



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Tuesday
24/10/17

To

Thursday
26/10/17

Year 10 Authentic
Learning Project In-
terviews

Tuesday
24/10/17

U15's Touch Football
Competition

Friday
27/10/17

Year 11 PDHPE Ex-
cursion (Human dis-
ease museum)

National Bandanna
Day

Tuesday
31/10/17

U15's Touch Football
Competition

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

Issue 8 Term 4 20/10/2017

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Year 12 students are now sitting for their *HSC exams*, which began on 16th October. The students have been well prepared by their teachers and we know that they have been consolidating their learning and ready for the major exams. Our prayers are with them and wish them good results.

We welcome to our College a *new Deputy Principal*, Mrs. Mary Ismail who has come to us from Cassula High School. We now have two deputies, Mrs. Ismail and Mr. Dinkha. Mrs. Ismail will be managing, in 2017, students in Years 7/9/11/ (now current Year 12) and Mr. Dinkha will be in charge of, in 2017, Years 8/10/12. The extra Deputy will improve the education of all students in both the welfare and academic areas.

I would like to thank all parents that have been supportive of students *arriving on time to school*. There has been a very significant improvement over the past two weeks. School starts at 8.40am each day with roll call. This is a time to check student attendance, provide students with notices and changes to the day check uniform and collect absentee or late notes. It is important that all children arrive at school in time to be part of roll call.

The *P&F meeting* will be held on Tuesday 31st October. This is an important meeting, as we will also be discussing the student transport arrangements to the new site for Horsley Park, at the start of 2018. The meeting will be held in the College Library, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. All welcome!

The organization for the *opening of the new site at Horsley Park* are in full swing. The grand opening will be held on Sunday 21st January at the new campus, 217-233, Horsley Rd., Horsley Park. Parents are welcome to attend and they can pick up their free entry ticket for the event. These tickets will be available from the College office until Friday, 24th November, 2107.

Again, I thank parents for their support in assuring that the students are in full *uniform*. This is important as it gives the College a good name but also it is conducive to a good educational climate. I remind you, that boys must wear a tie and that belts (black or grey) are compulsory. The College uniform is available from the *School Locker- Homemaker Centre, Orange Grove Rd., Liverpool*.

At the end of last Term the College issued all students (years 7 to 10) with their *Interim Report*. I hope you have received it thorough your student. If you have not received it, please let us know. In addition, if the report shows areas of concerns please contact the appropriate teacher for further discussion.

God Bless You All

A Rufo

FROM THE DEPUTYS

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The 2017-18 Year 12 Assessment Information Evening took place in the college library earlier this week (Monday, 16th) and important HSC course assessment information, NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) assessment requirements and school based assessment procedures and protocols were discussed. Students who attended this presentation were given a copy of the current HSC Assessment Information Handbook that included all relevant assessment information, including assessment schedules of all subjects offered at the college.

As most Year 12 students would have received their assessment notifications for this term by now, I urge Year 12 students to make a concerted effort to work on their assignments or assessment tasks at this early point in the term. It is crucial that students commence their assessment work early and manage their *Check Point(s)* effectively to ensure they benefit from teacher's feedback on the *Check Point(s)*. I remind students that typical Year 12 students spend between 2-3 hrs every day at home studying, revising, summarising lesson notes, practising exam type responses and working on assignments. Students are also urged to use their school based study periods effectively and use it to consolidate their classwork.

There is a renewed emphasis on students arriving at school on time. We would like to enlist the support of all parents to ensure that students arrive at school on time before 8:40. A note was sent home last week about this very important issue. Students who continue to come to school late without good reasons will face immediate consequences.

Year 12 students were issued with a new SNACC Senior Agreement this morning by our new Deputy Principal, Mrs. Ismail. This agreement covers college expectations of students in all areas. Please read this document with your child and feel free to contact the College to discuss any part of this agreement.

All 7-10 students will sit End of Year examinations later this term. This year's End of Year Examinations will take place as follows:

Years 7, 8 & 9	will commence in week 6- From 13 th November
Years 10	will commence in week 7- From 20 th November

In the next 2-3 weeks, students will be issued with Examination Notifications and Examination Revision sheets to assist them in their preparation for this very important assessment event. The results of these examinations as well as results from other previous assessments will be used to formulate the End of Year Reports.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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Greetings to the SNACC community,

Firstly, I would like to thank all staff and students of SNACC for their very warm welcome in my new role as the second Deputy Principal. I am honoured and blessed to be working with such experienced leaders Mr Rufo and Mr Dinkha alongside inspiring, innovative and passionate educators at SNACC who are dedicated to providing our students with educational excellence, encouraging them to reach and exceed their potential in a nurturing environment.

