



# St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

## *Harp of The Spirit*

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

Issue 12 Term 3 20/9/2013

#### **COLLEGE EVENTS**

Monday 7/10/2013  
Public Holiday Labour  
Day

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Tuesday 8/10/2013  
School commences  
term 4

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Monday 14/10/2013  
2013 HSC Examinations  
Commence

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Tuesday 15/10/2013  
Year 12, 2014 HSC  
Course Information  
Evening at 7pm

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Wednesday  
16/10/2013  
2013 year 7 Students  
and year 9 boys Vac-  
cines (3) visit, HPV ,  
Hep B, Varicella

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#### **Dear Parents and friends of SNACC**

As this is our last newsletter for this Term, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and commitment to your College .This is the last day of Term three and we will be back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, as Monday is the Labour Day which is a public Holiday.

Last Night (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September) was our year 12 students graduation Night, Congratulations to the students and their parents for this great achievement, after 12 years in Assyrian Schools they have finally completed their study requirements and fulfilled all the courses set up by the Board Of Studies of NSW, all what is left now is the Higher School Examination which will commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. HSC exams will take place in the Assyrian Social Centre Auditorium supervised by employees from the Board of Studies, the grades received from the exams will be added to the marks gained from the school Assessments and the final grades will be published by the Board of Studies in December. We wish our students all the best for their upcoming exams and I hope they continue to study during these School Holidays.

The Graduation Ceremony was a great event commences with opening pray by the School Chaplain Father Ninos Elia. His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya attended the night and as always was brilliant and very pleased with the proceedings. His Eminence thanked all the guests who attended the Night, including the Reverent fathers of this Diocese, The Minister of Education The Honorable Adrian Piccoli, The Honorable David Clarke MLC, Mr Andrew Roohan member for Smithfield, His Excellency, Mudhafar Mustfa Al-Jbori the Deputy Consul General of Iraq, Dr Bushra Alobadi (IAUGF)

All year 12 students were issued with a special Certificates of Graduation in English and Assyrian Language and everyone was signed by His Holiness, The Patriarch of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, Mar Dinkha the 4<sup>th</sup> from Chicago as well as each student was presented with a special Cross issued by His Holiness and His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaya our beloved Archbishop presented these to the graduating students.

Also congratulation to all year 11 students and their parents as they have completed their Preliminary courses and now they have moved into year 12 cohorts where they will commence HSC studies next Term.

Thanks to our student Leaders of 2013, Captains, Vice Captains and prefects, they have now completed their Term of service at this college because they have graduated; we now have new group leaders from our New Year 12 students who will serve this community as student leaders for the next 12 months.

Our News student Leaders are:

Captains:

Andrew Yako

Mariam Wilson

Vice Captains:

Dinatra Misho

Domarena Shahen

Prefects:

Liana Alkhas,

Benel Jiri

Grace Emmanuel

Ilona Shalo

David Daniel

Mariana Benjamin

Georges Youkhana

Domarena Shmo

We thank these students who have accepted the responsibility of leadership in this school and we wish them all the best, also congratulations to the parents of this group of students who have been nominated and chosen for their role as student leaders at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College starting next Term and until they graduate in September 2014

God bless you all and have a great Holiday next two weeks.

John Haskal



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our third group of Year 12 students for their graduation from St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College this week. Parents and teachers deserved the recognition they received from our Archbishop Mar Meelis Zaia AM for their contributions to the success of these students. A particular credit goes to our beloved Archbishop, His Beatitude Mar Meelis Zaia AM for his continued support and leadership to our schools and community.

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The 2013 Higher School Certificate Examinations will commence on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. These exams will take place in the school hall and students need to be very familiar with their exam timetable. It is recommended that students are ready outside the exam hall at least 10-15 minutes before the start of each exam.

The final HSC exam is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Students are required to return borrowed text books, laptops and a completed Student Clearance form by this date to the school office.

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As we look forward to another term after the two week term break, parents are reminded to check that their children have correct Summer Uniform for term four. The school bag, hat and sports uniform are also part of the college uniform that all students are expected to have. Term four will commence on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October and students need to be reminded that their End of Year Exams are coming very soon as follows:

Year 10 Exams (8 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Week 5 (4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Year 7 & 8 Exams (15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Week 6 (11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Year 9 Exams (22 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Week 7 (18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>th</sup> Nov)

We have been informed that the release of the 2013 NAPLAN student reports will be delayed until next month. The following is a message from ACARA about this issue:

*The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised of a delay in the national distribution of NAPLAN student reports to schools. ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average marker in the Year 5 and 7 NAPLAN student reports for Language Conventions. ACARA is devising a strategy to address the issue, which will delay the distribution of student reports to schools.*

*It is anticipated that the 2013 NAPLAN student reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8–11 October 2013, with distribution of the reports to parents to occur in the week Monday, 14 October to Friday, 18 October 2013.*

I wish all students a safe and pleasant break.

