



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

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Aide Course

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you and your family enjoyed your 2 weeks break. This Term is going to be extremely busy one for the number of educational activities planned student groups, for year 11 and 12 especially. Year 12 students will start their Trial School Certificate Exams next week, we wish them all the best and hope that they will achieve excellent grades that will makes us all proud of their efforts. At the End of this Term year 12 students will graduate and their graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday 16th September starting at 6 pm in Edessa Hall , this is an important event in the lives of our students and their families as this is the last activity at this school for them after that in October students of year 12 start their HSC exams then hopefully will all apply to enrol in universities of their choice .All par-ents, relatives and friends of families are very welcome to attend the ceremony how-ever we need to know exact number of people attending so that we can reserve seats for them because it will be a crowded night as we have invited many guests and dig-nitaries to attend the event.

Year 11 students will commence their HSC courses at the start of Term 4 so this is an important step for them as they will become our New Year 12 students for the 2016 school year and the cycle goes on. We will shortly going to choose Captains, Vice Captains and prefects from the Current year 11 students to represent our college at various functions and school events; they will be inducted by His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya and presented by their badges.

Next week starting on Monday 27th July we will start the interview process for all children who have applied for enrolment at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College , there is a large number of students who have applied to come to our college in 2016 and I advice any parents who have not yet applied for year 7 to immediately contact the school's office otherwise you may be placed on a waiting list , the school may not be able to take every one as our numbers have increased in all classes from year 7 to year 12.

If you need any further information in regard to all the information in this bulletin please contact the office for assistance.

Thank you and God bless your families

John Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The curriculum team has commenced a process of evaluation and self-reflection in relation to student outcomes in semester One 2015. Teachers are engaged in a process to understand current student achievement levels and how achievement levels have changed over time for all our students, including IEC students.

Staff continue to use improvement targets identified in the college's Strategic Management Plan (SMP 2014-16) to guide their work across many areas, including student outcomes.

During yesterday's college assembly, I encouraged all students to reflect back on their semester one achievement and invited them to ask questions in their classes and seek support from their teachers. I also emphasised that students should consider exceeding their potential and achieving better results for the second half of the year.

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Year 12 students will be sitting their HSC Trials Examinations next Monday. These exams will continue for nine school days, until Thursday 6th of August. We wish our Year 12 students all the best and pray that they perform well in these exams and achieve great results.

Where students have no scheduled exam for a day, they are permitted to stay at home and study for the next exam. Students are also permitted to leave school at the conclusion of the morning exam if that is the only scheduled exam.

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) have produced a wealth of resources and advice for HSC students about examinations. This is a valuable resource for students preparing for their HSC. Students and parents can use the link below to access these resources:

http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/go/exams/preparing_for_your_written_exams/advice-hsc-exams/

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to bring mobile phones into the examination room and to follow all other assessment procedures as required.

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The Year 9 2016 Subject Selection Information Evening was held on Wednesday this week and it was great to have so many parents and student attending this important event. Subject information booklets were distributed to all attending students. Students will be informed next term about which subjects they will be doing in stage 5 from 2016.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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Message from the Counsellor

Acting on Unconscious Thoughts

The teenage phase of all adolescents is an interesting study; the way they grow and their transition from a child into an adolescent is quite extraordinary. Continuing onto my second year journey as the counsellor at the College feeds my curiosity in this transition.

The cherry on top of my journey is the exposure I receive when I accompany different grades at their camps and excursions, as it so happened last week with the year 9s at the Cataract Scout Camp and this week's Athletics Carnival at Prestons.

Throughout these encounters inside and outside of school, I witness these 'children' and their gradual (sometimes spontaneous) transition into an adolescent/teenager.

With boys, you have the sporty group that put all their effort in their physical presentation that encompass their appearance and results in what has become known as a *chick magnet*. On the other hand, you have the *nerdy* computer fanatics that love their video games, movies and cartoons – the type that concentrate more on technology than the efforts on impressing the opposite gender, and vice versa with the girls.

It is these characteristics of the students that further confirm their social status and presentation, which in return presents side effects which may be positive or negative at times.

This concept of social appointment reminds me of a study that took place decades ago. The day after the assassination of Martin Luther King, teacher Jane Elliott decided that she wanted to help her third-grade students understand the consequences of being different (minority) in a group or society.

She split the group into those with blue eyes and those with not. She declared that blue-eyed people were superior and treated that group accordingly by being more relaxed about discipline with them, giving them longer recess times and paying them more attention. The other children were ordered to sit at the back of the class and were treated harshly.

The most staggering part of this experiment was the fact that by the end of just the first day massive changes had already taken place. The blue-eyed children who had been previously struggling started to perform better and similarly the smarter brown-eyed kids were all of a sudden struggling.

Not only that, but the blue-eyed kids soon started to taunt the others and gloat. Elliott was wise enough to flip the exercise after the first day to give both sides the opportunity to understand what it feels like to be treated in such a manner.

As parents/teachers, unconsciously we often pay more attention to the brighter child, the cuter child, the sweeter child. Little do we know that the more we act upon this unconscious thought, the more the minority groups suffer. Let's act consciously and better the well-being of all our children.

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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