



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

# *Harp of The Spirit*

## N e w s l e t t e r

### COLLEGE EVENTS

Tuesday  
7/10/2014  
Term 4 commences

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Monday  
13/10/2014  
HSC Exams  
Commence

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Wednesday  
15/10/2014  
Term 4  
Opening Mass

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**Dear Parents and friends of SNACC**

**Issue 14 Term 3 19/9/2014**

As this is the last newsletter for this Term, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind support over the last 10 weeks, we wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable 2 week holiday.

St Narsai Assyrian College will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October as Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October is a public holiday.

Thank you for all the parents and friends of year 12 students who attended a very successful graduation ceremony on Wednesday Night 17<sup>th</sup> September at Edessa Hall where 48 students graduated and will be sitting for their HSC exams in October, we wish them well and pray that they will achieve grades in all of their subjects to make us all proud of their efforts, also present at the Ceremony was His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya AM, our beloved Archbishop along with many other distinguished guests.

Every graduating student was presented with a special graduation Certificate by His Eminence Mar Meelis representing His Holiness Mar Dinkha the 4<sup>th</sup> our Patriarch who had personally signed each Certificate in Assyrian Language as well as English, students were also presented with a special cross issued by His Holiness Mar Dinkha.

The night was also an important one for the year 11 students who were introduced to the Audience as our new year 12 students of 2015, these year 11 students have completed their Preliminary course and will start studying their HSC course as from next Term in October.

His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya also blessed the leaders Badges and pinned them on the candidates, our new school leaders for 2015 are:

Captains : Matthew Frances and Elatra Sifoo

Vice Captains Eden Daniel and Stephen Diaa

Prefects:

Gabriella Khamis George Ibrahim Banita Sarkhosh Peter Daniel

Victoria Yalda Kisso Kristy Butrius Nenorta Youkhanis Larsa Yonan

Thank you and God bless you

Mr J Haskal



# FROM THE DEPUTY

## Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and staff for their collective contribution to a very productive term three. From next term, the current Year 11 students will start their final HSC year as Year 12 students. These students will be going to their three day camp during week one of next term and then commence their HSC courses from week two.

Other students will be completing their respective courses and will be sitting their end of year examinations from week 6.

### Special Intervention Classes

Next term a number of Years 7-10 students will be targeted for academic intervention across a range of areas, including literacy and numeracy. Selected students will be withdrawn from classes to receive intensive support to help them develop important in specific topics, such as writing, reading, comprehension, numeracy and study skills.

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**Excellence  
Christian  
Values  
Commitment**

## Strictly no mobile phones during the school day!

Students are not permitted to use mobile phones anytime during the school day, nor are they permitted to turn them on during normal school hours. Students found using mobile phones during school time should expect consequences for not following school rules. At a minimum, mobile phones will be confiscated and left in the school office for parents to pick up only. Surprisingly, some parents continue to contact their children during school time through their child's mobile phone.

We ask that these parents show support to relevant school policies and procedures by refraining from directly communicating with their children via mobile phones during school hours. Parents can contact the school office any time to pass on any message to their son or daughter. The school does not accept any responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones of students.

I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing break.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha



# Year 12 graduation ceremony





# Year 12 graduation ceremony class of 2014 cont'd





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## Message from the Counsellor

Why are our children changing when they hit high school and get older?

As parents you witness your children change dramatically from year to year – more specifically, from primary school to high school. The child that you would've picked up from primary school a couple of years ago would enter your car with a BIG smile and tell you everything they did at school that day. They are excited and happy to be with you. Today, the same child enters your car with neutral face, no talking, no smiling, and busy texting and Facebooking away (because the school has a no phone policy) all the way home.

Most parents starting questioning: what is wrong with my child? Why and how have they changed so much? Is this our fault as parents? Is it the school's fault? Or is it my child's friends that influence him/her to be what they have become today?

Because we are lost in all of these questions, we become angry and try to fix it. We start verbally (and sometimes physically – which is illegal!) attacking our children thinking it is beneficial and that something good has to come out of it.

