



ST NARSAI ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

IN HIM WE GROW

HARP OF THE SPIRIT

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From the Principal

Edwar Dinkha

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Congratulations to our Year 12 students and their parents for the wonderful graduation ceremony earlier this week. It was great to acknowledge all our Year 12 students for successfully completing high school and the requirements for the HSC. It was also wonderful to witness students and their families showing genuine appreciation to college staff at the conclusion of the evening.

On behalf of all St. Narsai College staff, I congratulated the graduates for reaching the conclusion of their formal schooling and reminded them that they were going to face different societal challenges as they leave the safety of St. Narsai College and that they needed to always chose the right path and stay close to God.

All students were awarded their Year 12 Graduation Certificates and several students were recognised for coming first in subjects and others were presented with other Special Recognition Awards as follows:

The Mar Meelis Award for Contribution to the Religious and Cultural Life of the College: **Shana Mikhael**

St Narsai Award for Academic Achievement: **Rachel Toma**

St Narsai Deputy Principal's Award for Citizenship: **Marven Sabry**

Mulgoa Leadership Award: **Ganta Kina**

Ampol All Rounder Medallion: **Mariam Yousef**

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment: **Miriam Khiyo**

The Mayor's Community Spirit Award: **Sarah Dashto**

We wish our Year 12 students all the best and pray that they prepare well for their upcoming HSC exams that are scheduled to commence on Wednesday, 12th October 2022. We look forward to this year's HSC results and pray that our students will do themselves, their parents and us proud.

Year 7 2023 and 2024 Enrolments

I wish to thank all Year 6 parents for completing their Year 7 2023 enrolment applications and requirements this term. Year 7 2023 enrolments are now complete, and we have started a waiting list for any new applications from this point forward.

Next term, we will be conducting Year 7 2024 enrolment interviews for current Year 5 students and their parents, and it is pleasing to know that we have received many applications already. I urge other year 5 parents to contact our friendly office staff for relevant details so they too can secure a placement for their child at St. Narsai College in the 2024 intake.

Holiday Break

As I wish our students and their families a safe and relaxing two-week break, I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents for their support throughout this term and hope that all parents spend more time with their children with a focus on their children's wellbeing.

I also wish to thank our fantastic staff for their outstanding effort and passionate commitment to supporting their students across all levels in every possible way this term.

Thank You.

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From the Deputy Principal (Wellbeing)

Mary Ismail

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

Congratulations Year 12 2022

It's that time of year again, where we congratulate another wonderful group of Year 12 students on graduating from St Narsai Assyrian Christian College and wish them the best of luck in their HSC.

We have seen them grow into mature, faithful young men and women. We have planted the seed of faith, national and cultural pride and through the College's teaching we pray they remember our school motto that, *In Him, We grow*. We also pray they remember our Christian theme of 2022 and let their light shine through the school values of *Excellence, Commitment and Christian Values*.

P and F Burger Day Fundraiser

Another successful P&F fundraiser was held in week 9 of this term. Our burger day was a hit with all students and staff. Thank you to our parent volunteers Mr Apram Shlimon, Mrs Helen Pouranviev, Jene Korkees, Shamami Zaia, Mr Wilson Shimshon, and Mr Bethuo Bethuo for their time and effort in making the day such a success.

We also thank our wonderful students for their help on the day.

If any parents are interested in volunteering their time and helping in future P & F Fundraisers, please let Mrs Ismail know on 88181300.



PCYC Safe Driver course

Is your teenager getting their Ps?

Students are able to get 20 log book hours and get their P plates sooner through the Safe Driver Course provided by the Fairfield/Cabramatta PCYC (Police and Community Youth Club).

See the flyer for more details.

PCYC SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Get 20 Log Book hours and be ready for your P-plates sooner!

PCYC is the largest provider of Driver Education Programs in NSW. Book online today.

