



Mar Narsai Assyrian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

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Dear Parents and friends of Mar Narsai Assyrian College:

This week we celebrated the Middle of Soma, (Lent), in the old Assyrian tradition by cooking cupcakes and placing wooden crosses in some. Each student that received a cross was awarded with a movie voucher. Thanks to all the teachers, staff and students who participated in the preparation and cooking of cupcakes, I take this opportunity to thank the parents who continue to support their children and encourage them to keep our Assyrian traditions in Fasting and Prayer as did our forefathers before us.

At Mar Narsai Assyrian College, we need to form a Parents and Friends Committee. I am asking any parents who wish to be a part of this committee to please contact the office and give your name to the office ladies and we will call a special meeting to form the committee and plan our activities for the rest of this year. It is your responsibility to help your children by being actively involved in your children's education.

Year 12 students are now preparing for their half yearly exams which are scheduled for weeks 9 and 10 of this term. I ask parents of these children to help and support them

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as they will need to have a peaceful environment in the home to study. These half yearly exams are very important and will be going towards the final Assessment of these children so please encourage your child to make a study plan that will cover all subjects. Teachers at Mar Narsai Assyrian College are more than happy to help and guide the students throughout this remaining period. A reminder that the year 12 Graduation will be on Thursday 19th of September, we wish them all the best.

I also wish to inform parents of year 12 that we have some classes offered early in the morning at 7.40 am these classes are important and make up the time required by the Board of Studies to cover the content prescribed in the Syllabus. Year 12 students who have taken that particular subject must attend the class, it is not an option so please ensure that you as parents support us and make sure your child attends on time.

God bless,

John Haskal
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, students and friends,

While we acknowledge the vast majority of our students for meeting the College expectations in relation to attendance, a number of students continue to disregard these expectations. Unfortunately, these students are putting themselves at risk of failure to complete their courses. Lateness to school is also considered partial absence and will contribute to the total number of absence days for the student. Lateness to class causes unnecessary interruptions to lessons and class time, which negatively impact on classroom learning.

Warning letters will be sent to some of these students' parents to alert them about the risks associated with poor school attendance. Parents of students with high rates of absences are asked to discuss this important issue with their son or daughter.

From the Student Planner 2013

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Rights

- To be treated with respect and dignity by everyone
- To hold and express an opinion
- To work in a positive work environment
- To participate fully in the life of the College
- To enjoy College activities and functions free of inappropriate behaviour
- To feel proud to belong to Mar Narsai Assyrian College
- To have property and facilities respected
- To feel confident that in coming to College, one is not discriminated against

Responsibilities

- To treat everyone with respect and dignity
- To respect another's right to hold and express an opinion
- To contribute to a positive learning environment
- To participate actively in the life of the College
- To display appropriate behaviour while attending College function
- To honour the rules and values of Mar Narsai Assyrian College
- To respect the property of every member of the College community and the property of the College
- Not to discriminate against any member of the College community

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence

Christian

Values

Commitment

Student Tracking

This week our teaching staff completed the final touches on compiling student tracking data for years 7-11. I am currently working on developing cross school strategies to extend high achieving students and to provide support for low performing students. I will endeavour to contact parents of low performing students or students who are at risk of failure to lay down a plan of action so together- parents and teachers can collaborate to provide opportunities for these students to improve and achieve.

Student Representative Council – 2012

On Tuesday 26/3/13 the community of Mar Narsai Assyrian College will formally thank, in an assembly, the wonderful and dedicated students who served our community as the 2012 SRC.

In recognition of their service the following students will be awarded 'Certificates of Service' in the assembly.

Parents and guardians of the outgoing 2012 SRC are warmly invited to attend the assembly on Tuesday 26/3/13.

We thank the 2012 Student Representative Council:

Marissa Merza
Yousif Masso
Daniel Ieshoo
Peter Daniel
Nenorta Youkhanis
David Daniel
Maryam Wilson
Ramiz Gorla
Grace Badal

Student Representative Council – 2013

During the assembly on Tuesday 26/3/13, the 2013 Student Representative body will be officially sworn in. The students will recite the Student Representative Council Oath & receive their SRC badge. We warmly invite the parents and guardians of the 2013 SRC to attend this assembly.

It is a great honour and privilege for students to be selected to serve on the SRC. We pray that the students are guided by God as they represent our college community.

Congratulations to the following 2013 Student Representative Council:

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| . Edessa Shmuel— Year 7 | . Samir Bethuo—Year 10 |
| . Mary Oraham—Year 7 | . Victoria Yalda - Kisso—Year 10 |
| . Joseph Younan—Year 7 | . Dinatra Misho—Year 11 |
| . Sulaiman Bizhn—Year 8 | . Ilona Shalo—Year 11 |
| . Diana Odisho—Year 8 | |
| . Adriana Dinkha—Year 9 | |
| . Meelis Toma—Year 9 | |

“Serve the Lord with gladness” Psalm 100 v 2

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Intensive English Class (IEC) and Learning Support (LS) Sydney CBD Excursion

During term 1 the Intensive English Class (IEC) has been learning about famous Australian landmarks located in Sydney, as well as learning the meaning of signs and how to read bus, train and ferry time tables.

