



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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COLLEGE EVENTS

Friday
12/5/2017

Mother's Day
Mufti

Year 9
Romeo and Juliet
Excursion

Tuesday
16/5/2017
Mother's Day
Brunch

Welcome back to Term 2!

Congratulation to **Rev. Shamuel** on his ordination as a priest. We welcome Father Shamuel as the new Chaplain of the College. We thank Rev Ninos Elya for his dedicated and fruitful work as chaplain of the College over that last 4 years. As you know, **Reverend Ninos Elya** has been ordained Archdeacon in anticipation of being ordained as Bishop and taking that position in July in Melbourne. We congratulate Reverend Ninos Elya!

Staff changes this term include: Mrs. Amy Kurver, as the Acting Head Teacher English; Mr. Brain Parker, as the Acting Head Teachers Science; *Mr. Chris Lazarous* as the Year 9 Advisor; and Ms. Adwena David as the Year 10 Advisor. We welcome back Mrs Annie Hormoz for 3 days per week from maternity leave. We also welcome new teachers that have joined us: Mr George Dibou (Maths); Mrs Juliana Nanao (Science); Mrs Jincy Mathews (Science); and Ms Adriana Eashay (IEC).

Year 7 Laptops- as Year 7 parents know we are providing the opportunity for Year 7 parents to buy a laptop for their students through an affordable and convenient process. The College has bought the laptops and students/ parents need to pay \$ 400 every year, for three years, at the end of which the laptop will be owned by the student. To get the laptop students will need to bring in \$400 and the laptop will be given to them immediately. So far, a large number have already done so and we encourage the rest to do so as soon as possible.

Mother's Day Celebrations- as part of celebrating 2017 Mother's' day, the College (together with the P&F) is having a '**Mother's Day Brunch**'. This is taking place on Tuesday, 16th May 2017, Nineveh Lounge, 10.00am to 12.00pm. If you would like to attend please ring the College for you your free entry ticket.

The **Interim Progress Reports** were issue at the end of last Term to Years 7 to 10 students. Parents are asked to follow up and to ring the College (Year Advisers) if they have any concerns regarding the progress of their student in Term 1.

The **Year 12** students will be getting their **Half Yearly Reports** this week and there will be a Parent/ Teacher meeting on Wednesday, 10th May from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. All Parents of Year 12 students are welcome to attend.

The **Year 7** students had very successful **camp** towards the end of last Tem. The main aim of the camp is to foster the building of students' resilience and confidence. Mr Bottaro (the Year Stage Coordinator) reported that the students were well behaved and it was a great experience for all students, especially for those that it may have been the first time away (overnight) from home. Many photos of the camp were posted on the College Facebook Page for parents to see.

Homework Study Club- this operates every Day after school in the library form 3.00pm to 4.00pm. All students are welcome and we would like parents to encourage their students to attend. The Study Club gives an opportunity for students to complete homework and assignments assisted by supervising teachers. Many students are taking advantage of the Club and we encourage more students' to attend.

God bless

Mr A Rufo

Principal



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أعزائنا اولياء امور طلبة كلية مار نرساي

مرحبا بكم في الفصل الدراسي الثاني

نقدم تهنئتنا الى القس شموئيل لمناسبة رسامته الكهنوتية. نرحب به باعتباره المشرف الروحي للكلية، نشكر القس نينوس ايليا لعمله المتفاني كمشرف روحي للكلية على طوال اربع السنوات الماضية. كما تعلمون ان القس نينوس ايليا، جرت ترقيته لدرجة الاركندياقون وستتم رسامته الاسقفية في شهر تموز في مدينة ملبورن. تهانينا للاركندياقون نينوس ايليا.

التغيرات التي حصلت في هذا الفصل الدراسي:

السيدة ايمي كورفر، أصبحت رئيسة قسم اللغة الانكليزية.

السيد برين باركر، رئيس قسم العلوم.

السيد كريس لازارو، مشرف الطلبة للمرحلة التاسعة.

والانسة ادوينا ديفيد، مشرفة الطلبة للمرحلة العاشرة.

