



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

Issue 13 Term 3 5/9/2014

COLLEGE EVENTS

Thursday

11/9/2014

Year 9 Excursion to
Jewish Museum

Friday

12/9/2014

Year 9 Commerce-
Business Stall 2014

2014-Visit 3 Vaccina-
tion hpv, varicella
(years 7 and 9)

Tuesday

16/9/2014

Year 12 Graduation
Mass

Wednesday

17/9/2014

Year 12 Graduation
Ceremony at Edessa
Hall 6pm SHARP

Friday

19/9/2014

Term 3 Ends

**Term 4 Commenc-
es
Tuesday
7/10/2014**

This week year 11 students started their Preliminary exams, we hope that they do well in their exams in order to achieve their Preliminary course certificate and this will be the end of year 11 course ,students will then start year 12 courses at the beginning of Term 4.I wish to advise our parents of years 10 and 11 students that while in general our students do very well in HSC, there are a few who do not make a genuine effort or apply themselves to achieve their potential and to receive higher grades that will allow them be admitted to universities, students like these are better off to follow a different pathway such as a trade of some kind that they are interested in ,otherwise they are wasting parents money by spending time at the school without achieving their HSC. We are monitoring students attitude to work and achievement of academic levels to see which students in year 10 will not be permitted to go to year 11 or may be asked to repeat also few year 11 may not be admitted to year 12 based on their poor attitude to work and poor results .

Year 12 graduation is on Wednesday 17th September and by now we should have the number of parents and guests given to the year coordinator Mr Hardman or to the Office Ladies, this is important for seating arrangements as we will have many guests on the night, His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaia AM will be there and will present all students of year 12 a graduation Certificate from His Holiness Mar Dinkha who has personally signed each one of those one English and the other in Assyrian Language, Mar Meelis also will present each child with a special blessed Cross from His Holiness Mar Dinkha. Among the guests will also be Andrew Rohan our member in the NSW parliament we have also invited the Minister of Education of NSW as well as Honourable David Clarke MLC and many others. At the end of the ceremony parents and friends can stay back and enjoy refreshments and finger foods in Edessa Hall, as this may be the last occasion for you as parents of year 12 to be together as a whole group, it will be a good time for you to mingle and share some stories of your children of their educational journey for the last 13 years.

Thank you and God bless you

Mr. J Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

Good luck to our Year 11 students as they commence their End of Year examinations this week. The conclusion of this term will mark the end of their preliminary HSC course and will signal the start of their final year of HSC course in term four. These students are strongly advised to actively engage in their HSC studies from day one. Students and their parents will be invited to an Assessment Information Evening early next term to shed light on HSC course assessment policies, procedures and course completion requirements. At least one parent of every HSC student must attend this evening, where the HSC Assessment Handbook will be distributed to all students.

Lexia Information Evening

We have organised a Lexia Reading Program Information Evening for about 100 identified students and their parents. The Information Evening presentation will take place next Tuesday in the school hall at 6 pm. Since important information will be shared during the presentation, it crucial that every selected student attend with at least one parent.

Importance of Student Literacy Skills

College staff continue to focus on improving the teaching of literacy skills to all students across all subjects because we recognise the significance of these skills to all students throughout their schooling life and beyond. To this end, we have undertaken a number of initiatives that supports this aim, including the acquisition of Lexia Reading Program to assist high needs students.

Other students must continue to work on enhancing their individual literacy skills through regular reading. I have included the following excerpts from the Australian Curriculum website about student literacy skills to emphasise that literacy skills are more than reading and writing:

Introduction

Literacy involves students in listening to, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating oral, print, visual and digital texts, and using and modifying language for different purposes in a range of contexts.

Scope of the Literacy capability

Literacy encompasses the knowledge and skills students need to access, understand, analyse and evaluate information, make meaning, express thoughts and emotions, present ideas and opinions, interact with others and participate in activities at school and in their lives beyond school.

Becoming literate is not simply about knowledge and skills. Certain behaviours and dispositions assist students to become effective learners who are confident and motivated to use their literacy skills broadly. Many of these behaviours and dispositions are also identified and supported in other general capabilities. They include students managing their own learning to be self-sufficient; working harmoniously with others; being open to ideas, opinions and texts from and about diverse cultures; returning to tasks to improve and enhance their work; and being prepared to question the meanings and assumptions in texts

The Literacy continuum incorporates two overarching processes:

Comprehending texts through listening, reading and viewing

Composing texts through speaking, writing and creating

with the following areas of knowledge applying to both processes:

Text knowledge

Grammar knowledge

Word knowledge

Visual knowledge.

To conclude, providing continuous opportunities outside school that enables students to read widely, compose texts, listen to and view others through a range of media is highly recommended.

Excellence

Christian

Values

Commitment

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

College Sport Events: State Athletics Carnival



Wednesday the 27th of August Week 7

State Athletics Carnival was held at Homebush Athletics centre

Attending Students: Augen Sifoo (yr9), Ashour Chiba (yr8) and Steven Diaa (yr 11)

These students did very well to progress through to the State level, leading the school and zone carnivals in their events.

Results on the day..

Steven: (3rd in High Jump, 2nd in Javelin and 1st in Long Jump)

Ashour (9th in the 800m)

Augen (4th in 200m, 7th in 100m)

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

0753 4185

School Hours

8:30am

To

2:50pm

Office Hours

8:am

To

4pm

Monday to Friday

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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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