



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

HSC examination in
progress

Wednesday

23/10/2013

Assembly period 4

Dear Parents and friends of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College

As this is our first newsletter for Term 4 of this school year, I wish to welcome you and all students and our Teachers and staff back to the College. We ask you to keep our year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they have started their Higher School Certificate exams. Results of their exams will be published by the Board of Studies of NSW early in December, from our community we wish them all the best and hope that they will achieve high grades so that they can gain placements in the University of their choice.

We have written to some parents in regard to their children's long absences from school, I wish to inform all parents that attending school is a mandatory requirements, The Board of Studies of NSW has a set of mandatory hours in all subjects that student need to complete each study course, for Mathematics, English and Science for example each course will require at least 400 hours of study from year 7 to year 10, if a student spends less time in classroom than mandatory hours may lead to the student not being able to advance to the next stage, also parents who receive payments from the Centre link must understand that some of the funds are geared towards children's education and often we are asked to write reports to the Centre Link about some student's attendance pattern, the Center link will most likely cut the funds if your children do not attend the school on a regular bases. It is your responsibility as parents to make sure that your children attend the school every day and no child can leave school until the age of 17 year unless they

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have a full time employment or attend TAFE on a full time bases.

Thanks to all parents who have enrolled their children in our school, we have completed all the interviews and written to all parents confirming their children's acceptance for 2014 school year.

We also have enrolled a number of new students who have arrived from overseas, we provide the new arrivals with new Uniform and Text books as well as supply them with a Laptop computer as part of our Intensive English Course that we offer these students

God Bless

John Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends

The Year 12 2013-2014 HSC course commenced last week and a number of teachers have already issued assessment tasks to their students. The vast majority of these assessment tasks will be due by the end of this term. It is therefore crucial that Year 12 students start their HSC journey on a positive note by working consistently and efficiently, both at school and at home. Students are expected to spend between 2-4 hrs every day studying, summarising notes, practicing essay writing, working on assignments, etc.

Congratulations to all students who achieved great results in the 2013 NAPLAN tests. Staff are currently undertaking analysis work on the College's 2013 NAPLAN results so we can prepare for an appropriate action plan of improvement for next year. Specific students with certain literacy and numeracy weaknesses will be targeted for support and assistance soon.

Excellence

Christian

Values

Commitment

To support efforts in improving the student achievements, we will rigorously follow up on every absence and/ or lateness by our HSC students. Only legitimates reasons, such as illnesses or serious incidents will be accepted by our staff.

During yesterday's Year 12 Assessment Information Evening, students received the Year 12 Assessment Information Booklet. This booklet contains all relevant assessment protocols and procedures as well as assessment schedules covering all subjects.

A number of students across 7-10 continue to ask teachers to leave the classroom to drink water and to go to the bathroom. Despite raising this issue with our students a number of times this year, this remains a problem. High School students are expected to be able to manage their recess and lunch time efficiently and appropriately so there is no need to interrupt the teacher and the lesson as they seek leave out of class. I ask that parents discuss this issue with their child to ascertain whether or not their child is amongst this minority and to provide advice to him/ her if that is the case.

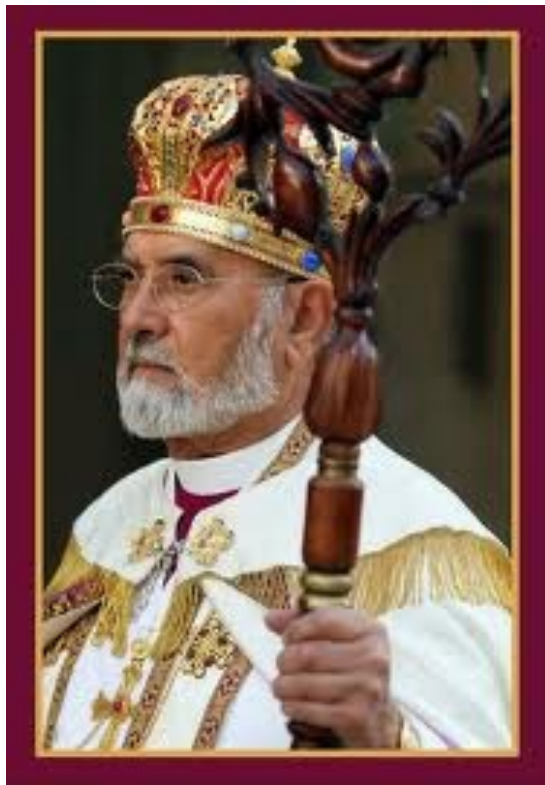
As we move to week three of this final term of the year, students (Years 7-10) are reminded that as they complete current assignments or assessment tasks they should prepare early for end of year exams in the next few weeks. Students should also be making sure that all their book work and revision notes are complete and up to date.

Thank You,
Mr. E. Dinkha

From the School's Chaplain

17th of October marks the 37th anniversary of the Consecration of His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV as the Catholicos Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East.

- H.H. Mar Dinkha IV was born in the Assyrian village of Darbandokeh located in the sub-district of Harir, North of Iraq in 1935.
- The Catholicos Patriarch was ordained as a Deacon in 1949 and a Priest in 1957.
- He was consecrated as Bishop of Tehran, Iran in 1962 by His Holiness the late Mar Eshai Shimun Catholicos Patriarch.
- His Holiness was consecrated to the Apostolic See of Seleucia-Ctesiphon as Catholicos Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East on 17th October 1976



God Bless

Rev.Fr. Ninos Elya

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
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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 about, and we will always listen and try to understand.



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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