On Thursday the 8th of March, 2013 the Intensive English Class comprising of Maragarite Butrus, Sally Esttaifan, Diana Esttaifan and Aseel Esttaifan and myself, together with Ms Piccione, Cristy Butrus, Bianca Azzo and Natalia Jabroo went on an excursion to Sydney CBD to experience & to practise what we have been learning.

We visited the Queen Victoria Building, Martin Place, the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and caught a ferry to Darling Harbour.

During the day the students learnt the meaning of many street signs, how to read maps, train and ferry timetables, as well as how to purchase travel tickets.

The student's behaviour was exemplary. It was a wonderful day of learning.

Ms Lynn Middlebrook

(IEC) 11/3/13

Snap Shots of our Sydney CBD Excursion - 8/3/13



Waiting for the train at Fairfield Railway Station.



Travelling on the train.



View of Sydney Harbour Bridge from the ferry.



The clock in the Queen Victoria Building.



View of Sydney Harbour Bridge from the ferry.



ANZAC Memorial Martin Place.

Allergy and Anaphylaxis

Dear Parents,

We are asking your help to support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy; therefore avoidance of known food allergens is crucial. Peanuts and tree nuts are the foods most likely to cause anaphylaxis.

The school is supporting children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- Training staff,
- Encouraging children to wash their hands after eating,
- Educating children about food allergies, and
- Choosing not to sell foods in the school canteen which have peanuts, tree nuts or eggs (e.g. hazelnuts, cashews, almonds etc) in the main ingredients list.

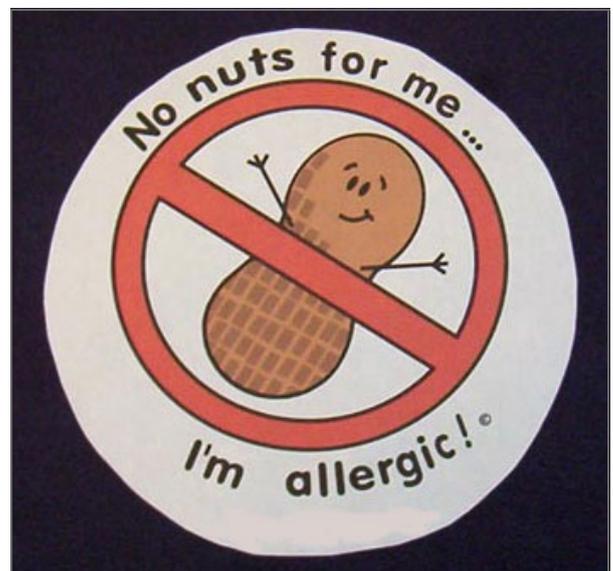
We ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- Not sending food which has peanuts, tree nuts or eggs (eg hazelnuts, cashews, almonds etc) in the main ingredients list,
- Teaching your child not to share food with friends that have food allergy,
- Encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating,
- Asking your child to get help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick.

With your help we can provide a safe environment that meets the needs of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Haskal
Principal



الحساسية والحساسية المفرطة

اعزائنا اولياء امور الطلبة

نطلب مساعدتكم لدعم الاطفال في مدرستنا من الذين هم عرضة لخطر الاصابة بالحساسية المفرطة **Anaphylaxis**.

الحساسية المفرطة **Anaphylaxis** هي رد فعل حاد للحساسية ومن المحتمل ان تهدد الحياة.

يعتبر التحسس من الطعام السبب الاكثر شيوعاً للحساسية المفرطة، ولعدم وجود علاج فاعل لحساسية الطعام، فان تجنب المواد المثيرة للحساسية الغذائية المعروفة، امر في بالغ الاهمية. الفول السوداني والمكسرات هي الاطعمة الاكثر احتمالاً لتسبب الحساسية المفرطة.

تدعم المدرسة الاطفال المعرضين لخطر الاصابة من الحساسية المفرطة من خلال الجوانب التالية:

تدريب الموظفين.

تشجيع الاطفال لغسل ايديهم بعد الاكل.

تثقيف الاطفال حول الاطعمة المسببة للتحسس.

عدم بيع الاطعمة في حانوت المدرسة التي تشتمل على الفول السوداني والمكسرات او البيض (البندق الكاجو اللوز... الخ) في قائمة مكوناتها الرئيسية.

ونطلب منكم دعم الاطفال المعرضين لخطر الاصابة بالحساسية المفرطة من خلال القيام بالاتي:

عدم ارسال المواد الغذائية التي تحتوي على الفول السوداني والمكسرات او البيض (البندق الكاجو اللوز... الخ) في قائمة مكوناتها الرئيسية.

تعليم ابنائكم على ضرورة عدم مشاركة زملائهم من الذين لهم حساسية تجاه الطعام.

تشجيع طفلكم على طلب المساعدة الفورية لزميل في الدراسة اذا ما حصل المرض.

بمساعدتكم يمكننا توفير بيئة آمنة تلبى احتياجات جميع اطفالنا.

مع فائق التقدير والاحترام

السيد

جون حسيقيال

رئيس الكلية

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



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