I am also blessed to be among so many respectful students whose actions reflect Christian values, are committed to excellence and show resilience when faced with challenges.

Finally, as stated in Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." I look forward to working in partnership with you, the parents and care givers of our students in supporting our children to be the best they can be in all aspects of their lives. We, the SNACC community (parents and staff), will work in partnership to support our students' growth, maturity and success in becoming productive Australian and global citizens who proudly reflect the faith of the Assyrian Church of the East, the Assyrian language, the Assyrian culture and Australian values.

Thank you once again

My God Bless, protect and guide you always.

Mary Ismail
Deputy Principal

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We were proud to welcome an SBS television crew to St Narsai and St Hurmizd this week. SBS are very interested in the Assyrian Schools and in particular the journey and growth of the schools as a fulfilment of the vision of His Beatitude. It is a wonderful and heartfelt story which we should all be proud of.

The SBS crew interviewed staff and students and took footage of students in action. The program will feature as part of the normal SBS news broadcast on either Saturday or Sunday night. When we have more details we will let all families know.

This week I attended, with the Deputy Principal from SHAPS Benjamin Khoshabeh, a workshop on School Improvement run by the Association of Independent Schools (AIS). This reaffirmed the new direction we are undertaking at the Assyrian Schools following the whole school review. The critical aspects to improvement relates to 6 key areas which we are making excellent progress on.

- Data – collecting and analysing all aspects of student learning, student wellbeing, staff profiles and family profiles to ensure we are on the improvement journey

- Professional Learning of Staff – providing opportunities for staff to improve their skills through collaboration and learning from each other

- School priorities – making these visible and clearly expressed. For us the priority is quality learning for staff and students.

- Action plan – the Leadership team and the staff have been actively involved in framing our 2018 focus areas

- Capacity building of staff – this includes building the leadership skills of all staff and especially the leadership team

- Critical friend – having an external expert (AIS) reviewing the School Improvement process and assessing our progress to ensure we remain on track

A key aspect of the School Improvement process includes the role of parents to support all aspects of the Assyrian Schools. This is an area we must continue to grow and develop.

I thank you for your continued support of the Assyrian Schools.

Brian Kennelly

Head Principal of the Assyrian Schools

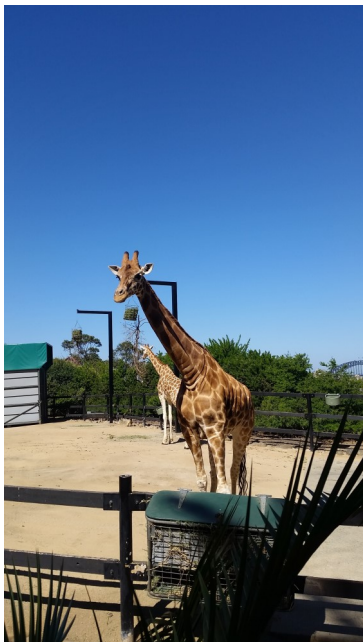


St Narsai Assyrian Christian College will be participating in National Bandanna Day on Friday 27/10/2017. Bandannas will be sold for \$5.00 each, of which 100% of the proceeds goes to Canteen to help young people and their families who are battling cancer. Please support this worthy cause by purchasing and wearing a bandanna on Friday 27/10/2017. We thank you so much for your kind and generous support.

FROM THE SCIENCE FACILTY

St Narsai Assyrian Christian

On October 19th, SNACCs Year 7 Science students took a trip to Taronga Zoo to study animal habitats and adaptations. Students enjoyed a workshop where they had an up close and personal encounter with reptiles, amphibians, and the nocturnal Ringtail Possum. Some favourite exhibits were the squirrel monkeys, Sumatran tigers, elephants, giraffes and the infamous seal show! Many thanks go out to the supervising teachers and parent volunteers who helped to make this an unforgettable experience for our future scientists!



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