



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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We are now in week 7 of Term one of this school year. At the end of this Term we will issue all parents with Interim Reports about their children's progress at this stage. It is vitally important that you as parents take notice of the report and make sure to meet with all teachers who teach your child and find out how can you do your best to make sure your child continues doing the right thing and progressing well academically at this College.

Congratulations to all year 7 students who attended their annual camp which was a very successful event many thanks to Miss Kaya year 7 year advisor and all other teachers who attended the camp.

Thanks to Miss Dalia Ishak the year 12 year advisor who organised a very successful reflection Day for year 12 students also many thanks to the teachers who attended the event

Year 12 graduation for 2015 will be on Wednesday 16th September so that means the year 12 students have only two Terms left before their graduations, I hope that you as parents work closely with the teachers of your children to make sure that they are on the right Path, at this stage we pleased with year 12 study pattern and their general behaviour I am sure come October they will make us proud

God bless your families

John Haskal
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It was wonderful to acknowledge so many students during last week's assembly in the school hall. Assembly and Curriculum awards were presented to well deserving students who have demonstrated at this early stage of the year a consistent approach towards their studies and school life in general.

Students were challenged to study and work harder and to strive for better outcomes. Students were also reminded to use all resources available to them to improve their learning skills and improve their results in general. This year we introduced *Academic Skills Workshop (ASW)*, which is a 30 minutes session once a week where students may choose to work together in groups or individually on their assessments under the supervision of the Pastoral Care teacher. These teachers can coach and guide students and help individuals in many other ways in relation to their respective studies.

We need more parents to work closer with their children at home to supervise and support them on daily basis in relation to completing home and study work. Every student should be reading 20-30 minutes every night if they are to have a fair chance at better high school results.

Year 12 students should be preparing for the half-yearly examinations, which will take place in weeks 9-10.

Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment

From the Senior Student Planner 2015

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Rights

- To be treated with respect and dignity by everyone
- To hold and express an opinion
- To work in a positive work environment
- To participate fully in the life of the College
- To enjoy College activities and functions free of inappropriate behaviour
- To feel proud to belong to St Narsai Assyrian Christian College
- To have property and facilities respected
- To feel confident that in coming to College, one is not discriminated against

Responsibilities

- To treat everyone with respect and dignity
- To respect another's right to hold and express an opinion
- To contribute to a positive learning environment
- To participate actively in the life of the College
- To display appropriate behaviour while attending College function
- To honour the rules and values of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College
- To respect the property of every member of the College community and the property of the College
- Not to discriminate against any member of the College community

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Message from the Counsellor

All it Takes is a Cabin in the Woods

This week I was invited to attend the Year 7 Camp held at Narrabeen's Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation among a great bunch of teachers; Year Advisor Mrs Kaya, Mr Orahim, Mrs Tatian, Ms Yip and Mrs Kaur. Our journey commenced on Monday 2nd March through till Wednesday 4th March.

The three days encompassed a genuinely great time; the meals we all shared together, the activities we all challenged independently and as a group, the team building us all partook in – it was sensational. Seeing the students and their teachers in a different light to that of everyday school's routine was awesome.

One thing, however that interested me was the effort and work required into undertaking the canoeing activity. The observation of this sporting activity is definitely interesting. Students had to choose the right safety jacket to put on, students had to have the right shoes to put on, students had to select the right sized paddles to choose from, students had to choose the right kayak (boat) to pull out of the boathouse... That was only the beginning!

Once all students were settled and sitting in their boats, that was when the show started. Students turning in circles with frustration as they planned to reach a destination but found themselves making donuts in the middle of the lagoon. Students found themselves floating under their boat as it tipped over – where we had to reassure the students that 'no the sun does not set early in Narrabeen, the world is dark because you are stuck under your boat!' Nevertheless, the drama and the laughter were all part of the experience.

As I stood and watched the students do all the above, I realised that this simple activity of canoeing defines life in itself.

We all plan to embark on different journeys in life, but before we do so we must first prepare ourselves (just as the students chose the right life jacket, the right shoes, the right sized paddle, and the right boat). Aside from preparing ourselves, we must also be super organised and confident in what we're doing and where we're going, otherwise our journey may lead us nowhere (just as the students were making donuts in the water and turning into circles instead of reaching the destination the instructor pointed out).

Regardless of all the students' failures in canoeing, the encouraging factor is their perseverance. This has taught me that no matter whom the person is, no matter what they've been through or whatever they've seen - if they prepare to embark on the journey despite the lack of confidence (as our students did on the canoes) they will pull through and reach their destination. All you need to do is throw them in the deep end of the pool and they will learn to swim, or in this case throw them in the lagoon and they will learn to canoe.

All it took was a cabin in the woods! Enjoy your warm beds and clean showers kiddos.



College Events

WANDERSTRUCK!

Thus far, the year 2015 has proven to be yet another successful and fruitful year, not only in the classroom but on the sporting field. As well documented, St Narsai Assyrian Christian College has demonstrated outstanding sporting excellence, especially in the sport of football.

Sport is a compulsory and valued part of the curriculum at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College. Our school sporting program provides a vehicle for a number of social, physical, emotional and moral learnings and is an important expression of our culture. In school sport the prime concern is to give all students the opportunity for participation, enjoyment and skill development.

Our college has established a working relationship with the Western Sydney Wanderers (WSW) who undertook a soccer training session with students from our year 7 cohort. This session was hosted by WSW coaches who both mentored and taught students new skills in football. This program not only focused on student development in soccer but also served as a tool to build confidence and improve social skills amongst our new students.

The skills students developed has also given them the opportunity to participate in future football competitions such as the Western Sydney Wanderers Cup, Bill Turner Cup, Interschool competition and the Western Sydney Futsal Championships. At St Narsai Assyrian Christian College, we strive to provide sporting opportunities for students of all age groups. We encourage students to listen to the sport notices, to hear about the many events and opportunities that we provide for sport.

Aaron Pillay

PDHPE Teacher



(Our new year 7's after a tough session with the Wanderers.)

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

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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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