



HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the Principal

Edwar Dinkha

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

As students transition into the second half of term three, I invite parents/ guardians to set a time with their child/ children to check on his/ her progress at school at this point of the year. A good point of reference would be your child's Semester One Report that parents had received at the end of last term.

This is so important as how students respond to their subjects' demands will determine their success prospects. Unfortunately, some students can easily become distracted away from their studies and may feel unmotivated to engage in his/ her studies. In general, many students can struggle to live up to their potential in school. Below are some actions parents can use to help motivate their children about school and achievement:

- Get involved by showing interest in your child's schoolwork and academic progress
- Acknowledge and reward good effort, good results and study habits
- Help your child understand that failure is part of success, and that mistakes and setbacks are normal
- Seek external help, including online resources
- Connect with school and teachers

I invite parents and guardians to contact their child's subject teacher(s) or Year Co-ordinator for support as necessary.

It is crucial that we work together to support our/ your children to make sure they have a successful journey of learning and achievement at the college. We are here to help, and we are just a phone call away.

Year 7 2023

Congratulations to the 112 Year 6 students and their families for being successful in their enrolment applications for Year 7 2023.

We wish to remind members of our community that there are only limited places still available for the 2023 intake as we come closer to reaching the target enrolment numbers for 2023.

The College's 2023 planning is well underway, and I am delighted to learn that there is a lot of interest in the College's Selective Stream class running in 2023. More information on this program is available through the College's website.

I would also like to remind parents that the college is still accepting 2024 Year 7 enrolment applications. I take this opportunity to thank all Year 5 parents and families who have submitted their enrolment applications early. Our enrolment team is looking forward to meeting you and your children during enrolment interviews that will be announced soon.

Because of high demand, I urge all interested parents to submit completed enrolment forms so they can secure an interview this year and hopefully a place in the 2024 enrolments intake. Enrolment forms can be accessed from the College's website or by contacting our wonderful College Office staff.

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Year 12 2022

Well done to our Year 12 students for completing their Trials Examinations over the last three weeks. These students have since returned to their normal classes and resumed their revision work in preparation for the HSC examinations at the start of term four.

Many of these students are very busy completing their Major works or projects in preparation for marking by HSC markers very soon. We extend to these students our best wishes as they do their best to finalise their submissions in their respective HSC courses.

I commend our wonderful Year 12 students for their efforts in their HSC courses to date and I pray that they will continue to invest time and effort into their studies across their respective subjects.

I also wish to acknowledge our dedicated staff for their relentless pursuit to helping and supporting these students. I extend a special thank you to our valued parents for encouraging and supporting their sons or daughters as they work towards next term's HSC examinations.

As is customary at end of term three each year, we are finalising our plans to celebrate our Year 12 completion of their HSC studies by holding a special graduation ceremony.

This years Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place at Edessa Hall on Tuesday, 20th September 2022. We look forward to welcoming you- parent / guardians and families to this very special and wonderful event.

Year 11 Preliminary End of Year examinations

As I offer my best wishes to our Year 11 students as they prepare to sit their Preliminary End of Year examinations from Monday, 29th August 2022, I want to thank our dedicated staff and Year 11 teachers for all their work supporting these students and preparing them for these important exams.

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From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Mary Khina

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the College Community

Year 12

Year 12 students completed their Trial HSC exams and are now working with their teachers in preparation for the final HSC exams. HSC written exams will be held from Wednesday 12th October until Friday 4th November. All students can access their timetable via their NESA Students Online account <https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

A copy of the timetable is also available on the following site <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

The exams will be held in a COVID Safe way. Any student that has flu like symptoms on the day of an exam or has been advised to isolate by NSW Health, must contact the College and speak to Mrs. Khina. Details on the COVID-smart Protocols are available on the following site. <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/covid-advice/hsc-exams-and-major-projects>

Students should now be preparing for the final exams. Please discuss with your child their study habits and encourage them to set and maintain a study planner.

Prioritising their studies and limiting casual work and social events will ensure that students achieve their full potential. Teachers are always available to assist students with their preparation.

Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 Preliminary examinations will commence on Monday 29th August and conclude on Friday 10th September 2022.

Students were given the exam timetable earlier in the term. Teachers have been working closely with students to ensure that they are prepared for these exams.

As this is the last assessment task for most subjects in Year 11, students are encouraged to plan their study time to ensure that they are prepared to reach their full potential in the exams.

In recent years, Universities have been utilising Year 11 final grades when considering applications in Year 12 University applications. Therefore, it is vital that students put in their best effort with all their exams.

Students are only required to be at school on the days of the exams. They are not required to be at school if they do not have an exam but are welcome to use the library facilities to study.

Students are required to be at school by 8.20am for all morning exams and must remain for the duration of the exam.

They can go home after their exam is finished if they are picked up by a parent/carer. Students will not be allowed to catch public transport to go home after exams.

Please contact me if you have any questions on the HSC Exams, Year 11 Exams, or if you would like to discuss your child's assessments in more detail.

Year 7 2023 Selective Stream

Expressions of Interest for the Year 7 2023 Selective Stream will open later this term. More details will be published on our College website

Lateness to school

It is important that students are on time to school. Students not in class by 8.25am will receive a late note with a detention at recess

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From the Mathematics Department

Adwena David, Mathematics Coordinator

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

The Mathematics Faculty has had a very busy start to term 3, with more events lined up for the remainder of the term and school year.

Mathematics Enrichment Program

A new and exciting Enrichment Program was launched at the end of Term 2 that helps close the gaps in Stage 3 Mathematics and excel students working above their grade level. Under the supervision of Mrs Chhabra, Year 5 and 6 St Hurmizd Primary School students have been working on enhancing their numeracy skills, strengthening their foundation in Mathematics, and preparing them for secondary Mathematics.

Once the first cycle of this program has finished, students will be invited to attend St Narsai and follow a Year 7 class once a week and partake in their lessons. We are very excited to welcome our future students onto our campus and have them experience the life of a high school student.



Working Math Models

Our accelerated students explored the concept of mathematical working models and spent some time creating their own model that they showcased to all staff and students. Student's models ranged both in creativity and ingenuity. We saw a clever model that helped students with squared numbers, a model to teach students about the relationship of Pi and the circumference of a circle and an outstanding depiction of Pythagoras's Theorem.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for receiving the most votes for their working models; Fiona Bizhn, Sally Esttaifan and Athraa Goka.

Overall, we are very proud of the efforts all our students put in. Aside from the mathematical knowledge and skills, our learners gained skills in ICT, research, organisation, and project development, all of which are lifelong skills they can use in their future career paths.

With Term 3 halfway through and assessment due dates around the corner, I take this opportunity to remind students that Mathematics staff are available every morning in the library for students requiring extra help with their mathematics studies. Students are encouraged to utilise this resource and seek help when required.

We hope to see a growth in passion and excitement for Mathematics across the school as we continue providing opportunities for students to extend themselves and see the work of Mathematics and Numeracy around them.



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From the PDHPE Department

Hayley Virgo, Acting PDHPE Coordinator

Term 3 has seen the PDHPE classrooms come alive with excitement and creativity.

Our students have challenged their learning to enable them to achieve their personal best and have enjoyed developing their movement skills in a variety of sporting contexts.

Juniors

Year 7 students have been examining the impact of drug use on individuals and the community, where Year 8 and 9 PDHPE have been exploring the healthy, balanced lifestyles.

Students throughout their chosen elective PASS classes have enjoyed exploring a range of learning tasks that will provide them the opportunity to further develop their skill set and their understanding in sport and the future implications of drug use in sport.

Seniors

The PDHPE faculty would like to congratulate the Year 12 PDHPE and CAFS students on completing their trials. We hope that they are now better prepared for their HSC examinations as they continue revising. Year 11 PDHPE and CAFS students are currently preparing for their Preliminary examinations beginning in Week 6. We wish them luck as they complete their Preliminary studies.

