



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

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Australia Day Public
Holiday**

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Pupil Free Day**

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5/2/2014
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Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

Issue 16 Term 4 13/12/2013

As this is our last newsletter for the school year of 2013, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last 12 months.

The Year 12 results of their exams in the Higher School Certificate (HSC) will be out in few days time, we hope and pray that our students do well and keep up with the record of our college of receiving high ATARS, which that will allow them to choose a university or a tertiary institution of their choice. On behalf of our School community I congratulate our year 12 for completing their school Education through Primary and Secondary, I know you as parents and guardians will feel proud of them as they pass into the adult stage of their lives. I also take opportunity to congratulate His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya, the Archbishop of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East for his vision of Establishing Assyrian Schools in Australia.

All other students of year 7,8,9 10 have completed their exams and their reports will be completed and ready for pickup on Friday 13th December during a Parent /Teacher interview session.

The last day for children to attend School for this Term is Friday 13th December, Teachers and staff will continue for few more days to organize teaching programs for 2014.

Term 1 2014 will start on Tuesday 28th January for Teachers only, Year 7 and 12 student along with year 10 peer support leaders will start on Wednesday 29th of January. All students will be returning to college on Thursday 30th of January.

Finally I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year for all your families.

God Bless

J Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of another productive year I would like to commend all students who have worked diligently throughout the 2013 school year. The effort these students have put into their educational experiences at SNACC will go a long way to enhance their educational opportunities in the years to come.

In the last two weeks, we reminded all students to cover up when playing in the field, during recess and lunch in the interest of student safety and wellbeing. When students return in January next year, all students should have a school hat and without a cap or hat will not be allowed to play in the oval. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform as he/ she returns to the college next year. Please remind your child to bring along their hat or cap to school next week.

Today, Semester Two reports were issued to year 7, 8 & 9 students and staff were available for Teacher/ Parent/ Student interviews from 8:30 – 3:00. As usual, this was a great opportunity for parents to ask teachers about their child's academic progress and learn more about their child's subject specific ability and discuss ways to improve their child's academic performance in years to come.

Parents, who could not attend these interviews, can receive their child's report from the office next Monday and Tuesday from 9- 3 pm.

The College's Gifted & Talented (GAT) committee has been busy this week receiving and processing "GAT Self- Nomination" forms from a number of Year 7-9 students. Thank you to the parents of the selected students for returning Parent Nomination forms to the school. We hope that the GAT program will be up and running for 2014, so we can cater for the special needs of our Gifted and Talented students.

**Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment**

The college has commenced preparation work for its second Strategic Management Plan (2014-2016) and teachers, students and parents are asked to contribute to this process by completing relevant on-line surveys. The information collected from these surveys along with other data will be used to evaluate our effectiveness in the last three years and will help the development of new goals and targets for the new Strategic Management Plan.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout 2013 and wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Thank You,
Mr. E. Dinkha

School Events

National Young Leaders Day

On Friday 29th November, 10 students from the Student Representative Council attended the National Young Leaders Day. The National Young Leaders Day was held at Sydney Convention Centre. It is held for secondary students and features famous speakers that motivate and inspire students to build their leadership skills. The day consisted of six speakers. One of the speakers was Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief* who gave insight in the failures and successes of leadership. One main idea learnt was that even though life may seem as 99% failure and 1% success, but that 1% success is what matters. Always strive for success, no matter the obstacles.

In the two breaks we had, there was an expo mainly for senior students about career choices. There was a special guest: Sarah Ellen. We got to meet her in the break. One of the other speakers was the general of the Australian Army! One of his quotes was “Do not curse the dark, but be the one to light the candle”.



Special performers included groups who auditioned for the Xfactor 2014, named Beatz: an all girl group who could sing and dance. They gave us a fantastic performance! Another performer was called Jazz Cougan from Queensland who sang ‘Royals’ and ‘Thrift Shop’.

