



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

# *Harp of The Spirit*

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## COLLEGE EVENTS

Monday  
23rd February 2015  
SNACC Swimming  
Carnival

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Friday  
27th February 2015  
2015 School Photos

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Monday  
2nd March 2015  
Year 7 Camp until  
4th March 2015

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Tuesday  
3rd March 2015  
Year 12 D & T  
Excursion

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**Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC**

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I wish to thank to all the parents of year 7 and year 10 who attended the Information nights, it was encouraging to see the number of parents present at each session. There will be more meetings and sessions for the rest of our parents coming up soon as they are planned on the calendar.

Today is the end of week 4 of this Academic year, at the end of this Term we will issue parents with an Interim Report about your children's progress and achievements. The report will also show if your child is making enough effort towards reaching his/her potential. Parents who have any concerns about their children's progress should make an appointment and meet with the relevant teachers or coordinators or year advisors to discuss your concern, do not leave it, if something isn't working it has to be fixed.

I ask all parents to please support our policies and procedures regarding school attendance, attending school is compulsory and children must be on time to all school activities, if they arrive late they develop a habit of not going to class on time hence become lazy and spend less and less effort in doing homework or Assessment tasks. The Board of studies has set mandatory hours for each KLA if a child misses 10 minutes a day that adds up to 50 minutes per week and almost 40 periods in a school year not counting being absent from illness or travel, we even changed the starting time of the first school activity to be at 8.40 to help those who were late to make it on time. Our College will not tolerate children being regularly late to school or to the class there will be consequences for those who breach the attendance rule..

Year 12 students are doing very well in their studies and I am sure they will achieve excellent grades come October, please help them and encourage them to continue on the right path to a great success

God bless your families

John Haskal

Principal



# FROM THE DEPUTY

## Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The Year 10 Assessment Information Evening took place last Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February and this was followed this week by the Year 7 Assessment Information Evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Both evenings were very informative to all present as important information and relevant guidelines and assessment procedures were discussed. All students were issued with Assessment Handbooks that detail assessment information as well as assessment procedures.

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the two Assessment Information Evenings over the last two weeks.

## Excellence Christian Values Commitment

### NAPLAN 2015

This year's NAPLAN tests will take place between 12-14 May. As usual, we encourage parents of Year 7 and 9 students to work with their children to help them better prepare for these important tests covering literacy and numeracy areas. There are online resources that students can utilise as well as NAPLAN style books that students can use to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

The timetable below provides details for these tests:

	Tuesday 12 May 15	Wednesday 13 May 15	Thursday 14 May 15
Year 7	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy (calculator) <i>40 minutes</i>  Numeracy (non-calculator) <i>40 minutes</i>
Year 9	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy (calculator) <i>40 minutes</i>  Numeracy (non-calculator) <i>40 minutes</i>

The following link allows access to NAPLAN practice tests:

<http://www.education.nt.gov.au/parents-community/assessment-reporting/nap/schools/tests/2009-practice-tests>

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

## Message from the Counsellor

### What toppings did you want with that?

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, an American politician, diplomat, activist and longest-serving First Lady of the United States to President Franklin Roosevelt (known to be the First Lady of the World) once said "In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."

The simple yet so powerful quote above encompasses our lives into a nutshell – for our lives are a build up of choices made day by day.

Last Saturday our usual circle of friends met up to ‘pig out’ and feast for a late lunch before the Great Lent commenced the next day, Sunday 15 February. We had our lunch then walked down to the Frozen Yoghurt shop for dessert. As we do, we all poured the plain frozen yoghurt, then came the time to pour our toppings. At this point, I realised how different we all really were, what preferences each of us have, what choice in toppings we all made which we individually deemed to taste better than the other. By the end of our dessert, we all made different combinations of toppings, yet we all respectively enjoyed our choices and respected the choice of others. Personally, I’m not a fan of fruits for dessert, yet my ‘gym junky’ friends filled their frozen yoghurts with fruits – even though it was not appetising for me, they loved it.

This is our life! We are all born like this plain frozen yoghurt, psychologically known as a ‘blank slate’ (by definition: someone or something that is still in an original state and that has not yet been changed by people, experiences, etc.). Each morning that we wake up, and each day that we roam around this world we make choices. The beauty in all of this is we are all different, we all have different preferences and different things that tickle our taste buds. But loving our choices and respecting the choices of those around us formulates a life worth living.

Choose your toppings wisely and enjoy the dessert!



**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**

8:30am  
To  
2:50pm

**Office Hours**

8:am  
To  
4pm  
Monday to Friday  
Tel: 9753 0700  
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**Website**

[WWW.snac.nsw.edu.au](http://WWW.snac.nsw.edu.au)

**Email Address**

[school.office@snac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:school.office@snac.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



**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](http://www.parentline.org.au)**

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