PCYC Fairfield Cabramatta Safer Drivers Course
Monday, 26th September 2022
Module 1 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Module 2 – 12:30 to 2:30 pm
2:30 to 4:30 pm
4:30 to 6:30 pm

PCYC IS LIFE CHANGING

Finally, I wish all of our staff, students and their families a fun and safe two-week break. Ensure to have some quality family time and moments that will make great memories.

God bless you all.

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From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Mary Khina

Dear Parents, Students and Community

I take this opportunity to thank all students, staff and parents for their efforts and support of student learning in Term 3.

2022 NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 students performed above state average in Writing and Spelling and out-performed Statistically Similar Schools Group in all the NAPLAN domains. They have shown significant improvements in all domains in both year groups. This is a testament to the hard work of both staff and students over the past two years of COVID disruptions. Please contact me through the College office if you would like to discuss your child's results.

We are now carefully analysing the results and looking for areas for improvement to ensure that we further develop in all areas as the students continue their learning journey. Term 4 will have a focus on literacy and numeracy preparations for the current year 8 cohort. St Narsai is also working with SHAPS to assist with the preparation of the current year 6 students for the 2023 NAPLAN exams.

A summary of our NAPLAN data is published on our website.

Some of the areas that we are working on in Term 4 include online programs such as Lexia and Mathletics for all Year 7-9 students. Students will be working on these programs in their English and Mathematics classes.

They are also required to complete the tasks set as part of their homework. Teachers are monitoring student performance and will be assigning classwork to develop students in these areas in addition to their regular English and Maths lessons. Please discuss with your child their access to, and progress in both of these learning tools. Encourage your child to spend at least 30 minutes per day on each of these programs for homework.

All students are encouraged to read at least 30 minutes per day to further develop their literacy skills. Students are also encouraged to use the upcoming school holidays to work on these programs to further develop their skills. As part of our Holiday Challenge, prizes will be given to the students that complete the most tasks on each of these programs.

Students need to bring their devices (laptop computers) to school every day to ensure that they are completing the set tasks including Lexia and Mathletics as well as other class tasks that require the use of computers. Please ensure that your child is charging their device so that it is ready to be used in class.

HSC Class of 2022

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022. It has been a pleasure to have taught all the 2022 graduates throughout their journey at St Narsai. I wish them all the best with their future endeavours and hope to see them back at St Narsai as part of our Alumni events.



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Now that they have graduated, students will now be preparing for the upcoming HSC exams in October. Teachers analysed the Trial HSC exams and tailored their teaching in the last weeks of Term 3 to better prepare their students for the HSC exams.

Teachers are also available during the weeks leading up to the final exams to answer any questions and check any practice questions from their students. We are hopeful that with the hard work of staff and students, students will receive pleasing results.

Preliminary HSC

Year 11 have completed their Preliminary examinations and achieved some pleasing results.

They will be commencing their year 12 course work in Term 4. Final Preliminary reports will be emailed to all Year 11 parents at the end of this week. Please contact the office by email info@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au if you have not received your child's report by Monday of Week 1.

Term Dates

2023 Term dates will be published shortly.

As we enter the term break, I encourage all students and parents to take time to rest and enjoy their break from schoolwork. I wish all the St Narsai families the best during the holidays.

Term 4 2022:
Students commence Tuesday 11th October.
Last day for Students for 2022 – Friday 9th December

Students need to be working on Lexia and Mathletics daily.
Please bring your devices to school everyday.

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From the HSIE Department

Sandy Nona, HSIE Coordinator

Dear family and friends of the St Narsai school community,

As we approach the end of term 3, it is a great opportunity to reflect on what was a busy and rigorous term at the college and for such reasons are looking forward to the well-deserved break. Two exciting events occurred this term within the HSIE faculty; National History Week and Market Day Stalls.

National History Week

National History Week is the annual, state-wide celebration of History organised by the History Council of New South Wales. The study of history is an important area of discipline for our learners as it gives them an understanding of the past and an insight into the future. During this week the faculty organised activities that learners participated in.

A history trivia was held at lunch covering various topics such as world wars, ancient wonders and historical people.