نرحب بعودة السيدة آني هرمنز للكلية ولمدة 3 ايام في الاسبوع بعد الانتهاء من اجازة الامومة.

كما نرحب بالمدرسين والمدرسات الجدد للكلية وهم كل من:

السيد جورج ديبو (رياضيات)، السيدة جوليانا نانوا (علوم)، السيدة جينسي ماثيو (علوم)، الانسة ادريانا ايشاي (اللغة الانكليزية المركزة).

أجهزة اللابتوب للمرحلة السابعة: كأولياء امور الطلبة للمرحلة السابعة، فانكم تعلمون اننا نوفر لكم الفرصة لشراء اجهزة اللابتوب المحمولة للطلبة بأسعار معقولة ومريحة.

لقد اشترت الكلية اجهزة اللابتوب المحمولة وعلى الطلبة دفع مبلغ \$400 كل عام ولمدة ثلاثة اعوام وفي النهاية سيكون اللابتوب ملكا للطلبة. للحصول على الجهاز فانه على الطلبة دفع مبلغ 400 دولار وسوف يتم اعطاء الجهاز لهم فوراً. ولحد الان فان اعداد كبيرة من الطلاب قاموا بذلك ونحن نشجع بقية الطلبة على القيام بذلك في أقرب وقت ممكن.

الاحتفال بيوم عيد الام – كجزء من الاحتفال السنوي بعيد الام لعام 2017، فان الكلية تقوم جنباً الى جنب مع لجنة العوائل والاصدقاء، بالاحتفال بيوم عيد الام. وسيتم ذلك في يوم الثلاثاء 16/5/2016 في قاعة صالة نينوى من الساعة 10 صباحاً ولحد الساعة 12 ظهراً.

ان أحببتم الحضور الرجاء الاتصال هاتفياً بالكلية لغرض الحصول على بطاقة الدعوة المجانية.

لقد تم تزويدكم بالتقارير الفصلية للطلبة في نهاية الفصل الدراسي السابق، للمراحل من 7 – 10. نطلب من الاباء والامهات متابعة ذلك والاتصال بالكلية (مشرف المرحلة) اذا كانت لديهم مخاوف بشأن تقدم الطلبة في الفصل الدراسي الاول.

طلبة المرحلة 12 سوف يزودون بتقارير اختبارات نصف السنة، وستتبعها اجتماع للآباء والمعلمين يوم الاربعاء 10/5/2017 من الساعة 3 ظهراً ولحد 5 ظهراً. نرحب بحضور كل الاباء طلبة المرحلة 12.

كان لدى طلبة المرحلة 7 مخيم ناجح في نهاية الفصل الدراسي الاول. الهدف لمثل هذا المخيم هو تعزيز بناء قدرة الطالب على الصمود والثقة. السيد بتارو (مشرف المرحلة) ابغنا ان الطلاب قد تصرفوا بشكل جيد وكانت تجربة رائعة لجميع الطلبة، وبالاخص لاولئك الذين كانت لهم، المرة الاولى بعيدا عن المنزل. تم نشر العديد من صور المخيم على صفحة الفيسبوك الخاصة للكلية لغرض اطلاع اولياء امور الطلبة عليها.

نادي دراسة الواجبات المنزلية، متوفر للطلبة كل يوم بعد الانتهاء من الدوام المدرسي، من الساعة 3 ولغاية 4 ظهراً.

نرحب بحضور كل الطلبة ونود ان يقوم اولياء امور الطلبة بتشجيع طلبتهم على الحضور. يوفر نادي الدراسة فرصة للطلاب لغرض استكمال الواجبات المنزلية والاختبارات تحت اشراف المدرسين. العديد من الطلبة يستفيدون من النادي ونشجع المزيد منهم على الحضور.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Year 12 Semester One teacher- parents' interviews will take place next Wednesday, 10th May from 3:15 to 5:00 in the school Library. Students have been issued with Interview Booking Sheets and a letter was sent to parents earlier this week that provided details about these interviews. Parents who are unable to attend these interviews are asked to contact Mr. Hardman by next Monday.