I commend the PDHPE faculty on their hard work in supporting our students and will continue to work collaboratively to provide opportunities for students to engage in innovative learning experiences.



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From the TAS Department

Dragana Zivkovic , TAS Coordinator

Construction | New Year. New Challenges

Construction 2022 has been very busy building doghouses that look like real homes. The students have been constructing frames and outer walls.

These bad boys should be ready in the next 3 weeks.



11 Textiles and design

Textiles and Design stage 6 is designed to enable students to understand the significance of textiles and to develop confidence and competence in the selection, design and manufacture of textile items.

During this term, year 11 textiles and design students were working on a mini major project of their choice to enhance their skills and competency for year 12 course. They are designing a folio alongside with manufacturing a textile item that consists of elements and principles of design as well as constructive techniques.

Year 8 Technology Mandatory

Stage 4 technology mandatory enables students to become responsible users of technologies and designers of solutions.

During this term, students developed skills in producing and evaluating solutions to identified needs and opportunities. They have been learning about the safe use of digital platforms and the concept associated with it.





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SNACC LEARNING HUB

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Library News

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022



This year, we celebrated Book Week through various activities held in the library during each Break 2. Students had the option to participate in any event of their choice from the following -

Monday: Manga Mania Trivia

Tuesday: Writing and Illustration Competition

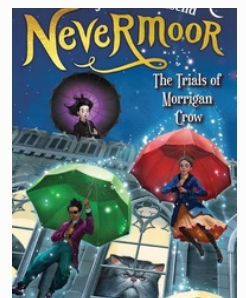
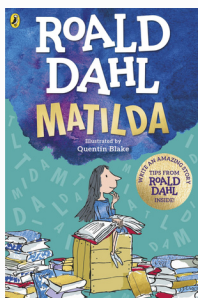
Wednesday: Disney Lovers Trivia

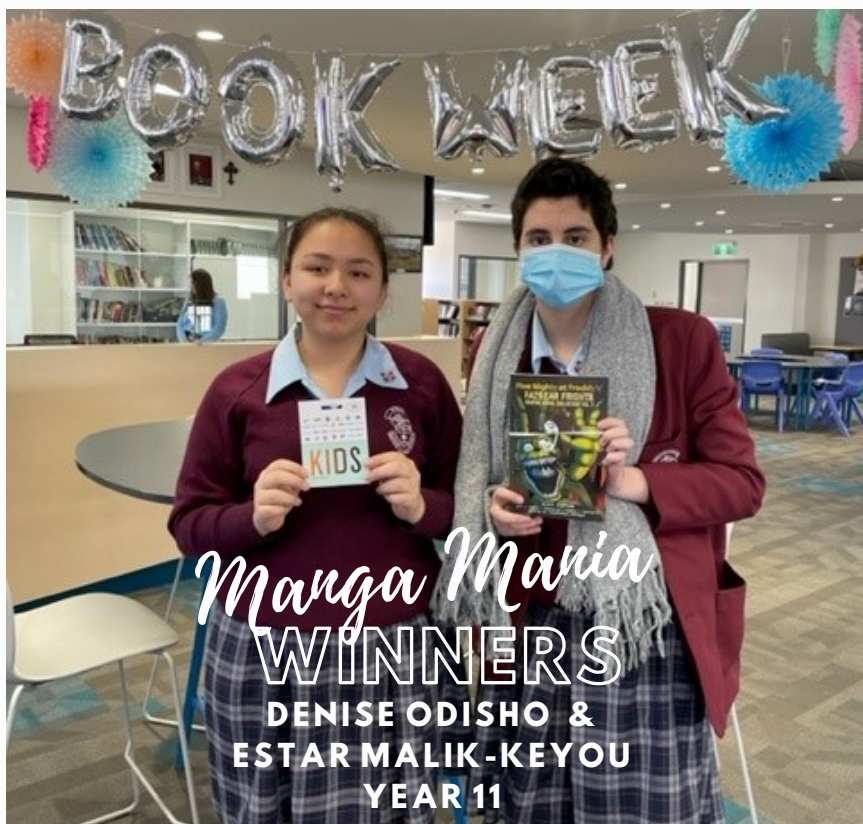
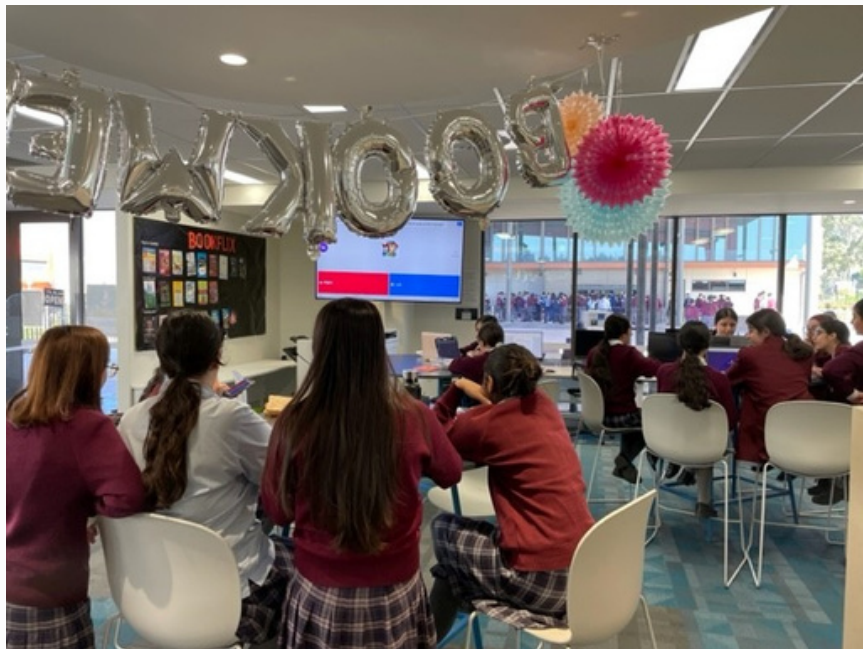
Thursday: Book Mark Making & Meet the Creators (video)