Learners also participated in a Guessing Competition where they had to guess various influential people in History such as Winston Churchill, Nefertiti and Genghis Khan. Learners also participated in a Scavenger Hunt where 10 artefacts were hidden around the college such as Tutankhamun and the Ishtar Gates.

Learners enjoyed looking for clues and being the first to find these in return for a prize.

I firstly thank the HSIE faculty for being part of the activities and their time and organisation to make this a success. I also thank the learners who participated and took part of the fun. We look forward to organising more activities next term for National Geography Week.

Year 9 Commerce- Market Day

This term, Year 9 Commerce learners were engaged in Market Day stalls. They have been studying the topic "Running a Business" and were given the opportunity to run a food stall as part of their assessment.

Some of the creative food sold included loaded waffles, ice cream and cookie sandwiches, ice cream and soda floats and American sour lollies. Learners also submitted portfolios where they had to undertake market research, SWOT analysis and a reflection on how their stall operated.

These amateur entrepreneurs have shown operational, marketing and financial skills for their assessments to be a success. Profits from the stalls were also donated to ACERO. I congratulate the learners on their efforts throughout this process.

This is just a small snippet of the wonderful learning activities and environments learners are engaging in within the faculty. Through the consistent support of the faculty, we pray that these learners continue to experience success in every aspect of their lives. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe break and look forward to writing to you next time.



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From the Assyrian Department

Yacoub Oraham, Assyrian Coordinator

During this term, Year 7 students have been learning about the context of 'My House.' The content exposed students to different types of dwellings and encouraged them to describe their house.

'My House' theme was about teaching students more adjective and sentence structure to describe their house thoroughly. I was amazed at the end of the term when students wrote well-structured sentences and used many vocabularies. This was evident in their Term 3 writing assessment.

Furthermore, Year 7 students researched in groups and presented a PowerPoint about different types of dwelling and they reflected their point of view when comparing between the benefits of either renting or buying a house and how this affects positively or negatively on each family.

Year 8

In Year 8 Assyrian, students had a more stimulating learning experience. They learned about 'Human Body' and 'Health'. Students learned about how to name body parts and describe their illness when visiting a doctor. Furthermore, they extended their knowledge to the relation between body parts and physical exercises to maintain their health.

The learning focused on describing how the structure of human body and the function of body parts that work by themselves and how they work in groups and systems to keep

us alive. I was impressed when students explained the function of different body parts and system. I was also happy that students linked the scientific view of human evolution with the Christian view of human creation. This was all evident in their writing Assessment.

Year 9

As for Year 9, students learned about 'Excursions and Picnic'. Students recounted their primary excursions and the school procedures including parents' approval to attend an excursion. On the other hand, students extended their learning to picnics and excursions that Assyrian community organise within different organisations and committees such as church and the traditional practices that they participate in when attending such excursions.



Year 10

Year 10 students started learning this term about work and employment. Usually, students at this age start looking for a job. Therefore, the focus of the unit was on explaining how students learn skills such as communication, problem-solving, individual, pair and group work, self-management and planning and organising within the school environment and demonstrate these skills within the working environment when finding a job.



This was demonstrated in writing their resume and learning and practicing effective communication skills with a job interview role-play that students performed in groups in Term 3.



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NAPLAN 2022 RESULTS

NAPLAN 2022 | Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 students on their outstanding NAPLAN results! Your hard work and determination have made the College community proud.

Read more about our NAPLAN 2022 results: <https://bit.ly/3dz95Qk>

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HIGH ACHIEVERS

YEAR 7 & 9 Students attaining highest Bands in all areas of Literacy & Numeracy (Grammar & Punctuation, Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Spelling)



Click on the link to see the full results

Gloria Narse	Hunter Benson	Manwei Barcham	Lelondra Kana	
Anthony Dashto	Mirael Isaac	Michelle Kamber	Elama Warda	Mary Sada

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YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Visit our College Facebook to view all the images.

