



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Friday
4th September 2015
Father's Day Charity
visit to Church retire-
ment village

Year 7 History Excur-
sion

Tuesday
8th September 2015
Year 7 HPV, Varella
Vaccination

Thursday
10th September 2015
End of Term Disco

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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The teachers and staff of our college have been extremely busy this Term , we started with the year 12 trial exams and now we are preparing their reports to be ready and issued to all families before the graduation day on Wednesday 16th September. On the night of graduation as I have mentioned in previous Newsletters, families can bring as many people as they wish however we need to know numbers so that we can arrange seating for all guests.

Year 11 students will start their yearly exams on Thursday 3rd September, when finishing exams they would have completed their preliminary course and therefore will start the HSC course in other words they become year 12 students and continue until September 2016 when they will in turn graduate from our college, on behalf of our school community I take this opportunity to wish our students all the best and hope that they will make us proud of their achievements in years 11 and 12.

The year six to year 7 Transition program continues by having year 6 students from our feeder schools attending St Narsai Assyrian Christian College as part of our Orienteering program and to get familiar with each other and with the school environment they also met majority of their teachers who will be teaching them all different subjects in 2016. I wish to thank all parents and guardians of our new students for choosing St Narsai to be the school for children in the next 6 years. At this stage we have already accepted 91 students in year 7 of 2016, if there are any parents of our feeder school still thinking about sending their children to our school you really have to hurry because your child may be on the waiting list.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to support their school and work with our teachers and staff to help our children succeed and achieve their potential.

God bless your families

John Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

After completing their Trials HSC examinations two weeks ago, Year 12 students have returned to their normal learning activities, where they are covering the remainder of their courses. These exams were the last internal assessment event for these students before the HSC examinations in October.

It is vital that all Year 12 students continue to actively engage in their studies and complete all course requirements as we come closer to the end of the term. For some of these student, this means completing the final touches on their major practical projects or major works.

Year 11 students will be sitting their end of year preliminary examinations next week in the school hall. Examination timetables have already been distributed to students. During their exams, some students will have to sit two exams per day. Students will be permitted to leave school grounds after their exams and will not be required to attend the college if they have no exam scheduled for the day.

Students are reminded that usual examination rules and procedures apply during this major assessment event. No mobile phones or similar electronic equipment are permitted inside the examination hall.

An initial analysis of our 2015 NAPLAN results has shown a significant improvements in our Year 9 performance across most areas of the test. This is a great result for our college and both staff and students are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Generally speaking, most students in our college get homework from a number of subjects every day. The purpose of homework is to give students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills taught in class and to ensure that students are ready for the upcoming lessons or topics.

In order for students to get the most out of homework, students need support at home. Parents can support their children with their homework in a number of ways:

- Ask whether homework has been set for the day;
- Check that your child completes his/ her homework every day;
- Check that your child has time to study or revise class notes every day;
- Assist, guide and direct your child through discussions and answering his/ her homework related questions;

Contact subject teachers as necessary to maintain positive communication about your child's progress at the college.

Thank You,
Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment

Message from the Counsellor

A Child at Heart!

George Burns, an American comedian, actor and writer once said “you can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old.” Last Friday, I stood as a witness to this quote as I watched over the Assyrian Schools staff (both high school and primary school) at our Spiritual Day for 2015 held at St Mary’s Shrine of Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

The German word *Schoenstatt* translates into ‘beautiful place’, and truly it was a beautiful place. Not only was it a beautiful place, but was filled with beautiful people who teach your beautiful kids.

The spiritual retreat was a sensational day – for one day; the lesson planning and preparations were put to rest, the yard duties and responsibilities were tucked away, and the school bells were silent.



The day started off in the morning with prayers, biblical readings, hymns and talks, followed by two major activities (Spiritual Boot Camp and the Challenge Valley) and ended off with a beautiful fellowship over a delicious lunch.

In the excitement of the day, all that was needed was to stand back and look over the boot camp and the valley – and there you had it – a sea of mature adults running around like little children.

At the Boot Camp they passed hurdles and obstacles courses; they dribbled balls and ran relay races. With each boot camp activity they reflected on the purpose of the activity to strengthen their way of thinking and spiritual well-being.

At the Challenge Valley they cracked clues in riddles and puzzles, they made their way from one checkpoint to another, they saved a blind friend from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, they saved baby Moses from drowning in the Nile, they helped the disciples catch fish, they traced back the genealogy of Jesus and made it through the narrow gate.

Truly, we all are a child at heart! From the eager staff members that unleashed their competitive side out in order to win the challenges, to the student-like moaning and groaning of others that were too exhausted to move on. It was at this point that staff could connect to their students’ way of thinking and explicitly stated ‘we sound like the students’, followed by good laughs.

Just as in any other situation, all one needs is to restart the psychological processing system (a.k.a. the Brain) to go further, the fight harder and to make a bigger difference.