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Next Tuesday, 9th May will mark the start of a three day NAPLAN tests involving our years 7 & 9 students. These tests will be conducted in the college hall as follows:

	Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017
Year 7	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>
Year 9	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>

It is vital that students come to school well rested and on time in these three days. It is also important that students bring their pencil cases, including their calculators to the exam hall and manage their time appropriately during the tests.

An information session about the new HSC Standards and its direct link to expected standards in the current Year 9 NAPLAN tests was held yesterday in the college library. Seven key staff members presented important information about these changes and the way forward for our students. *Advice for parents of Year 9 students 2017* brochures in Arabic and English were distributed to parents during this information evening to shed light on the significance of this year's NAPLAN tests.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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Message from the Counsellor

Towards a happier family!

I recently came across an article by John Rosemond; a family psychologist in America who is also an author and writes parenting columns in the papers. In one of his research projects he surveyed married couples with children with a simple question, “who are the most important people in your family?” Like all good mummies and daddies of this very special generation, they answered with all confidence “our children!” Rosemond continued his research by asking “why?” and again like all good parents of today they couldn’t respond with anything other than appeals of emotion.

Rosemond’s research pointed out that many if not most of the problems parents nowadays are facing with their children – the usual, typical things – are the results of treating their children as if they, their marriage and their family exist because of the kids when it is, in fact, the other way around. Their kids exist because of them and their marriage and thrive because they have created a stable family. It is the parents that make sure their children eat well, are well clothed; enjoy vacations, and so on.

Herein lays the issue; adults and the older generation can confirm when they were kids it was clear that parents were the most important people in their lives. And that right there is why we respected our parents, and we looked up to them and adults in general. Once upon a time children were second class citizens under the adults, which is perhaps the reason why the world made sense – it was run by adults!

Before this generation, parents emphasised their relationship together first; then uniting together to build a strong relationship with their children – not the other way around. Because of this children did not interrupt their parents’ conversations, family meals were highly regarded, even more so than after school activities (such as sports, tutoring, etc.).

The most important person in an army is the general, the most important person in a company is the CEO, the most important person in a classroom is the teacher, and the most important person in a family is the parent.

The primary object of parents is to raise a child that the community and culture are in need of and are strengthened by. “Our child is the most important person in our family and in the entire WORLD!” is the first step towards raising a child who feels entitled. You don’t want that, and without the child knowing they don’t need that either.



Pastoral Care General uniform rules for “mufti days”

Students must follow the following existing school uniform rules on “mufti days”

SNACC uniform rules relating to hair; including having all hair properly tied back at all times.

SNACC uniform rules relating to makeup and nail polish.

SNACC uniform rules relating to jewellery.

SNACC uniform rules relating to socks (must be worn)

The following rules must also be strictly followed to ensure all students feel comfortable and safe. Child

Protection and modesty provide the framework for our non-uniform rules.

ALL students must wear fully enclosed shoes, preferably lace up. Sandals, rabens, thongs or any

other type of slip-on or canvas type shoes are not permitted.

It is essential that if students have any practical lessons including Food Tech, Timber Tech, Metal Tech, or Science they MUST bring their leather lace up school shoes to change into for that lesson.

If students have PE they must bring their normal sports shoes to participate in the lesson.

Tights or leggings are not permitted.

Shorts, pants or any other attire being worn on the legs MUST extend to the knee. Any clothing shorter than this will be deemed immodest and unacceptable.

Shirts and tops must not contain any offensive material and should not be see through.

Girl’s tops should not come off the shoulder at all and should not shape the chest area tightly.

Also

tops that have the potential to show any cleavage should not be worn.

Singlet tops are not permitted. Spaghetti-strapped tops are not permitted.

Boys and girls pants should be properly fastened at the waist and should NOT slip down to reveal underwear at any point of the day.

Students who choose to wear clothing that deviates from these guidelines will be sent to the office at the start of the day and seen by the Uniform Coordinator or an Executive Staff member. The school also reserves the right to deem items of clothing not specifically mentioned about unsuitable as seen fit by afore mentioned staff members.

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

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