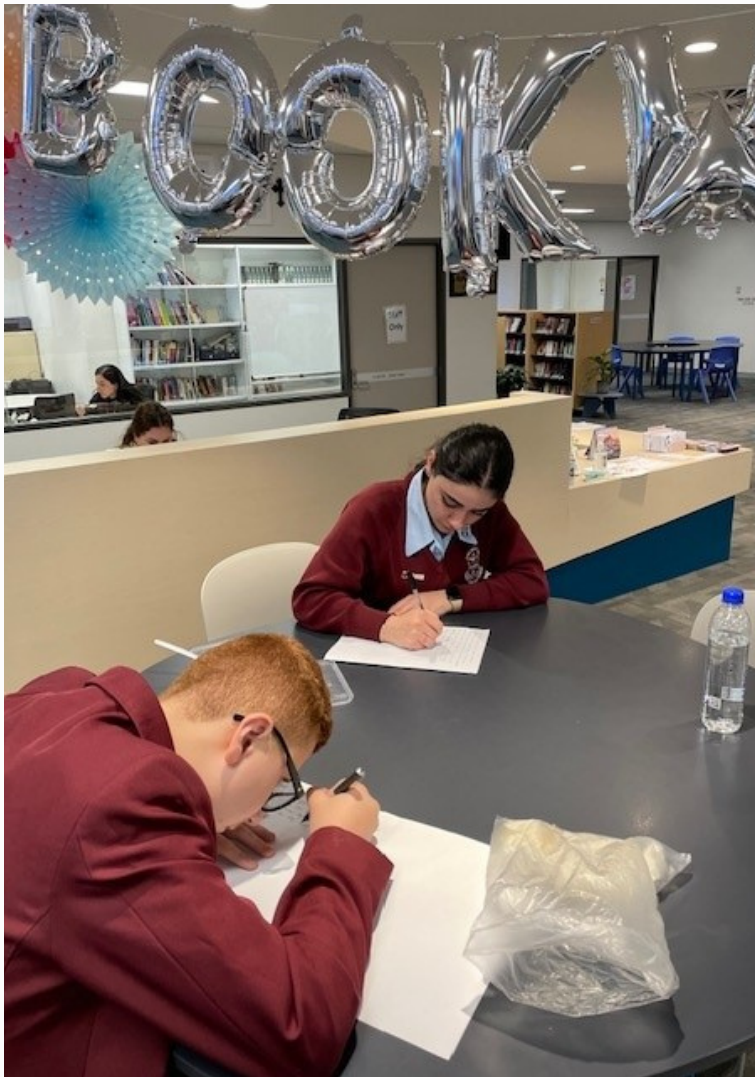
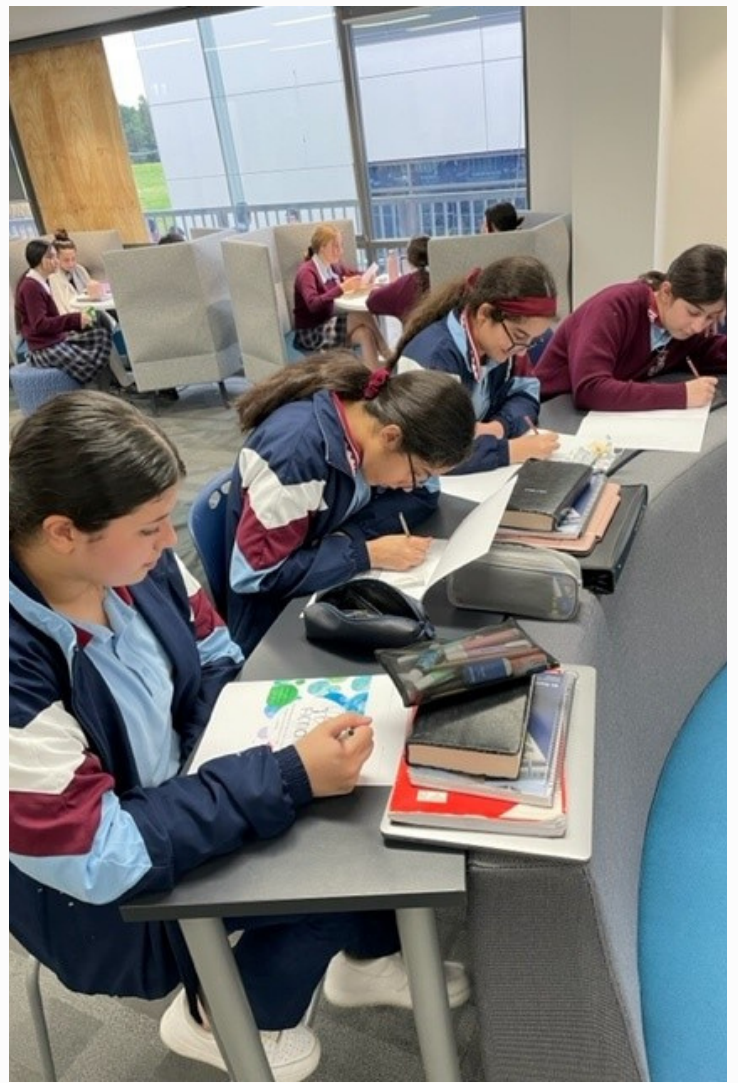
Friday: Harry Potter Pop Quiz

Overall, it was an exciting week of fun activities to celebrate the importance of leisure reading.

Congratulations to all our competition and trivia winners who were awarded vouchers and book prizes!







workplace/
school-based
drama

magic

feature the
phrase
"the door is
open."

a key

Flash
FICTION

Write/illustrate a short story based
on one of the themes in the
bubbles.

someone being
somewhere
they shouldn't
be

something
(or someone)
that's lost

Flash Fiction Competition WINNER

**JUSTIN ZAIA
YEAR 10**