In conclusion, National Young Leaders Day was both entertaining and motivational as it was filled with famous celebrities with various talents. We learnt much about our leadership roles and how to humble ourselves in this position. Being a leader is not only about being a boss and doing things your way, but rather, working for your people and sometimes letting others take the lead. We thank the SRC teachers, especially Miss Nona for organising and attending the excursion with us.

By Edessa, Mary and Mariam 7P.

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Entrepreneurs for ACERO!

Commerce is an elective chosen by Year 9 students, incorporating elements of Business, Economics and Law. One of the topics studied is 'Running a business', where students learn about entrepreneurial qualities of business owners and the legal, financial and administrative requirements of operating a business. A practical assessment of this topic is the creation and running of a small business. Students were allocated into groups where they were required to come up with an idea. They chose to set up a food stall with all profits going to ACERO. For many weeks the students worked on marketing plans, customer research and promotions such as advertising. The students successfully sold hot chips and fresh fruit drinks at

lunch, raising a total of over \$500. I was very pleased with the girls as they worked extremely well under financial and time pressures. They were very enthusiastic and displayed a positive attitude throughout the project and I have no doubt some of them will be successful entrepreneurs one day!

"Running a business was a good experience as I learnt a lot about my business partners and the way a business functions" Mary Daniel.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the topic as I became aware of the issues and practices of businesses that can damage our society and environment". Ameleana Esttaifan

Furthermore, the school has also separately collated over \$500 for ACERO. Students have donated generously throughout the past few weeks in donation cans which have been placed in classrooms. We thank every single student for their generous donations. The combined total of over \$1000 will benefit greatly our brothers and sisters in our home land. May our Lord Jesus Christ accept your offerings and continue to bless you abundantly.

Miss Nona

A number of students from years 10 and 11 were selected and given the opportunity to partake in a science workshop experience held at the University of Technology Sydney on Friday 22nd November 2013. This experience consisted of two workshops led by a team of professionals and honours students at the university. They were also informed of the different science-based courses on offer at UTS and possible career directions.

Workshop 1: Forensic Science

Students found out how forensic scientists use simple chemistry, physics and problem solving skills to collect, process, and analyse evidence and solve a crime scene mystery.

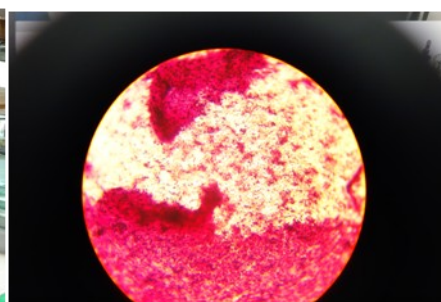


Workshop 2: Microbiology


Students looked at different microorganisms – the good, bad and ugly. They found out how they affect our daily lives, fermentation of food but more importantly, how to keep the ugly microbes under control.



Overall, the experience was very enjoyable to the students and staff who accompanied them (Ms Chawshin and Mrs Boulos). Much positive feedback was given by the students, who continued sharing stories and talking of the experience into the following week!



School and sport shoes requirements

	<u>Correct footwear</u>	<u>Incorrect footwear</u>
<p>School shoes Shoes need to be enclosed leather shoes with laces. This is a compulsory requirement of not only the school but also of the Department of Education.</p>		
		
<p>Sport shoes Must be predominantly white. Vans, Raben and Dunlop volleys are not permitted at all.</p>		
		

All school clothing uniform and Bags are available for purchasing from

Akkad Uniform Shop at SHAPS

Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am
Thursday from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Please note uniform shop will be open during school holiday on 21/1/14 and 24/1/14 from 9am to 1pm

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from St Narsai
Assyrian Christian College*



UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms are now in stock and available from SHAPS
uniform store

Open Mon, Tue, Wed

8.45am – 10am

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
Fax: 9753 0800

Website

WWW.mnac.nsw.edu.au

Email Address

School.office@mnac.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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