



## St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

# Harp of The Spirit

## N e w s l e t t e r

### COLLEGE EVENTS

Monday  
30/11/2015  
Year 8  
Cooking Club Excursion

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Tuesday  
1/12/2015  
IEC Excursion

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Friday  
4/12/2015  
College Christmas Concert  
Periods 3 and 4

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Monday  
7/12/2015  
Year 8 Learn to Swim

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Tuesday  
8/12/2015  
College Disco

Year 8 Learn to Swim

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Wednesday  
9/12/2015  
IPT excursion

Year 7 Learn to Swim

College Presentation  
Evening 7pm

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Thursday  
10/12/2015

College Assembly

Year 7 Learn to Swim

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Friday  
11/12/2015  
Last day of Term 4

### Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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**Year 10 farewell** was held last Thursday and their last day was on Friday. We wish them well. In many ways this is not a formal as most will be returning for Senior Studies- Years 11 and 12. It is more of a transition. They are transitioning from the junior school to our senior school i.e. from Years 7-10 to Years 11-12 and like all other transitions, this is an important part of their lives.

They are leaving behind a world of schooling where they were quite used to and knew what to do & how to do it. And they will now be moving to another stage, in their education, where things will be different. Over the next two years, their commitment to their studies may have an important effect on the options they will have: go straight from school to University, TAFE or work or a combination of these. St Narsai School Community wishes the Year 10 all the best in their future. A big thank you must go to the Year 10 Coordinator, Mr Brain Parker who has been very committed and has worked very hard for the wellbeing of all year 10 students.

**MADD night** was held last Thursday evening at St Narsai. It was a great night full of entertainment-singing, drama, musical performance and much more. The evening really show-cased the huge amount of talents we have at SNACC. I would like to thank all parents that attended the night and supported the students of the school. Many thanks also to the organisers and producers of the talent night in particular Peter Bottaro and Arbella Karim; and other staff that also supported the show including: Victoria Tatian, Chris Hardman, Angela Shakir and Nenos Youkhanis. We are all looking forward to another similar night in 2016.

I am delighted to invite you to our school **Christmas Concert** which will take place on **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015**. The event will start in the auditorium at **11:00am** with the expectation that it will go for an hour and a half. Both St. Narsai staff and students have been working hard to bring you this memorable event and both staff and students will perform on the day. The event will feature a nativity drama, musical performances by the student choir and a musical performance by the staff choir. Please join the St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College family as we commemorate the precious birth of our Lord. Again I would like to thank staff that has been involved in the production of this concert, especially the St Narsai Assyrian Religious Committee: Mary Joseph, Arbella Karim Adwena David, Nenos Youkhanis, Sandy Nona, Sargina Isaac and Rev Ninis. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The **'Drop-off and Pick-up'** procedures at the school are causing us concern and we are reviewing them to ensure that safety of all: students, parents, teacher and the general public. Many of the rules are not being followed and we have been very lucky that major accidents have not happened. You are reminded that to put safety as a number one priority and take extra caution when picking up or dropping off your children. A reminder that:

- No students should be crossing Smithfield Rd, except at the traffic lights.
- No parent should be parked in such a way on Smithfield Rd so as to cause a safety hazard
- Parents are strongly advised not to do illegal U-turns on Smithfield Rd

To protect the students, we have asked the Fairfield Police to closely monitor the traffic and movement of students during the pick-up and drop-off period.

God Bless

Mr A Rufo

# FROM THE DEPUTY

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of the school year, teachers are very busy writing Semester Two reports. Year 10 reports will be distributed on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of December during the college presentation evening which starts at 7 pm in the college hall.

Years 7-9 reports will be distributed in class to all students the following day. It is very important that students and parents review semester two reports and read teachers' comments.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have achieved good results in this assessment period and hope they continue to strive to improve their academic results in years to come. For other students, I ask that they reflect on their commitment towards their studies and school life throughout 2015. I hope that they realise that without consistent application to their studies, school life and attendance their academic prospects will not improve.

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From next week, students will be asked to gradually start emptying their lockers. By the end of week 10, all lockers must be left clean and unlocked for reallocation in 2016. Any item other than textbooks left after Thursday of week 10 will be discarded. Students will be reminded to return any loaned books from the College Library and any other textbooks or other items before Friday.

