



Mar Narsai Assyrian College

Harp of The Spirit

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Dear Parents and friends of Mar Narsai Assyrian College:

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As this is our last newsletter for this Term I wish to thank all parents and friends of the College who have supported our school by attending meetings and parent/teacher interviews ,I also thank all of our teachers who have worked tirelessly to provide your children with the best possible education in all disciplines as prescribed by the Board of Studies of NSW.

This Friday 26th June is the last day for the term and we will start Term three on TUESDAY 16th July as the first day of Term (Monday 15th) is a pupil free day when all teachers will attend and will be provided with a training for Literacy Teaching by consultants from the AIS(Association of Independent Schools)

All student reports from year 7 to 11 will be sent home this week and the Parent/Teacher interviews will be scheduled for Thursday 18th July from 3 to 6 , we want all parents of these children to attend and meet the teachers of their children so that you know how your child is progressing.

Last Tuesday 18th June His eminence Mar Melees Zaia our Metropolitan attended a special meeting with Mar Narsai Senior students of years 11 and 12 ,

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His Eminence gave a lecture to these children



about our Christian beliefs according to our Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, His eminence was absolutely brilliant in his delivery , His Eminence spoke about Jesus being the second Adam ,as he died on the Cross our original Sin was removed and now we all have faith and hope of forgiveness if we turn to God in prayer and fasting. his Eminence was accompanied by our Religion Coordinator Reverent Ninos

I wish you all and your families a safe and enjoyable two weeks of school holidays.

God bless you all.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students & friends,

Year 10 Subject Selection Process

As was mentioned in our last Newsletter, the Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening was held on Tuesday, 11th June at 6:00 pm in the School Hall. The evening started with a Subject Market and was followed by my presentation. The presentation offered important advice and information to students and parents about deciding what subjects to choose. The evening concluded with the distribution of Stage Six Subject Information Booklets to Year 10 students. Last week, Year 10 students and their parents attended subject selection interviews after school and the process was finalised.

Semester One Reports

These reports have been completed by teachers to shed light on student's individual academic performance throughout semester one. Student overall marks, grades and teacher comments per subject project a clear picture on their academic progress in each course to date.

As we conclude semester one, teachers have been asked to reflect on student achievement in their classes and on their own classroom teaching and learning practices.

While many students will be acknowledged at school and home for their outstanding achievements, it is hoped that this reporting event can be the catalyst for future improvements for other students. Parents are encouraged to read all subject reports and discuss their content with their child in the aim that more support may be provided to their children

in the coming two terms. Parent/ Student/ Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday of week one- next term. Booking sheets were issued earlier this week so students can book interview times with their respective teachers in the hope that a productive discussion can take place between the three. Reports were issued to all students yesterday to allow parents time to study them well ahead of the scheduled interviews next term.

Data Analysis

As usual, the end of semester reports period triggers a commencement of data analysis activity across the school. Students' academic performance during the semester and during their recent half-yearly exams will be evaluated. Semester one grade distribution across all subjects will be compared with past years to develop a trend and to understand the underlying reasons for these trends. The results of this data analysis is then reported to teachers to help them understand the reasons for the trend and to find ways to improve student learning outcomes. Teachers understand that they have a major role in improving student learning and achievement.

Good Example

It is a great pleasure to write here about the many students across the College who always do the right thing, who are committed to their studies, who wear their uniform with pride and who are good examples for our college community. I am writing here about students in my Year 7 Technology class, who excelled in producing outstanding and well designed websites using dedicated software (Adobe Dreamweaver). I am also writing about Year 10 students who have represented the college admirably during their Work Experience Week, where a number of external businesses commended their work ethics and manners. There are many other examples of students from all year levels that deserve to be mentioned for their constant positive contribution to the College. To all such students, thank you for what you do and keep up the good work.

Thank You,
E. Dinkha

Excellence

Christian

Values

Commitment



Years 11 and 12 meet with His Beatitude Mar Meelis Zaia AM

On Tuesday 18th June, His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaia AM, presented a lecture to students in Years 11 and 12. His Eminence spoke about the importance of forgiveness and love. His Beatitude also spoke about topics that are affecting students today, such as the use of the Internet. His Eminence concluded the session by blessing the students, in particular, Year 12 students who will be sitting their final HSC exams in coming months.





Business Studies Student Day

On Friday 14th June, the Year 12 Business Studies class attended a study day held at Penrith High School. The day was organized by the Western Sydney Social Science Teachers Association. The students listened to lectures from various teachers and HSC examiners from different schools on all topics from the Business Studies Syllabus.

The day was extremely useful as it gave students an opportunity to revise content and gain tips from HSC examiners and markers. Students were all given a booklet that will assist them with revising and making notes in their preparation for the final HSC exam. I am sure that all students found the day useful and I wish them the best of luck for the coming months as they prepare for their final exams.

Mrs. Mary Joseph

Business Studies teacher



UNIFORM SHOP

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

Open Mon, Tue, Wed

8.45am – 11am

7-9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park

9753 4185

School Hours

8:30am
To
2:50pm

Office Hours

8:am
To
4pm
Monday to Friday
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Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or dial 000 if life is in danger.

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