Thank You,

E. Dinkha

*Excellence*

*Christian*

*Values*

*Commitment*

# Office Announcements



In recent times, there has been a significant spike in the number of students arriving late to school. This is a very serious matter and needs to be addressed immediately by all stakeholders.

This is a friendly reminder that the school warning bell rings at 8.25am. The purpose of the warning bell is to give students the chance to go to their lockers and collect what they require for periods 1 & 2 and make their way promptly to their Pastoral Care (PC) class.

The school bell rings at 8.30am and it is expected that all students be in their PC class to begin school. It is strongly advised that parents/guardians drop their

kids off at school between 8– 8.20am, to avoid running the risk of students being marked late against their record. From next week, the main school gate will be closed by 8.25am.



Adding to this, Centrelink provide payments to some parents who have children of school age to assist in their educational needs. These Centrelink payments have requirements that the students are expected to satisfy and punctuality is a major criteria.

Centrelink will now be notified of any students with irregular attendance to school. Students whose parents receive Centrelink benefits, may see a deduction in their payments. To avoid this situation, we ask all parents and guardians, again, to bring students to school promptly on or before 8.20am.

# Office Announcements

## Immunisation Reminder

Visit 3 – **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Time : 8.30 start

### **All year 9 boys**

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)

### **All year 7 boys and girls**

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis ( whooping cough) vaccine

Hepatitis B vaccine

Varicella ( Chickenpox ) vaccine



## Lost Property

The numbers of lost or unclaimed uniforms are increasing at the front office. It is essential for student to write their names on their uniforms so it's easier for us to identify the owner and return it back. Parents are welcome to come to the office and look for their children's lost property.

The following clothing has been handed in as lost property with no names to identify the student.

Sports Jackets x 5

Sports Pants x 2

Blazers x 3

Knitted Jumpers x 4

Sports top x 1

Tie x 1



# College Events

## Year 7 Excursion

### Nicholson Museum and the IMAX Theatre

Year 7 were all buzzing with excitement! The buses were ready, the students into groups and everyone got onto the bus ready for the long ride ahead. The University of Sydney was full of students walking to their next classes. Year 7 watched them come and go. The university was huge and beautiful. Our guide was finally there and we walked into the museum doors. Everything was beautiful. We even saw a Lego model of the Acropolis!

Pots and statues, bones and mummified baby feet. They had it all. It was becoming clear to the guide that her group were growing restless to see the mummies. She kept us waiting. She took us out of the museum and walked us down a set of long and elegant stairs. "When you go in, don't touch anything." She warned. We walked in wore some gloves and sat down. It was amazing! We were sitting centimetres away from real, touchable artefacts that existed from 5000BC and came from all around the world. We had to pick an object, draw it and answer archaeological questions about it.

After that our guide took us back to the museum. It was the time everyone had been waiting for, the ancient mummies from Egypt. It was everything my group dreamed of. The linen and masks, the amulets and brightly decorated coffins but most exciting of all we saw real mummies that had lived thousands of years ago. Everyone agreed that the museum was one of the greatest experiences we had ever had.

We then arrived at the IMAX where we viewed a 3D movie called Egypt 3D. It was absolutely wonderful and I thank the teachers who organised the excursion.

By Edessa Shmoel



**Year 7 Excursion**  
**Nicholson Museum Sydney University**  
**And IMAX Theatre**



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## Camp Narrabeen- 2013

From the 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of September, our year 9 year group attended the annual camp at Narrabeen Sports and Recreation Centre.

The objective of this Camp was not only to use the outdoor environment to meet mandatory PD/H/PE syllabus outcomes, but also to foster the personal growth and team building skills of the Year 9 students.

Students had a wonderful experience participating in recreational activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, high ropes and initiative games. They also had a reflection night with Reverend Father Nenos and a trivia night, which had year 9 singing at the top of their lungs!

Students were under the supervision of Miss. Eishou, Mr Oraham, Mrs Tatian, and Mr Bataro along with trained Camp staff running the recreational activities.

Thanks to all the kids that took part in this year's camp, it was a great success.

**Miss Eishou**

**Year 9 Advisor**



# Graduation Ceremony

class of  
2013





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**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

*Thank you to*

**Bonnyrigg Garden Centre**

For donating beautiful plants for

**School Hours**

8:30am  
To  
2:50pm

**Office Hours**

8:am  
To  
4pm  
Monday to Friday  
Tel: 9753 0700  
Fax: 9753 0800

**Website**

[WWW.mnac.nsw.edu.au](http://WWW.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](http://www.parentline.org.au)

673-683 Smithfield Rd, Edensor Park NSW 2176

T: 9753 0700 F: 9753 0800

E: [info@mnac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@mnac.nsw.edu.au) W: [www.mnac.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mnac.nsw.edu.au)



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