



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

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Dear Parents and friends of SNACC

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Welcome back to Term 3 of this school year, we hope that you and your family enjoyed July School break .This is the last school Term for year 12 students as they will graduate from this school on Wednesday 17th September.

Higher School Certificate Trial exams of year 12 will start on Monday 28th July and will continue until 5th August, we keep them in our minds and pray for them in this very important time of their life.

Next week we have scheduled interviews with all parents who have applied for an enrolment position for their child in our College for the 2015 school year, if you are one of those parents please make sure that you are on time and if you cannot attend the meeting then please contact the office and make an alternative schedule for another time.

I would like to thank Rev Father Narsai , father Nenos and Deacon Raman youkhanis for organising a great Tour of the Holy Land in the July Holidays, There were 180 travellers who had a great time we visited the sacred spaces in the Holy Land including the Tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ, The stations of the Cross and many churches in Jerusalem as well as Jericho , Haifa , Sea of Galilee , The Jordan River where Our Lord was baptised and the Dead Sea, we had some parents from our schools with us as well as families who all had wonderful tour.

Thank you and God bless you

Mr. J Haskal



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear parents, students and friends of the college,

Welcome back to the second half of the 2014 school year and the many more opportunities for our students to succeed, excel and enjoy school life. Congratulations to all students who achieved great results in Semester One. Your sustained effort in class and at home has paid off. Well done and keep up the good work.

Students who felt disappointed with their results need to reflect on the reasons for these results. They are reminded that they have the opportunity to improve their results through consistent hard work, more organisation, positive attitude towards studies and improved study discipline.

Students in years 7-10 will be working to complete the rest of their courses in the lead up to end of year exams in term four. Year 11 students will be sitting their end of year exams in weeks 8-10 this term as they prepare to commence their final HSC year in term four.

After analysing Semester One results, teachers within their respective key learning areas (KLA's) have commenced work on improving their teaching practices to enhance student's learning opportunities in the classroom. This week's staff development day was a valuable opportunity for teachers to augment their teaching and learning resources.

HSC Trials Exams

Year 12 students will be sitting their HSC Trials Examinations next Monday. These exams will continue for seven school days, until Tuesday 5th of August. We wish our Year 12 students all the best and pray that they perform well in these exams and achieve great results.

I would encourage all students to continue to contact their respective subject teachers if they still need help with anything about subject(s) contents. Students are reminded to use available online resources, such as the *NSW HSC Online* resources for tips for exams and the Board of Studies *Online Multiple Choice* tests that covers many HSC subjects.

Where students have no scheduled exam for a day, they are permitted to stay at home and study for the next exam. Students are also permitted to leave school at the conclusion of the morning exam if they only have one exam in the day.

Year 9 2015 Subject Selection Information Evening

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend last week's Year 9 2015 Subject Selection Information Evening. The evening commenced with a Subject Market, where teachers had set up subject stalls displaying materials, texts and equipment relating to their respective subjects. Teachers answered many questions from parents and inquisitive students wishing to know more about elective subjects. This was followed by a formal presentation that discussed and explained the subject selection process. All students received a Subject Selection Handbook that detailed relevant and important information about electives.

At this stage, we are collating student choices and working out the subjects that will be offered next year.

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Values
Commitment**

Thank You,
E. Dinkha

Message from the Counsellor

Who talks face to face anymore? The pros and cons of Social Networking

The college has established a new series of updates via the College's Newsletter in informing parents with contemporary and daily aspects and issues young people face in this day and age.

Whether we like it or not, the internet (and all that comes with it: social media, online games, social networking) are here to stay permanently. This technology brings wonderful benefits to our daily lives, at the same time this technology has a dark side.

Facebook was originally created with the purpose of connecting family and friends near and far – a cheaper alternative to calling abroad and mailing out photos of the family to the odd granny living overseas. More than a billion people are registered on the Facebook site – one seventh of the world's population. Despite all its benefit, researchers have come across a phenomenon with Facebook.

Dr. Larry Rosen, a professor at California State University conducted a study about social media and found that over-dosing on Facebook (excessive use) may lead to the development of such psychological disorders in teens: Narcissism, antisocial behaviours, mania, aggressive tendencies, increased absence from school, stomach aches (missing out on meals due to preoccupation of social media), sleeping problems, anxiety and depression. These psychological disorders were also found in children excessively playing video games.



Dr. Rosen presented his findings at the 119th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association with his item entitled "Poke Me: How Social Networks Can Both Help and Harm Our Kids" based on a number of computer-based surveys distributed to 1,000 urban adolescents and his 15-minute observations of 300 teens in the act of studying.

On a positive note, one of the most interesting points from Dr. Rosen's research was the development of "virtual empathy" – ability to show virtual empathy for distressed Facebook friends.

Facebooker's Tip: in everything moderation works well, in everything there is good and bad. We just need to make sure we are taking the right dose. Too much is too bad, too little is no good. Everything in proportion makes sense.

Parenting Tip: "Communication is the crux of parenting. You need to talk to your kids, or rather, listen to them. The ratio of parent listen to parent talk should be at least five-to-one. Talk one minute and listen for five." Dr. Larry Rosen.

Source: The American Psychological Association. August 6, 2011.
<http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2011/08/social-kids.aspx>

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

0753 4185

School Hours

8:30am

To

2:50pm

Office Hours

8:am

To

4pm

Monday to Friday

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WWW.snac.nsw.edu.au

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Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or dial 000 if life is in danger.

Parentline

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Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call) - 24 hours a day, seven days a week-www.parentline.org.au

673-683 Smithfield Rd, Edensor Park NSW 2176

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