zero) and should leave by 4:00pm. At all times, outside of this period from 8.10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, the College buildings and grounds are out of bounds to all pupils. (Homework Club, extra curricular activities are exempted).

**Late arrivals** arriving to school after 8.30am must get a late note from the front office, present it to their PC teacher, take it home and get it signed by a parent and return to PC the next day.

**Students leaving early** must provide a note from their parents to their PC teacher in the morning and also report to the office to meet their parents and collect an absence slip to be signed by the parent. It is advisable to make all appointments outside of school hours where possible. If your child is absent for the day, parents are required to call the school office by 8.30am and advise of their absence. Parents who do not call the school when their child is absent will receive either an SMS on their mobile or a phone call as a courtesy to ensure they know their child is absent.

## **School Uniform**

Students are currently wearing their summer uniform until the end of this term.

To purchase uniform, please visit the uniform shop at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School campus. Open from 9am–11am and 2.30pm–3.30pm.

## **Canteen**

The school canteen is open for breakfast (8am), recess (10.30am) and lunch (12.30pm). Students are asked to order their lunch in the morning before 10.30am to ensure they receive the lunch they desire. If you would like a canteen menu, please collect the latest summer menu from the office.

## **Pick up/ Drop off zone**

Parents & guardians are advised to pick up and drop off their children from the gate that is on the side of the new double story classroom building. The gate will be locked at 8.20am. Students arriving after this time must use the front gate to enter the school. In the afternoon, the gate will be locked at 3.10pm, and any students remaining must wait for their parents in the courtyard in front of the glass doors where parents can collect them.

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### **Homework club**

Homework Club is a free service offered to our students in the library every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4pm. Our dedicated teachers volunteer to provide students with extra tutoring or help with their homework during this time. The Homework Club was established in order to help our students gain confidence and skills with the class work they have not understood or need extra help to comprehend.

### **Lockers**

- Lockers are College property & it is expected that it is properly maintained
- No names or identification should be written on or attached to the front of lockers
- There is to be no defacing of lockers
- Nothing should be placed on top of lockers & they should be kept tidy.

### **Mobile Phones**

- mobile phone security is the responsibility of the student
- It is recommended that students keep their phones in their locked locker & switched off
- If a staff member comes across a phone during school time, they will confiscate it & take it to reception.
- It is the students responsibility to collect the phone with a parent.

### **P & F Committee 2013**

We value the help of all parents and friends of the school who would like to volunteer part of their time to assist our school community with special functions and fundraising events. If you are interested in joining the P&F committee for 2013, please contact the Principal.

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## UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms are now in stock and available from SHAPS uniform store

Open Mon, Tue, Wed

8.45am – 10am

7-9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park

9753 4185

### School Hours

8:30am  
To  
2:50pm

### Office Hours

8:am  
To  
4pm  
Monday to Friday  
Tel: 9753 0700  
Fax: 9753 0800

### Website

WWW.mnac.nsw.edu.au

### Email Address

info@mnac.nsw.edu.au



Need to talk? Kids Helpline counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Nothing is too big or too small to call us about, and we will always listen and try to understand.



Help is available. No one needs to face their problems alone.

Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or dial 000 if life is in danger.

## Parentline

Parentline is a confidential telephone counselling service providing professional counselling and support for parents and those who care for children.

Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call) - 24 hours a day, seven days a week - [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)



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