



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

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Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

Issue 4 Term 1 20/3/2015

This is our second last newsletter for this Term which we will place on our website, I hope that parents read these newsletters because they carry much information about our school events and schedules. You can easily download any one of our newsletters, print or just save it on your desk top or in your documents.

At the end of this Term which is in two weeks time we will provide all parents with an Interim report about your son/daughter's progress thus far. Parents who have concerns about their children's achievement level and wish to see the Teachers of their children can make appointments at any time during school time to discuss ways of improvement.

Year 12 students of 2015 will graduate on Wednesday 16th September in Edessa Hall all parents and friends of the families of our children are welcome to attend. Many guests will be attending the ceremony including our own Archbishop His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya AM.

Year 7 Enrolments for the 2016 school year will open in Term 2 and we will have application forms available for parents to pick up from the office at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College.

Year 12 have organised a formal party after their HSC exams. I wish to make it clear to all parents that this event is not one of our college's duties. At the time of the formal students would have left our school and are no longer enrolled at the college.

God bless your families

John Haskal

Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

I would like to extend my best wishes to our Year 12 students as they embark on their first exams period in their HSC course next Monday. In general, there will be only one exam per day and students are permitted to leave the school grounds at the end of each exam in the next two weeks. It is crucial that students spend the majority of their time in the next two weeks studying and revising for the exams and isolating themselves from all distractions at home.

The following excerpt, which is part of the "Conduct during the examinations" section of the

HSC Rules and Procedures Guide 2015, highlights the importance of students adhering to examination rules:

You must follow the supervisors' instructions at all times, including if there is a disruption such as a blackout.

(iii) You must behave in a polite and courteous manner towards the supervisors and other students.

(iv) You must NOT:

- (a) take a mobile phone or programmable watch or device into the examination room*
- (b) take any electronic device, including a digital media player or electronic tablet, into the examination room, unless approved by the BOSTES*
- (c) speak to any person other than a supervisor during an examination*
- (d) behave in any way likely to disturb the work of any other student or upset the conduct of the examination*
- (e) attend an examination while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs*
- (f) take into the examination room, or refer to during the examination, any books or notes, this booklet, the examination timetable, any paper, or any equipment other than the equipment listed in the examination timetable*
- (g) eat in the examination room, except as approved by the BOSTES, e.g. for diabetic students*
- (h) take any writing booklets, whether used or not, from the examination room.*

Data Collection

Similar to what we did in previous years in terms of collecting data about students and tracking their academic progress, our staff have finished the data collection phase for this period. Now it is time to take action in response to the data. Accordingly, we have started an intervention program targeting identified students in the area of literacy. These students will be withdrawn from some classes to receive specific support in literacy.

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment

Message from the Counsellor

Facebook, can I get some oxygen?

Throughout the 90s (and perhaps early 2000s) the ideal morning would be waking up to a warm greeting from a parent/sibling, brushing your teeth, having your yummy homemade breakfast with the family and going to school while chatting to your parent or guardian. Today, however the norm changed – we wake up in the morning and the first thing we grab is our phones to check out what everyone else in this world is doing so early in the morning. Or we update our status for others to know what we're doing even before our parents know themselves. We have our breakfast while rushing through the Facebook newsfeed to keep updated with the 'exciting' things other people are doing in the morning like having their breakfast (I hope the sarcasm has been sensed). We drive to school with our parent/guardian or sibling once again reading the Facebook newsfeed to see how much has changed from the time we had breakfast that same morning.

In today's society, the keyboard on our phones or computers have become our mouths. Why call out to find your sibling or parent in the house when you can text them? Why go visit your friend or cousin that lives 10 minutes (not even) from you when you can Skype them?

Today's Facebook (or similar portals) is the perfect definition of social media obsession. You haven't officially wished someone a happy birthday if it's not posted on their Facebook (even though you saw them in person and conveyed your wishes), you're not married if you don't update your status as 'Got Married' (because the legal certificate from the Registry of Marriages and the Church ceremony is not enough), you're not really down with the flu if you don't update your status as 'Feeling Sick L'.

Not too distant in the future, we expect Facebook and other social media portals to start distributing oxygen as it is becoming evident that people cannot simply live without social media.

It has been researched and studied that social media like Facebook and Instagram etc. are the fruit bearers of *Personality Disorders* whereby on social media your 'friend' is so close and social, yet in person they are awkward and distant.

To say cut off all social media would be hypocritical as we all use it to some extent, however having the right dose is healthy. In the same way as taking Panadol; having too little will have no effect, having too much will hurt you. Be wise and use the right amount.



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

9753 4185

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

Email Address

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

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