



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit N e w s l e t t e r

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Dear Parents and friends of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College

This is our second last newsletter for this Term which ends on 20th September 2013. The College will continue to deliver the Curriculum to the students through Teaching/Learning activities, so it is very important that all students attend school every day and on time.

There are some students who regularly arrive late to school and as a result they miss part of a lesson or in some cases they may miss more than one lesson, overtime this can add up to a considerable amount of time of school hours, every subject in a high school syllabus has a definite mandatory hours of study set by the Board of Studies of NSW, these hours must be adhered to otherwise a student may not be eligible to receive a completion of course certificate.

Parents, who wish to take their child out of the school for a Doctor's Appointment or some other special reason, please make sure to send a note explaining the reason as well as a written note to authorize someone else to pick your child e.g

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older brother, Sister or a nominated relative.

Year 11 students are doing their preliminary exams now, we wish them all the best, after this Term, they will start year 12 courses.

Parents of year 11 and 12, your children need you to attend the Graduation Night on Thursday 19th September at 6 pm in Edessa Hall, please send us number of people attending for seating arrangements.

We concluded our year 6 students interviews for 2014, because of the large number of applicants we will be forming three streams in year 7, if any other parents have not applied yet please make sure to do so immediately otherwise you will miss out on a position at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College.

God bless your families

John Haskal

Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

From the Deputy Principal

We are currently in the process of finalising the selection of the student leadership team for 2014. As usual, there are a number of outstanding candidates for these positions, including the Captains and Vice Captains positions. The 2014 student leadership team will be announced during the Year 12 2013 Graduation ceremony on the 19th of September. We look forward to working with these fine students next term.

It is regrettable that a group of our students are repeatedly absent from school. Despite raising this issue within the College community a number of times over the last two years, absenteeism at SNACC is well above the national average with potentially serious ramifications on the academic performance of many of our students. A recent article from the Daily Telegraph (Aug 17th) reported that rampant absenteeism is contributing to Australia's slide in the international education ranking. A study quoted in the article warned that "parents need to be aware that when their child misses school it can have an on-going impact on their learning."

The following are extracts from SNACC's Attendance Policy for your information:

- *Education is a sequential process. Absences often mean students miss important stages in the development of topics, causing them to find 'catching up' difficult.*
- *Absenteeism contributes significantly to student failure at school.*
- *All enrolled students are required to attend school unless reasonable and valid grounds exist for them to be absent.*
- *Illness is reasonable grounds for an absence, shopping excursions or birthday parties are not.*

- *Parents have a legally enforceable responsibility to ensure that their children attend school regularly, and are only absent if ill or if absolutely necessary.*
- *Parents have a further responsibility to provide a written note or return a completed absence form to the school explaining why an absence has occurred.*
- *The Principal has a responsibility to ensure that attendance records are maintained and monitored at school. Attendance will be marked and monitored electronically using Denbigh.*
- *The Principal, Stage Advisor or Homeroom Teacher will contact parents of students with high levels of unexplained or unapproved absences, with the view to developing and implementing strategies to minimise absences.*
- *Ongoing unexplained absences or lack of cooperation regarding student attendance will result in a formal attendance conference being organised. Unresolved attendance issues may be reported by the principal to the Assyrian Schools Board.*
- *Student attendance and absence figures will appear on student half year and end of year reports.]*

Additionally, the Board of Studies' ACE Manual stipulates that excessive absences from school may result in the student failing to meet the course requirement, which may consequently result in the student being asked to repeat the course or the year.

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence

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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

School.office@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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