For the parents of our students that were born and raised in Australia, this may be irrelevant to you. However, for our beloved parents that were born and raised outside Australia (Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Asia, etc.) this article may be of some aid to you.

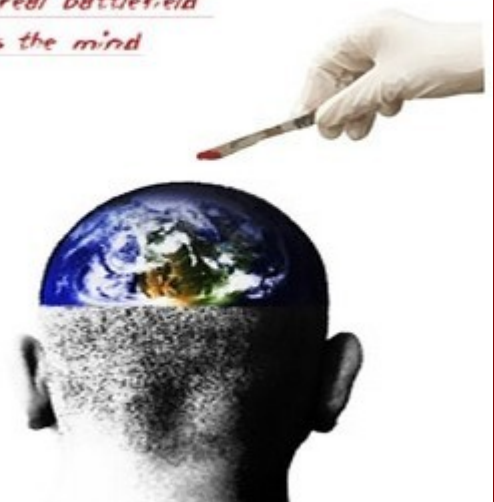
Our children are constantly fighting a psychological war; a war in their minds that traps them with our family's tradition and way of life against the culture and trends of our Australian multicultural society. Our family's household tells us swearing is wrong, while movies and series on the television make it look right. Our family's household tells us sexual intercourse is wrong before marriage, while movies and series on the television make it look right. Our family's household tells us communication and a relationship with parents and siblings is vital, while movies and series on the television tell us to start dating (at a VERY early stage) and create close relationships with boyfriends and girlfriends rather than family members. This is the psychological war our children are facing.

Naturally, children hit puberty in their high school days and within the process of puberty children trying to make sense of life. Starting probing deeper into why things happen and things are the way they are. Symbolically, our children are stuck in a round-a-bout figuring out their way and which exit to take.

A tip for parents: do not intervene and obstruct your child's way because obstructing traffic only leads to an accident – especially at a round-a-bout. Imagine trying to interfere with the Polding St and Smithfield Rd HUGE round-a-bout, luckily they're transforming that into a traffic light.

Moral of the article: you have raised your children well in their childhood (pre-primary and primary stages of their lives), it is now time to allow them to use their wings and fly. If we've taught our children well, they will fly in the right direction. If they do, however get lost along the way remember that they will find hardship and through all the pain and misery they will find the right path the hard way.

*The real battlefield  
is the mind*



# College Events: **Year 7 History Excursion to the Nicholson Museum and IMAX Cinema**

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September our Year 7 Egyptologists had a chance to get a closer look at the ancient world of the pharaohs. First stop was Australia's oldest university museum. Here students had the opportunity to examine ancient artefacts and record their finding. They were also taken on a guided tour of Australia's widest collection of Egyptian artefacts including mummies, sculptures and inscriptions. More than one student took the opportunity to get a selfie with a mummy!

After an informative and entertaining tour, we made our way to the world's largest cinema screen. The students were enthralled as they were transported into the fascinating world of ancient Egypt to witness a re-enactment of the discovery of the tomb of Rameses II in three dimensions.

The students behaviour throughout the day was a credit to themselves and the school, and the excursion provided teachers and students with a more detailed and vivid perspective of Egypt.



# College Events: Year 7 History Excursion to the Nicholson Museum and IMAX Cinema cont'd



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Year 7 went on an excursion to the Nicholson Museum in Sydney University and IMAX theatre, to deepen our knowledge of ancient Egypt, as that is what we are currently studying in history. We were accompanied by Ms Nona, Ms Kako, Miss David, Mr Scarpinato.

On arriving at the Nicholson Museum, we were given a quick tour which educated us on ancient civilisations, namely ancient Egypt and ancient Greece. During the ancient Egyptian sector of the tour, we learnt about the mummification and embalming procedure used to bury dead Pharaohs and wealthy Egyptians. We looked at mummified bodies, some of which were left in their Sarcophagus, others in their linen wrappings, and a few completely unwrapped body parts. A head and a few hands were generously donated by unknown benefactors, who, because buying mummified body parts was once legal, had no more use or space for them.

