



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

Tue 6/6/2017
Years 9 and 10
Half yearly exam
commences

Wed 7/6/2017
Year 11
Half yearly exam com-
mences

Year 8 Shakespeare
Excursion

Monday 12/6/2017
Queen's birthday pub-
lic holiday

Friday 16/6/2017 year
10 Luna Park Excur-
sion

Some important dates

(2017 & 2018)

for your calendar:

- ◆ **Students finish - Friday 1-12-17**
- ◆ **Staff finish Friday 15-12 -17 (2 days earlier than SHAPS)**
- ◆ **Staff Returns Wed. 24th & Thurs 25th Jan 2018 (2 days earlier)**
- ◆ **Public Day Holiday 26-1-18**
- ◆ **Staff Starts Tuesday 30-1-18 (SDD)**
- ◆ **Yr. 7, 11 & 12 Starts Wed. 31-1-18**

**Years 8 to 10 start
Thurs. 1-2-18**

Our *condolences to Rev Shamuel* and his family in the loss of his father in Canada. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Special prayers (organised by Mrs. Mary Khina- Religious Coordinator) were held in Pastoral Care periods to commemorate *Ascension Thursday (25th May)* celebrating commemorate the Ascension of Jesus, which is one of the seven Holy Feasts in the Church. The Ascension is the departure of Christ from Earth into the presence of God. The Ascension took place 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus. In Acts chapter 1 we read that in the company of the disciples, Jesus is taken up in their sight after warning them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit. One of the reasons for this event is to prepare us for Jesus' second coming and to remind us to be always ready for His return. Let us keep our focus on Christ always through continual prayer and fasting.

Students are very busy with their studies over the next few weeks as they prepare for *their Half Yearly Examinations*. The *Semester 1 reports* will be issued on the last week of this Term. The Parent /Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 28th June 2017. Appointments can be made on-line through the internet booking as described in the recent letter to you.

I would like to thank parents for their support in the wearing of the College uniform. There has been a big improvement and your constant support is needed.

The *Year 7 laptops Program*- many students still need to purchase the laptop. I ask parents to co-operate and buy the laptops as soon as possible. You will recall that you need to pay \$ 400 before your child is issued with the laptop.

The College celebrated *Mother's Day* with a brunch at Nineveh Hall. It was a great success with over 300 attending. The event raised around \$1000 which has been sent to the Breast Cancer Appeal. A big thank you to the Committee that organised the brunch. The Parents and Friends Committee was also involved and many thanks Rima Bejain all the other mothers and friends for their assistance during the day.

The *College cross country* was held in Week 4. It was very successful and the participation amongst students was quite high. The weather was quite good for it and a very enjoyable day was had by all. Many thanks to Mrs. Victoria Tatian, PDHPE coordinator, and her faculty for organising the event.

The Athletic Carnival this was held last Friday, 2nd June. It was well attended by students and participation was very high. The Carnival provided vents for both the more serious participants and for the non-so serious through novelty events. Again, many thanks to the PEHPD faculty fir their organisation, led by Mrs Victoria Tatian.

The *Gala Dinner* was held on Sunday, 4th June. The main purpose of this dinner was to celebrate the first milestone in construction and the completion of Stage One and Two of the new St Narsai College at the Horsley park site. Secondly, to raise funds for this worthy project which seeks to preserve our faith, culture and language. The dinner was well attended with well over 400 guests and was presided by His Beatitude, Meelis Zaia. I would like to thank the SNACC Gala Dinner committee for their organisation. A special acknowledgment to Ramen Youkhanis for leading the Committee to such a successful evening. I thank you, the parents and teachers for your support.

Late arrivals- some students are continuously late to school (i.e. arrive after 8.40am). This is not acceptable as it does not teach these students punctuality and it also causes a lot of congestion at the front office for late arrival notes. I would like all parents to encourage their students to be on time and arrive at least 5 minutes before roll call, i.e., at 8.35m.

The *P&F meeting* was held on Tuesday, 30th May. I would like to thank the parents that took the time to attend. The educational topic discussed was "*how parents can help with homework*". The meeting gave the parents an opportunity to get involved in such matters as; What is good Homework? How much homework should students be given? How much time should students spend on homework? Overall it was a very productive and informative evening.

The *meningococcal vaccination* was given on Monday 29th may. All NSW students in year 11 and 12 have been offered free meningococcal vaccination to combat the rise in "W-strain" cases and protect them against the potentially fatal disease. I would like to thank Maria Pacenza, Office Manager, for her great organisation

God bless
Mr A Rufo
Principal

عزائنا اولياء امور الطلبة

تعازينا للاب شموئيل ولعائلته لوفاة والده في كندا. صلواتنا معك ومع عائلتك.

بتاريخ 25/5/2017، نظمت السيدة ماري كينا، مسؤولة القسم الديني، احتفالاً خاصاً للطلبة لمناسبة عيد الصعود، وهو أحد الاعياد المقدسة السبعة في الكنيسة.

