



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Tuesday
5/11/2013
College Assembly

Wednesday
6/11/2013
HSC examination
End

Monday
11/11/2013
Remembrance Day

2013 year 8 ESSA
Test

Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

The year 12 students are all but finished their Higher School Certificate exams, some have already finished, we wish them well and hope that they will receive high grades that will allow them to attend Universities of their choice, meanwhile they will enjoy few weeks of rest after 13 years of study from Kindergarten till now. Their results will be published early December; we wish them all the best.

Year 11 who have already started their HSC courses should have received their reports and they will be receiving their Preliminary course completion Certificate from the Board of Studies early next year.

The junior years will start their Yearly exams in few weeks time.

Friday 13th December is Parent/Teacher interview Day; all parents are welcome to attend to discuss their child's progress with their teachers.

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His Eminence the Archbishop Mar Meelis Zaia AM has invited all members of our Assyrian Community to attend a special meeting regarding St Narsai Assyrian Christian College building project. The meeting will take place at Edessa Hall on Wednesday 20th 2013 at 7PM. His Eminence will address the congregation and the Project Managers will display a power point presentation to show sketches of the new College to be built at Horsley Park.

God Bless

J Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents and Friends,

In an effort to improve efficiencies and student outcomes, we have reorganised the way we support a group of our students. New arrivals have been divided into three groups (Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced) with different teaching programs and targeted focuses. ESL students and Special needs students will now be more adequately supported. Three staff members are now responsible for these three groups and will endeavour to provide targeted and on time support to their students.

Upcoming Exams

As was mentioned in our last newsletter, Year 7-10 students will be having their End of Year exams from next week as follows:

Year 10 Thursday Week 5- Wednesday Week 6
 Year 9 Monday Week 6 - Friday Week 6
 Years 7 & 8 Monday Week 7 - Friday Week 7

The following are ten exam tips from Schools NSW website that may be useful to students as they contemplate the exams for the last time this year:

Ten Tips - Exam techniques

1. Have all necessary material with you

you can't borrow items such as pens, pencils, rulers or special equipment while in an examination.

2. Have a relaxing night before your exams

Have an early night, and try to have a healthy breakfast.

3. Read the entire paper.

Where you have choices, decide which ones you plan to answer.

4. Plan your time.

Spend some time drafting a plan for the questions you choose to answer.

5. Jot down ideas as they come to you.

While you are answering one question, information about another may suddenly occur to you. Jot it down somewhere because when you come to that question perhaps an hour later, you may have forgotten it.

6. Don't leave any questions unanswered.

If you are short of time, use note form. Remember, you can only be marked on the answers you give.

7. Never leave the room early.

If you have time at the end, go over your work, add information (e.g. in the margin). You can't return if you suddenly remember a fact after you have left.

8. Do not spend too long on multiple choice questions.

With multiple choice questions it is best to cover the answers and work out your own before looking at the choices on paper. If you can't answer the question come back to it later - have a guess.

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9. Never omit an entire question.

No matter how well you answer other questions, you must leave time for all questions - a perfect answer can still only earn a certain number of marks. If you write nothing, you can't receive any marks and you have lost all your marks for a particular question. Write something - it may at least give you a few points.

10. Maintain a stable energy level.

Eating foods such as chocolate bars before an exam might give you an energy boost to begin with but your blood sugar levels will drop within an hour and your energy will plunge dramatically, making it hard for you to concentrate.

Thank You,

E. Dinkha

School Events-Parliament Visit

On Monday 14th October, four Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend Global Dignity Day; held at Sydney Parliament House. Global Dignity Day is a convention held annually around the world that aims to encourage dignity – centred leadership. As part of this day, schools from all over Sydney were invited to take part in a conventional lecture from Michael Kirby; a former judge of the Australian High Court. As a continuous believer in the rights people were entitled to, Mr Kirby shared with us the importance of optimism and open-mindedness as life isn't a smooth ride. He preached about the importance of standing up for what is right and to speak up for wrong-doings. His take on dignity was insightful and inspirational.

After Mr. Kirby's lecture, the students were then split up into groups allocated by the organisers. We were all mixed with different students, each with their own opinions. It is here where the students shared opinions and told stories of their experiences about dignity.

Finally, after this, one student from each group had been asked to share their dignity stories that they had experienced and this was very diverse as everyone had very different stories. The convention ended with lunch held by the organisers.

Victoria Yalda- Kiso





On Friday 18th October , St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College participated in the annual Bandana Day. The organization behind Bandana Day is called CanTeen. CanTeen is the only organisation of its kind supporting 12-24 year olds who are living with cancer - whether they have cancer themselves, their brother, sister or parent has cancer or has died from cancer.

A cancer diagnosis is very traumatic for a young person and can impact their transition from childhood to adulthood, leaving them feeling vulnerable, frightened, confused and alone. Whilst cancer is not a death sentence, it can mean the start of a long process of painful treatment and years of uncertainty.

Bandanna day was an idea to raise money for CanTeen. It was a success! All together the school raised an incredible \$480! We would like to thank everyone who bought bandannas and pens and also the people who donated generously. Without you, we wouldn't have made it. Many kids with cancer will benefit from your kind donations. Thank you for showing your Christian values.

We would also like to thank Miss Nona, Mrs. Middlebrook, Mrs. Isaac and the SRC for organizing a successful event.

Mary Oraham and Edessa Shmoel



Bushfire Appeal – Thank you

During the week, the SRC commenced an immediate collection for the victims of the Blue Mountain's bushfires. A large bag was placed in each PC room & the SNACC community were asked to donate the following items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Hair gel
- Hairspray
- Hairbrushes
- Deodorant
- Body wash

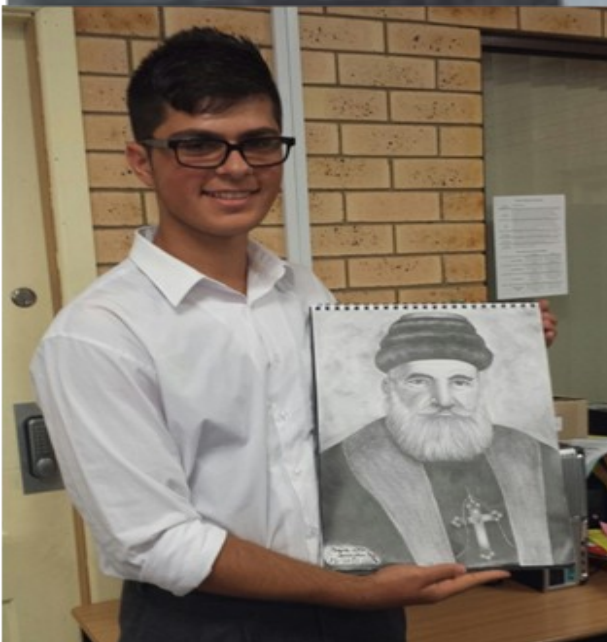


The items were delivered to the Blue Mountains and will be distributed to the victims of the bushfire disaster.

On behalf of the SRC and victims of the bushfires, we thank the SNACC community for your generosity.

With appreciation, in Christ,
Ms Lynn Middlebrook

Student Showcase



Akad Yonan has drawn a very detailed drawing of the Late Mar Yosip Khnanisho, Metropolitan of Elam.

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

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School Hours

8:30am
To
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