



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Monday 12/8/13

**2013 National Science
Week (10-18 Aug)**

**Thursday 15/8/13
Special Eucharistic Liturgy
- Commemoration of St.
Mary**

**Friday 23/8/13
Year 6 Transition
Curriculum Program**

Dear Parents and friends of St. Narsai Assyrian Christian Col- lege:

I am writing this article on behalf of our Principal, Mr. John Haskal who is currently on sick leave. We are expecting Mr. Haskal to be back at school late next week. In the interim, I am available to assist in any way possible.

Year 12 HSC Trials Examina- tions

Well done to our Year 12 students as they completed their HSC Trial Examinations this week. This is the final school based assessment event for the year 12 cohort. In the next six weeks, students will be completing subject content and will revise for their HSC examinations next term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 12 teachers who have worked hard with these students throughout the year. A reminder to all that the Year 12 Graduation has been set for Thursday, 19th September in Edessa Hall. For more details, please contact the College office.

Improving Literacy and Nu- meracy National Partnership (ILNNP)

Throughout this term, the College staff have been extensively engaged in a range of professional development activities, training sessions and staff meetings in an effort to improve their capacity as teachers

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of ESL learners. Teachers will also be able to provide better learning experiences for all learners in the classroom. At this stage teachers are working on analysing past NAPLAN results to better understand their literacy needs. Teachers are also engaged in peer to peer evaluation of classroom practices with the aim of enhancing their effectiveness. As was mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the school is utilising special limited government funding for this college based project.

Assyrian Martyrs Day

On Wednesday, the 7th of August, the College community commemorated the Assyrian Martyrs Day during a special College assembly. Fr. Ninos Elya, Sh. Benjamin Aywas and Mr. David David joined the College staff and students in this solemn occasion by paying tribute to all Assyrian Martyrs. It was great to witness the active participation of so many students in this very important event. Speakers reminded the audience of the significance of the day, the sacrifices of so many Assyrians and the importance of preserving our Assyrian identity and Christian faith and traditions.

God Bless,

Edwar Dinkha
Deputy Principal

College News

Dear Parents,

The front office is having difficulty getting on with their valuable and demanding job of providing the administrative support needed by a large organization. One of the main reasons for this is the constant interruptions and requests by students for unimportant and unnecessary things combined with a lack of responsibility some students show for things they should have attended to themselves.

This includes, but is not restricted to

1. Tissues. The office has gone through approximately 12 boxes of tissues in a term. Students need to bring their own if they need them. Perhaps carrying an old fashioned handkerchief could be a solution. The office cannot be a source of tissues any longer.
2. Distilled water. The front office has a small distilled water bottle and dispenser like most offices in Australia. That dispenser is there for the use of those who work in the office not the ever increasing stream of students who feel that it is there for them. Every school in Australia, and I'm sure in other countries in the world, provides bubblers for the students to drink water from. Australia has the highest quality tap water in the world and the popularity of bottled 'water' is a result of clever marketing - not common sense.
3. Phone calls. The bill for phone calls to parents from the front office by students reminding parents of a pick-up time, trying to go home early, bring a forgotten lunch, deliver a message etc. etc. etc would be approaching \$4,000 a year. Clearly this is getting a little out of hand. The college will continue to allow the students to contact home for important reasons but a lack of organisation on their part does not constitute an emergency on our part. Office staff will keep track of students who repeatedly request to make such phone calls.
4. Panadol. A reminder that no Panadol products will be given to any student—with or without parental phone permission. If your child regularly needs these things you need to provide, from your doctor, the college with the medication itself plus a written set of instructions clearly outlining the dosage and times of administering along with the reasons the medication should be given. This is a legal requirement not the college being overly picky.

Mr C. Hardman

Student Welfare Coordinator

College Events

On Wednesday 7th August, Year 10 students visited Pyrmont for a Geography fieldwork excursion. Year 10 have been learning about the geographical issue, Urban Growth and Decline. Pyrmont is prime example of this geographical issue that effects both the human and physical environment. Urban Growth occurred in Pyrmont in the early 1900s, when it was a heavily industrialised city. It was compromised of big families and many factories, which provided much job opportunities in the area. Over time, as the industries closed down, residents started moving out, leaving the city in a state of decay. In the past couple of decades, Pyrmont has undergone much renewal. This has only occurred due to increased individual awareness of the issue and initiatives put forward by all states of government. Students were taken on a 2 hour walking tour around the Pyrmont area with the help of three eccentric tour guides from the National Maritime Museum. We visited popular sites such as the Pyrmont Bridge, The Star and other important locations which helped us understand the nature of urban decline and then growth in Pyrmont. Students were able to pin point areas that have been subjected to urban decay and renewal. Students then had a quick lunch before they enjoyed a one hour boat cruise around the Peninsula. Our day was a success as even though students were exhausted by the end of the day, they learnt much that will help them become more active global citizens and geographers!





The College welcomed Reverend Father Antwan Mikhael, from Melbourne, Australia and Subdeacon Benjamin Aywas, from Chicago, USA, on Monday 5th August, accompanied by Reverend Father Ninos Elya and Deacon Ninos Babisha. Reverend Antwan and Subdeacon Benjamin toured the College, visiting several classes, including Religion and Assyrian. They were excited to see students learning the Assyrian language and discussing Religious topics.



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On Friday 2nd August 2013, St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College participated in the annual Jeans for Genes day fundraiser. Students wore their jeans to school and donated a gold coin to raise money for the worthy cause. The school raised a total of \$500 which will be given by cheque to the Children's Medical Research Institute which aims to improve and extend the lives of children everywhere, especially those with congenital abnormality or genetic disease. A big thank you to all those who participated and donated. May God accept your donations.

SRC Committee



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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

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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

Parent line 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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