



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

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Staff Development Day
(Pupil Free Day)**

Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

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We are almost at the end of another school Term. I would like to thank all parents and guardians of our students who have supported our school throughout this Term.

Year 12 students are busy doing their Half yearly exams , they need your prayers and encouragement to do well and hopefully pass their exams with high grades .

The Interim reports for this Term will be distributed to all parents next week .

Thanks to Mrs. Ramsina Lee, who has worked very hard to establish a Parents and Friends Association committee for St Narsai Assyrian Christian College, we have now 10 volunteers of mothers who are willing to work with school staff to make our College a better place for our students, thank you ladies, now we need some fathers as well to come along and be part of our team.

We will have a full school Assembly on Thursday 10th April in the Auditorium of the Assyrian Social centre at 1.15 pm and will be our pleasure to invite all parents of our students to attend, we will have some guest speakers at the Assembly.

This first Term will end on Friday 11th April and the school will reopen for Term 2 on Monday 28th April. We wish you a very happy, safe and holy Easter Holiday

God Bless

J Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear parents, students and friends,

For more than a week now, students have been actively engaged in fundraising for our current ACERO project (assisting Assyrian refugee families who have escaped the war in Syria and are currently in Lebanon). The project was launched last week in a College Assembly by the College Chaplain, Fr. Ninos Elya and we are very pleased with our students who have embraced this worthy cause.

We still have one more week and we need everyone's support to reach our \$5,000.00 goal by next Friday.

Quality Teaching at SNACC

In the last few weeks, teachers from the English, Science and Maths departments have been busy working on improving teaching and learning programs in their respective areas. Consultants from the Association of Independent Schools (AIS) were invited to provide training for staff from these three key learning areas (KLA's) to help them with the implementation of the new NSW syllabuses, which started in 2014 covering years 7 & 9. The next phase in this implementation process will cover years 8 and 10 in 2015.

In addition to this initiative, all staff members have access to other professional learning opportunities that help develop a strong teaching team at SNACC. The next such whole staff development day is scheduled for 5th May 14 (second Monday of Term 2), where staff will receive training on differentiated instructions.

NAPLAN Reminder

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

TUESDAY 13 MAY	WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

Friday 16 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

Interim Reports 2014

By now every parent or guardian would have received their child's Interim Report, which gives a snapshot of the individual student's academic progress to date. It is expected that this report and any subsequent teacher/ parent interview will be the basis for a constructive discussion in the family about the student's academic progress to date.

The first Semester report will be produced at the end of next term and will be based on assessments and the half-yearly exams, which will take place in weeks 4-7 for years 7-11. So while we would like students to enjoy a well deserved break from school during the term holiday, there is also space for school work that may be necessary to many students.

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Christian
Values
Commitment**

Students could read books or novels they enjoy and/ or revise their study materials, complete outstanding assignments or tasks, or just study from their prescribed texts. As ESL learners, many of our students must utilise all opportunities to enhance their personal academic skills to be able to compete with other students across the state.

Happy Assyrian New Year to all

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha



Bring It On Festival 2014 is one of the biggest annual youth week events in NSW.

There are 3 live stages of entertainment that will last the entire day. A Battle of the Bands style event will be held at 11:15am and will go until 12:35pm. SNAC will be participating in this School Challenge with band members comprising from Years 10, 11 and 12. It would be great to get as many members of the SNAC community there to cheer our band on!

AKAD UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms are now in stock and available from AKAD uniform store

Open Monday and Tuesday

9am-11am

Wednesday

2:30pm-4:30pm

7-9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park

9753 4185

School Hours

8:30am

To

2:50pm

Office Hours

8:am

To

4pm

Monday to Friday

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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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