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As has been communicated earlier this term, parents are reminded to make sure that they order their child's text books for 2016 before the 10<sup>th</sup> of December deadline to take advantage of the special price offered by the publishers. Students must be fully prepared for the start of the 2016 school year in terms of having all stationary, workbooks and textbooks at the start of the school year. Students coming to school without textbooks will cause a lot of unnecessary disruption to the learning of others in their respective classrooms.

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

**Excellence**  
**Christian**  
**Values**  
**Commitment**

# THE CAPA FACULTY PRESENTS:

## St Narsai's Magical MADDness!

For the very first time, St Narsai Assyrian Christian College successfully and skillfully mastered its first Music, Art, Dance and Drama night. Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November saw students of different ages perform ensembles, duets, group performances, and individual performances.

As we aim to make Music, Art, Dance and Drama live within the school we opened the night reflecting on the way they contribute to our lives. We know that Music, Art, Dance and Drama are all outlets for the sanity of our mental and emotional states. They offer expression beyond words and numbers. They offer a unique form of communication between the composer and the audience. They communicate from one world or lifetime to another, sharing deep emotional, mental, social, political and religious opinions that shape and reflect in our society today. From this moment, we encourage you to encourage the creative outlets of our students so that they may contribute to society in a variety of ways. We encourage our students to dare to dream creatively, to move beyond words and numbers and to be passionate in everything they do. We encourage them to fill the world with their opinions and beliefs because they are our future and our future needs leaders that think outside of the box. We encourage them to go beyond their current perceived limitations where they experiment, practice and take a leap of faith because that's where history is made.

With this in mind, students bravely stood in front of a large crowd and expressed themselves in ways that we don't usually see in the classroom or the playground. We experienced student artworks that came from their hearts and we witnessed a drama, and I don't mean the kind that gets you into trouble and we saw students team up and dance as a unit confident and trusting in each other. We saw:

- 7D students perform an ensemble of INXS' 'Never Tear us Apart'.
- 7M students perform an ensemble of Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep'.
- Jacob Arakelian perform a guitar solo of Avenge Sevenfold's 'Bat Country'.
- Year 12 students, Martha Ishak, Jacob Arakelian, Wilsin Alqeshanna and Lidia Ishak.
- Naomi Ishak's modern expressive improvisation dance.
- Mrs Tatian's Dance Group who danced to "School's Out, Let's Celebrate".
- Miss Shakir's Drama Group who performed "Life at SNAC".
- Chloe Younan performed Adele's 'Hello'.
- Chloe Younan and Angela Kelyana teamed up to bring awareness to bullying by performing FAYDEE's 'Unbreakable'.
- Five year 7 girls, Jessica Zaia, Elebra Khosho, Chloe Younan, Mariann Narsi and Diyana Moshey, performed John Legend's 'All of Me'.
- Zaia Andrews performed Maroon 5s 'Always You'.
- Matilda Atto, accompanied by Mr Battaro, performed an instrumental violin performance of 'Amazing Grace'.
- Nina Isaac performed Sia's 'Titanium' accompanied by Mr Battaro.
- Mr Hardman's year 9 students sung and danced to the 'Time Warp'.
- Johnny Butrus performed a beatboxing composition of 5 sounds at one time.
- Karen Gogro, Angela Kelyana and Nineveh Khidro performed Adele's 'Someone Like You'.
- George Ibrahim, Wilsin Alqeshanna, Zaia Andrews and Mr Battaro performed Thirsty Merc's 'Summertime'.

Further, I would like to acknowledge the hard work put in by Mr Peter Battaro, Mr Nenos Youkhanis, Miss Sargina Issac, Miss Angela Shakir, Mrs Victoria Tatian, Mr Chris Hardman and Lina Ishak. I would also like to thank the teachers, parents, families and friends that showed their support. We can't begin to thank you enough. Thank you to Ivana and Allen Jurcan, GENX Productions (<http://www.genxproductions.com.au>), for their outstanding lighting and sound. We look forward to the 2016 MADD Night where we will present an even bigger and better show.

Arbella Karim.

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