



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

# *Harp of The Spirit*

N e w s l e t t e r

## **COLLEGE EVENTS**

**Monday  
24th March 2014  
College Assembly 2013  
Dux Presentation**

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**Friday  
28th March 2014  
Special Assembly- His  
Eminence Mar Meelis  
Zaia will be the guest  
Speaker**

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**Dear Parents and friends of SNACC**

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Towards the end of last school year, we engaged Mr. Aldo Rufo, deputy principal of St Hurmized Assyrian Primary School, who worked as a Facilitator with a committee of teachers from St Narsai to develop a Strategic Plan for our school for the next three years. I wish to thank Mr. Rufo for the time and effort he put into gathering and processing information, I also thank all the parents, students and School Staff who took the time to fill in the survey sheets. The strategic plan is now completed and each faculty is responsible for a section of the plan.

Year 12 half yearly exams will start soon, can you as parents encourage your son/daughter to study, all marks received by students will be added to their final School assessment and later on sent to the Board of Studies. We wish year 12 all the best in their exams.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a special school Assembly; all parents are invited to attend the Assembly as His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaia AM will deliver a power point presentation about St Narsai building project. The assembly will start at 9.30 am in the Assyrian Social Centre (Nineveh Club) auditorium.

Year 7 camp seemed to be a great success thanks to Mrs. Kaya the year 7 advisor as well as Rev Father Nenos our school chaplain and a number of other year 7 teachers attended the camp and spend two Night at the beautiful site of Narabeen North of Sydney. I visited and saw the students involved in Canoeing and other activities. Many thanks to all the teachers and instructors who helped and supervised our children.

God Bless

J Haskal



## Dear parents, students and friends,

### Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

As we come closer to week 9, I extend my best wishes to our Year 12 students as they prepare to embark on their first exams period in their HSC course. A good number of these students have demonstrated consistent commitment towards their studies and are likely to achieve outstanding results. It is crucial that all students spend the majority of their time in the next two weeks studying and revising for the exams and isolating themselves from all distractions.

I have chosen some exam preparation tips from an educational website in the hope that it may be of use to the Year 12 students:

- Revise well and test yourself as you go
- Work through past exam papers or questions in exam conditions
- Anticipate the format of different exams
- Learn material differently for different subjects and for different exam styles (short-answer, essay, multiple-choice, etc...)
- Practice timing yourself in exams
- Look for gaps in knowledge
- Test yourself on topic summaries
- Concentrate on:

- vocabulary, technical terms, definitions
- summaries of points
- formulae, rules, diagrams, charts, maps
- ability to understand relationships

All students receive Examination Notifications and Revision sheets from each of their subjects prior to the exam week and are well supported by their respective subject teachers in the lead up to their exams.

The following excerpt, which is part of the “*Conduct during the examinations*” section of the **HSC Rules and Procedures Guide**, highlights the importance of students adhering to examination rules:

*You must follow the supervisors' instructions at all times, including if there is a disruption such as a blackout.*

*(iii) You must behave in a polite and courteous manner towards the supervisors and other students.*

*(iv) You must NOT:*

*(a) take a mobile phone or programmable watch or device into the examination room*

*(b) take any electronic device, including a digital media player or electronic tablet, into the examination room, unless approved by the Board of Studies*

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## The importance of reading

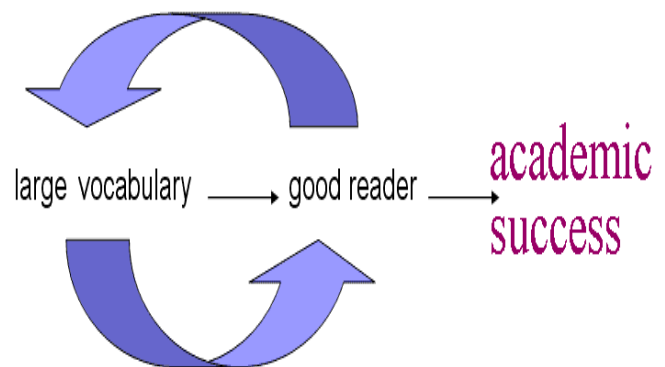
This short article supports our regular emphasis on the importance of reading for all our students.

*“Educational researchers have found that there is a strong correlation between reading and academic success.\* In other words, a student who is a good reader is more likely to do well in school and pass exams than a student who is a weak reader.*

*Good readers can understand the individual sentences and the organizational structure of a piece of writing. They can comprehend ideas, follow arguments, and detect implications. They know most of the words in the text already, but they can also determine the meaning of many of the unfamiliar words from the context - failing this, they can use their dictionary effectively to do so. In summary, good readers can extract from the writing what is important for the particular task they are employed in. And they can do it quickly!*

*Educational researchers have also found a strong correlation between reading and vocabulary knowledge. In other words, students who have a large vocabulary are usually good readers. This is not very surprising, since the best way to acquire a large vocabulary is to read extensively, and if you read extensively you are likely to be or become a good reader!*

*So if you want your child to be successful at school encourage him or her to read. Reading non-fiction in English is probably the most important, but English fiction and any reading in the mother tongue - if done extensively - will help your child develop the reading competence that is essential for academic achievement.”*



<http://esl.fis.edu/parents/advice/read.htm>

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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