During the ancient Greek sector of the tour, we looked at an Athenian temple, the Acropolis, and reviewed some of its history with our guide, Alina. We then went down to a room which gave us a hands-on experience where we could touch real ancient artefacts, such as Canoptic Jars, statues of a varied range, a crooked nail, pieces of ancient pottery and a roof tile, all from different periods of time.

We then went to the IMAX theatre to watch *Egypt 3D: Secrets of the Mummies*. It was a fascinating movie, which gave us a better insight of Egyptian beliefs, traditions, mummification processes and their way of life. It specifically highlighted King Ramses II, and The Valley Of The Kings. It told Howard Carter's story, and how he discovered the first tomb which had not one mummy, but over 60. It highlighted The Great Temple of Ramses II, and explained why it was built – so that the world would remember the name Ramses II for generations to come. We then ate lunch at Darling Harbour, and got on the bus to go back to school.

Overall it was a fun, educational experience from which everyone benefitted.

-Elizabeth Lee.





# College Events: SRC clothesline charity

On behalf of the SRC and our leading teachers; Miss Nona and Miss David, who took on the responsibility of collecting all the clothes as donation to the less fortunate, I would like to thank all the students of St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College who generously donated their spare clothing.

The school joined the 'Clothesline' organisation, who delivers clothes to needy families in the area. This act of kindness helps brighten someone's day and will reassure them that they are loved and thought of.

The van that arrived at school to pick up the clothing was overflowing with all the clothes that the students of our school had generously donated. As a Christian school and a small Assyrian community, I believe that this act was necessary as it reflected our Christian morals, values and ethics. As the bible reads, ***"Let us love one another, for love is of God; .and everyone who loves is born of love and knows God" 1 John 7.*** These inspirational words of the Lord continue to be the source of motivation and prosperity at the school, allowing everyone to follow in the footpath of our Lord. For in the end all the kindness and wellbeing that we provide on earth will be rewarded in heaven.

The SRC students and staff members are thankful for the overwhelming donations. We hope that in the near future we will see a continuous effort to expose our virtues to the wider community and carry on building a good reputation for our compassionate school. Once again I would like to say thank you to all students and families for ensuring that this act of kindness and love was a great success.

Lina Isahak- Year 7 SRC Representative.



# College Events: Australian Business and Economics Competition Results

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May, Year 11 students studying Business Studies and Economics participated in the annual Australian Business and Economics Competition organised by the Commerce and Economics Society of University of New South Wales. The competition was comprised of 40 multiple choice questions where students had 50 minutes to answer with no prior preparation or practice. The school received the results of this Competition last week and are pleased to announce the following students achieving a Credit:

## Business Competition

Mary Khano  
Ilarya Betgovargis  
Elatra Sifoo  
Dena Nissan

## Economics Competition:

Andre Khosrow  
Frank Biezan



These students should be proud of their achievements as they scored in the top 25 percentile in the state in what was a challenging test. The study of Business and Economics enhances student's awareness of the significance of economic and business events, as well as the implications of individual, corporate and government decision-making. These participants are considering studying in the fields of economics, commerce, accounting, finance and marketing in the future.

Well done on your efforts!

Miss Nona,

Business and Economics teacher.



**Year 12 Graduation 2014 . 2014ء ۾ 12 ڊيگڙي ۾ ختم ٿيڻ تي**

## ذِكْرُهُمْ فِي الْحَقِّ

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A group of people in traditional costumes, including white tunics, red skirts, and headscarves, are performing a dance in a large hall. The hall has a polished wooden floor and a high ceiling with chandeliers. The performers are arranged in a line, and the audience is visible in the background.



## 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

8:30am

To

2:50pm

### Office Hours

8:am

To

4pm

Monday to Friday

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too small to call us



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### Parentline

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**Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call) - 24 hours a day, seven days a week-[www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)**



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