Year 7 – Busy Hands Busy Brains: Making Shoebox Habitats

The best way to engage kids' brain is by having them move their hands. As students put projects together, create crafts, or use familiar materials in new ways, they're constructing meaning.

Year 7 are studying Habitats and Interactions this term. As a part of in class activity, students were asked to prepare shoebox ecosystems of their choice; Ocean, Desert, Tundra, Rainforest etc. They presented their models to class and talked about different members in food chain-producers, consumers and decomposers, their interactions with each other and the environment, animals' adaptations and how adaptations help an organism to survive in their environment. Students worked very enthusiastically and came up with brilliant work models.

Hands-on, creative, and artistic activities help students to focus and retain knowledge, and at the same time emphasize the importance of beauty and design in our world.

— Mrs. Kamal Kaur



▲ Mariann, Jessica, Elebra,
Ramena –
Desert ecosystem



▲ Mariam, Nineveh, Karen –
Rainforest ecosystem



◀ Chloe, Qusay –
Rainforest ecosystem

Winter Appeal

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed," -Proverbs 19:17. During the course of this winter, it has been rather cold and harsh and thankfully most of us were able to return to a warm and comfortable home. But what about the homeless and less fortunate? To provide aid and comfort, the Student Representative Council initiated the 'Winter Appeal' with the guidance of Miss David and Miss Nona. Students from grades 7-12 were kindly asked to donate as many clean scarves, beanies, blankets and sleeping bags to help the less fortunate get through this season. Thankfully to the kind deeds of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College the SRC was able to collect bags of generous donations. We collected over 50 blankets, most of which were brand new. These donations will be distributed by S.W.A.G Ministries to those that need a helping hand. SWAG ministry, Salvation with Almighty God, is a non for profit organisation that works directly with the homeless, with an aim to abolish hunger. The SRC and school community is very grateful for the almsgiving donations from the students, staff and parents.

Thankyou and God Bless.

Amalia Sellanes – Year 10 SRC Representative



Dear parents and Friends,

Recently Year 10 completed their Work Experience, which involved each student spending a week in the workforce at a place of business doing tasks that are relevant to that business.

The college would like to take this opportunity to thank all those businesses that kindly took our students on board and looked after them for a week, showing them the ropes of their business. As you can imagine it is not a simple task and at times can be quite disruptive to a business operating as normal. All the businesses did an excellent job and we thank them for their time and efforts in voluntarily supporting our students and our community.

We publish the list below and encourage any parents or friends looking to give their custom to an organization to consider these businesses.

Company	Suburb	Company	Suburb
8 Slices Pizzeria	Abbotsbury	Mascot Airport Parking	Mascot
All Care Dental	Fairfield	McDonalds Carnes Hill	Carnes Hill
Amart Sports	Stocklands Wetherill Park	Mick's Bricklaying	N/K
Austfield	Parramatta	Pharmacy Mart	Fairfield
Big W	Bonnyrigg Plaza	Priceline Chemist	Bonnyrigg Plaza
Bonnyrigg Heights PS	Bonnyrigg Heights	Sea Master Seafood	Bonnyrigg Plaza
Bunning's	Bonnyrigg	Shaya Engineering	Yennora
Century 21 Real Estate	Fairfield	Shlama Dry Cleaning	Wakeley
Chemistworks	Stocklands Wetherill Park	Soul Pattison Pharmacy	Carnes Hill
Children's Eye Centre	Wentworthville	St Hurmizd Primary	Greenfield Park
Civic Video	Edensor Park Plaza	St Paul & St Anthony CCC	Merrylands
Coles	Edensor Park Plaza	Target	Stocklands Wetherill Park
Coles	Fairfield Plaza	Tranquillity Hair	Smithfield
Coles	Hinchinbrook	Ware St Medical Centre	Fairfield
Dr Maria Yohanan Dental	Fairfield	Westpac Bank Corp.	Parramatta
Dr Xuan Son Le Dental	Cabramatta	Guirguis Family Medical	Fairfield
Elias Pharmacy	Fairfield	Hair Industrie	Stocklands Wetherill Park
Eyes On Family Day Care	Fairfield	Hair Work Salon	Fairfield
Fairfield Golf Course	Prairiewood	HK Medical Centre	Fairfield Heights
Fairfield Hospital	Fairfield	IGA	Greenfield Park Plaza
Fairfield Pharmacy	Fairfield	Khan's Supa IGA	Wakeley

Thanking you,

Chris Hardman

Careers Advisor

AKAD UNIFORM SHOP

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

Open Monday and Tuesday

9am-11am

Wednesday

2:30pm-4:30pm

7-9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park

School Hours

8:40 am
To
3:00 pm

Office Hours

8:am
To
4pm
Monday to Friday
Tel: 9753 0700
Fax: 9753 0800

Website

WWW.snac.nsw.edu.au

Email Address

school.office@snac.nsw.edu.au



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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

673-683 Smithfield Rd, Edensor Park NSW 2176

T: 9753 0700 F: 9753 0800

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