



Mar Narsai Assyrian College

Harp of The Spirit

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ber

Dear Parents and friends of Mar Narsai Assyrian College:

Mar Narsai Assyrian College has been accepted in the National Partnership Schools Program for 2013. Mr. Dinkha, Mrs. Piccione, Mrs. Hormoz and I spent two full days at the AIS (Association of Independent Schools). We had to put in a plan to improve our literacy in years 7 and year 8 for this year and continue with the project next year. The AIS accepted our plan and have allocated \$136, 000 to our school in order to implement this learning and teaching program in our school. With this money we will hire a specialist teacher's aide and will be able to purchase special programs that will help our students with their reading, writing, vocabulary and comprehension. We are certain that our students will achieve higher bands in their NAPLAN Tests and will also improve their numeracy skills.

We have already started our

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Transition Program for students of year 6 who will enroll in year 7 at Mar Narsai Assyrian College for the year 2014. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who attended our meeting in the St Hurmizd Primary School Library for our Transition Information evening. We have also planned, as part of this program, an Open Day at Mar Narsai Assyrian College on Saturday the 8th June 2013. We will be extremely pleased to see and meet the parents and friends of our Assyrian schools as well as any members of our community who wish to attend and meet the teachers and staff of the College. On the day, each faculty will set up a display of the curriculum and students' work and achievements in each area. Tea and Coffee and a light BBQ lunch will be available on the premises.

God bless,

John Haskal
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students & friends,

Last Monday, the 29th of April was a busy day for staff as they engaged in a number of professional development sessions aimed at improving the effectiveness of MNAC teachers. The day started with a session on programming for the new syllabuses presented by our Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Mrs Jennifer Michaliski. Other sessions covered a number of areas, including, Gifted and Talented (GATS), Student Tracking, Student Welfare, A New Look at Homework, Supporting Struggling Students & Explicit Teaching.

In the interest of student safety, we ask all parents to support the College rules for *End of School Day*. These basic rules or procedures aim to ensure students safety as they get picked up by parents at the end of the school day. Currently, a number of students leave the school gate and navigate their way precariously through the maze of moving and stationary cars towards the corner of the school Hall, where they wait unsupervised and exposed to possible strangers coming through the car park after 3:20pm. Other students take similar risks, following pre determined arrangements with parents to meet them at our next door veggie outlet (Fred's). Few other students use the same dangerous path in their way out of the school to catch their usual West Bus or to walk home.

We ask for your cooperation so that from next Monday 13th May, the supervising teacher at the gate will allow students to leave the gate if:

- a parents comes to the gate to pick up the child;
- a car driven by a parent stops momentarily to pick up the student;

Students who take West Buses will be allowed to leave school grounds from the Office side of the College. Other students will not be allowed to leave the school gate. At 3:10pm, the school gate will be locked and remaining students will be moved to the undercover area opposite the Library, where they can be seen (not supervised) by staff, while waiting to be picked up by parents.

Parents or guardians are reminded that school is officially closed at 4:00 pm and that teacher supervision stops at 3:10pm.

Thanks,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence

Christian

Values

Commitment

Half Yearly exams are scheduled for weeks 4-6 this term. Year 7, 8 & 9 students will be sitting their exams in week 4 and Year 10 & 11 students will be sitting their exams in weeks 5-6. These exams will take place in the school hall under exam conditions.

Students usually receive written exam notifications that detail the date and time of exams as well as the topics to be examined. In the lead up to week four, students usually have few in-class exam revision sessions giving students many opportunities to ask specific questions about particular areas or topics. It is therefore crucial that all students are now engaged in regular study for exams in all subjects.

Parents are asked to support their children during this time by monitoring the time set aside daily, including week-ends for exam preparation and to check if their child has the right text, subject booklet or revision notes that would be used for exam revision. The following link "Study & Exams" page from the Board of Studies website provides some useful exam and study tips for all students. <http://hsc.csu.edu.au/study/>

Australian Informatics Competition

Well done to the following students who sat the Australian Informatics competition;-

Renny Oraham

Augen Sifoo

George Yacoub

Gorge Ibrahim

Andre Jamoo

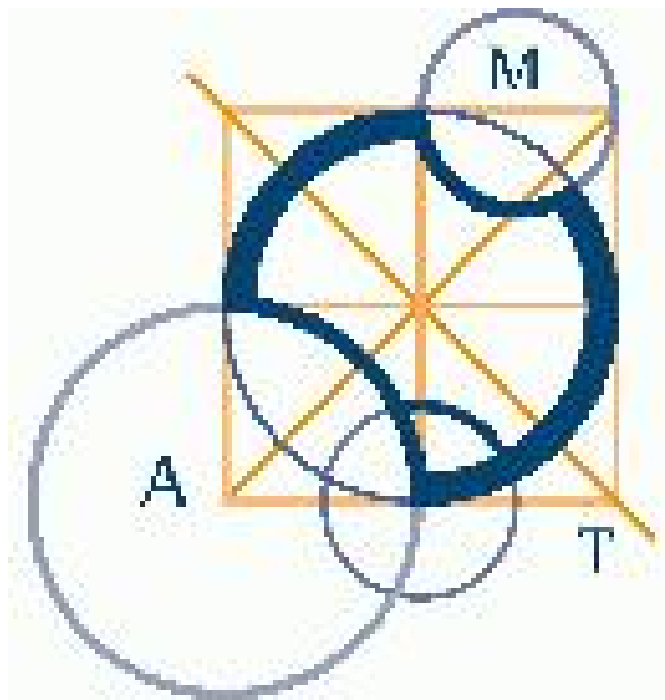
Andre Khosrow

For these young talented students the next stage is the Australian informatics Olympiad. (AIO) A programming competition held on September 5th this year. These students will work at computers to write and solve problems.

If successful, students will be selected and trained to represent Australia at the international Olympiad in Informatics. (IOI) this competition is for secondary schools and has competitors from over 80 countries. Each year only 4 students are selected to represent Australia at this event.

Best of Luck!

Miss Eishou.



PARKING & STUDENT PICK UP

Recently the College has taken up a section of the back car park to be utilised as a basketball court for the students.

Please be aware that parents coming to the school will no longer be able to drive through this part of the car park as access will be restricted until 2.10pm. We ask that anyone entering the College before 2.10pm, park around the main entrance. At the front of the building.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

Mr. J. Haskal
Principal

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
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WWW.mnac.nsw.edu.au

Email Address

info@mnac.nsw.edu.au



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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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