احد اسباب هذا الحدث، اعدادنا لمجئ يسوع المسيح الثاني وتذكيرنا بان نكون مستعدين دوماً لعودته، فلنواصل تركيزنا عليه من خلال الصوم الصلاة الدائمة.

طلبنا الان مشغولون في اداء امتحاناتهم النصف سنوية خلال الاسابيع المقبلة. سيتم اصدار تقارير الفصل الدراسي الاول في الاسبوع الاخير من هذا الفصل. ستجرى مقابلات بين الاباء والمدرسين في يوم الاربعاء المصادف 2017 /28/6 حيث بإمكانك حجز المقابلة من خلال الانترنت كما هو موضح لكم سابقاً.

أود ان أشكر الاباء والامهات في تعاونهم المثمر في دعم ارتداء زي الكلية. هناك تحسن كبير في ذلك ونتطلع الى تعاونكم الدائم في هذا الامر.

أجهزة اللابتوب للمرحلة 7 - لازلنا نلاحظ انه هناك طلبة بحاجة الى شراء اجهزة اللابتوب في المرحلة 7. أطلب من أولياء امور الطلبة التعاون في شراء هذه الاجهزة المحمولة في أقرب وقت ممكن. تذكر انك بحاجة الى دفع مبلغ \$400 قبل ان يتم اعطاء ابنكم جهاز اللابتوب.

احتفلت الكلية بمناسبة عيد الام من خلال وجبة غداء في قاعة نينوى. كان الاحتفال ناجحاً مع أكثر من 300 من الحضور. وتم جمع مبلغ \$1000 والتبرع به لصالح برنامج دعم امراض سرطان الثدي. تقدم شكرنا للجنة التي نظمت هذا الاحتفال والى لجنة اولياء امور الطلبة والاصدقاء لمساعدتهم لنا طيلة النهار وبالاحص الى ريما بيجين.

جرت في الاسبوع الرابع مسابقات عبر البلاد، وكان ناجحاً جداً وبمشاركة كبيرة من الطلبة، كان الطقس جميلاً واليوم كان ممتعاً. شكرا للسيدة فيكتوريا تاتيان مسؤولة القسم الرياضي، وللمدرسين في قسمها على هذا التنظيم.

بتاريخ 2/6/2017، نظمت الكلية كرنفالاً رياضياً، حضرها الطلاب بكثافة عالية. شكرا للقائمين على هذا الكرنفال.

اقيم حفل عشاء خيري يوم 4/7/2017 لمناسبة الانتهاء من المرحلة الاولى والمباشرة في المرحلة الثانية في بناء كلية مار نرساي في منطقة هورسلي، أولاً، وثانياً، جمع التبرعات لصالح هذا المشروع الكبير الذي يسعى الى الحفاظ على ايماننا وثقافتنا ولغتنا. حضر الحفل اكثر من 400 شخص يتقدمهم غبطة المطران مار ميلس زيا. اود ان أشكر اللجنة الخاصة لتنظيم هذا الاحتفال وبالاحص الشماس رامن يوخانس على جهوده الكبيرة في ذلك.

الوصول المتأخر الى الكلية غير مقبول اطلاقاً، (بعد 8:40 صباحاً)، لانه يعلم الطلاب على عدم الالتزام بالمواعيد، كما انه يتسبب في اشغال مكتب الاستقبال في الكلية للحصول على انذ بالدخول. أشجع جميع أولياء امور الطلبة على أن يصلوا في الوقت المحدد، 5 دقائق على الأقل قبل التسجيل، عند 8:35 صباحاً.

اود ان اشكر لجنة اولياء امور الطلبة على حضورهم الاجتماع يوم 30/7/2017 حيث نوقش موضوع " كيف يمكن للاولياء امور الطلبة مساعدة الابناء في الواجبات المنزلية"

تم تطعيم التلاميذ ضد الالتهاب السحائي في يوم الاثنين 29/7/2017. وشمل التطعيم كل طلبة ولاية نيو ساوث ويلز للمرحلتين 11 و 12 لغرض مكافحة حالات ارتفاع سلاله - دبلبو وحمائهم من هذا المرض المميت. واد ان اشكر ماريا باسنزا مديرة المكتب على تعاونها في هذه الحملة.

بعض التقاويم المهمة لعامي 2017 ، 2018

الانتهاء من الدراسة للطلبة 1/12/2017

للموظفين 15/12/2017 قبل يومين من الانتهاء في مدرسة القديس ربان هر مزد

عودة الموظفين الى الدوام يومي الاربعاء والخميس 24-25 / 1/2018، يومين قبل بدء الدوام

عطلة رسمية 26/1/2018

بداية الدوام المدرسي للمراحل 7، 11، 12 يوم الثلاثاء 30/1/2018

بداية الدوام للمراحل من 8 الى 10 يوم الخميس 1/2/2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Semester One assessments for Years 7 & 8 students were completed this week. Some Years 9 & 10 subjects will be conducting half-yearly exams next Tuesday (week 7), followed by Year 11 Half-yearly exams from next Wednesday.

