



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

# Harp of The Spirit

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## COLLEGE EVENTS

**Monday**  
**10th March 2014**  
**College Assembly Pe-**  
**riod 1**  
**Year 7 and 8 will be**  
**presented with a Bible**

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**Wednesday**  
**12th March 2014**  
**Year 11**  
**Biology Field Trip**

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### Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

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As we go through the season of Lent ,we pray to our Lord Jesus Christ to accept your penance and bless your sacrifice of abstaining from certain foods according to the rules of our Holy Apostolic Catholic Church of the East, may God bless you all and your families.

We are approaching the half way in Term 1 ,we are getting ready for the year 12 half yearly exams as We are also preparing Interim reports for the rest of the school for the end of this Term. We always encourage parents to get involved in their children's school and work closely with their teachers in order to understand how your children are travelling on their journey.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's schools, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some ideas to get you started!

**1. Meet your child's teacher.** As soon as the school year starts, try to find a way to meet your child's teacher. Let the teacher know you want to help your child learn. Make it clear that you want the teacher to contact you if any problems develop with your child.

**2. Attend parent-teacher Interviews.** At SNACC we hold two parent-teacher interviews each year.. You can also ask to meet with your child's teacher any time during the year. If you have a concern and can't meet face-to-face, send the teacher a short note or set up a time to talk on the phone.

**3. Make sure that your child gets homework done.** Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time.

4.If you have any concerns whatsoever about your child's education pattern contact the school and make an appointment with your child's year advisor or the Curriculum Coordinator( Mr Dinkha) or the Principal

We have contacted few computer companies to give us quotations to lease Laptops for students of year 7 and year 8 for this year. As soon as we receive some good offers we will call all parents of Stage 4(year 7 and 8) and discuss with them the deal. These computers will be only used for educational purposes.

We are organising a Parents and Friends Association for St Narsai Assyrian Christian College, we already have some mothers who have put their names down, we need few more mothers or Fathers to be members of our committee which is free of charge and we will meet once a moth to discuss the Academic progress and Policies of our Great College

God Bless

J Haskal



# FROM THE DEPUTY

## Dear parents, students and friends of the college

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. This is despite the fact that we have raised this important matter with a good number of parents during three Information Evenings in the last three-four weeks.

Unfortunately, these students are putting themselves at risk of failure to complete their courses. Lateness to school is 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 impacts on classroom learning. On Tuesday, I had a brief meeting with most of these students and explained the importance of school attendance.

Warning letters will be sent to some of these students' parents in order 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 and try to find a solution to this problem.

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## Focus on literacy

The College staff continue to focus on improving literacy for all our students. Teachers are including more literacy based learning activities in their daily teaching routines in an effort to support students in developing their own literacy skills. We ask that parents support their children by encouraging them to develop a love and passion for reading. As a general rule, students should set time aside every day for reading. This is because developing good reading skills contributes to better phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills, which are essential ingredients to academic success.

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## Student Tracking

Next week our teaching staff will complete the final touches on compiling student tracking data for years 7-12 for 2014. Based on the collected data I will be working on developing cross college strategies to extend high performing students and to provide support for low performing students. I will also 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 develop important and necessary academic skills that would result in improved student outcomes.

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Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

## College Events

### Year 12 Design & Technology

The Year 12 Design & Technology class attended the DesignTech Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2014. The exhibition's focus was on students' major design projects for the Stage 6 Design and Technology curriculum. Students attended a seminar which was run by a designer from Google and they viewed band 5 and 6 major design projects from 2013. Students enjoyed their day at the Powerhouse and I wish them the best of luck with the major design projects.

T.Rashidi  
Design & Technology Teacher



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