Year 11 students will be allowed to leave the College at the end of their daily exams to allow them time at home to revise for their next day examinations. Alternatively, students are welcome to stay at the College after their exams and study or use the time for last minute consultation with their respective subject teachers. Where students have no exam for the day, they are not required to attend the college.

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It is that time again, where year 10 students receive information and advice about Year 11 subjects or courses on offer in 2018. This process will start next week with in-school sessions delivered next Wednesday, 7th June by KLA Co-coordinators and subject teachers explaining and promoting a wide range of Year 11 subjects. This will be followed by a Subject Information Evening for current Year 10 students and their parents at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 13th June in the college library. This is therefore an opportune time for year 10 parents to start a discussion with their child about what subjects to consider for their HSC course in 2018. Students will be notified later about next steps in this process.

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You may already know that we have established a Study Club at the college that operates from 3:05 to 4:00pm every school day in the college library. The purpose of this club is to give students the opportunity to access teachers after school hours and receive individual support and guidance in relation to homework, assignments or assessment tasks and any other academic endeavour.

Students have access to computers in the library as well as other resources. Students may also make prior arrangement with specific subject teachers for personal or individual assistance. At this time, students wishing to attend the college study club, must ask their parents to give permission through a note in the student diary.

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Most Year 11 and 12 students have at least one or more Period Zero a fortnight/ cycle. Period Zero starts at 7:50 am and it is treated as a normal period by the school. Unfortunately, a number of students are either not attending this period regularly or are coming late to this period. Both these practices are unacceptable and may prove damaging to students' academic prospects long term.

Students are urged to attend all their allocated Period Zero's on time and apply themselves with diligence to all learning activities in their respective classes. A number of consequences will apply to all students who breach known school policies in relation to attendance. These range from after school detentions to issuing N Warning letters. Teachers have been asked to take the roll within the first five minutes from the start of the lesson as is the case with all other periods.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment

FROM THE HEAD PRINCIPAL

St Narsai Assyrian Christian

It is my pleasure to write to you as the new Head Principal of St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School and St Narsai Assyrian Christian College.

My appointment is a result of discussions between His Beatitude the Archbishop of the Sydney Assyrian community and the Independent Schools sector, AISNSW. The purpose of the appointment is to lead and monitor a whole school development process with quality teaching and improved student outcomes as the primary focus.

As the Head Principal I will initially work closely with the AISNSW review team to examine the structure and efficiency of current leadership positions and formulate a series of recommendations to the College Board to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of both instructional and organisation leadership across both schools.

The capacity of senior management to lead teaching and learning is key to improving student academic performance and strengthening the reputation of the College in the Assyrian community, and beyond. The position of Head Principal was deemed essential to ensure the forthcoming recommendations are successfully implemented.

To assist staff, parents and students understand more, I provide a brief overview of my professional background in education. I have wide ranging experience across Independent Schools in Australia with previous leadership positions in Schools in NSW, South Australia and Victoria. In addition I have taught in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and for 3 years in Amman, Jordan as the Deputy Principal of Amman Baccalaureate School. I loved my time in the Middle East and will utilise my knowledge and experience from that time in this position.

Over the coming weeks I will continue to meet with staff, particularly those in leadership positions, to gain a better understanding of this unique school. In addition I am visiting classes to observe the student learning process along with monitoring the process and procedures of the school.

From the original vision of His Beatitude, the growth and development of both schools has been phenomenal. As we look forward to the opening of the new site for St Narsai Assyrian Christian College next year it is timely to ensure that this unique school continues to grow and prosper for the good of the students, staff, parents and the Assyrian Christian community. As the Head Principal, I am excited to be working with the Principal's, Mr Aldo Rufo and Mr Sargis Makko to ensure this occurs.

I thank each one of you for the warm welcome I have received.

Mr Brian Kennelly

Head Principal



College Events: Mother's Day Brunch

On Tuesday the 16th of May, Saint Narsai Assyrian Christian College celebrated the wonderful day we know as Mother's Day. This wonderful day is celebrated to honour the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. The day started off with some speeches and a wonderful morning tea, soon afterwards some more food was served and a performance was put on by Jessica Zaia and Chloe Younan, they sang I have nothing by Whitney Houston. Some more speeches, poems and bible verses were said. We had special guests such as Reverend Father Neil and Sister Renae. The day started off wonderful and ended on a wonderful note too. Most speeches were about our mothers and how much they mean to us. Our mothers are very dear to us and always will be, as they are forever in our hearts.


Proverbs 31:10-12 and 25-31

**A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**



College Events: SNACC Athletics Carnival

*Congratulations
Nisibis*



*Athletics Carnival
Champions*



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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