



# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

## From the Principal

Edwar Dinkha

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It was wonderful to welcome all students back to school as we journey into term four and the conclusion of the 2022 school year. Students returned from the term break with beaming smiles and renewed energy to learn and work alongside their peers.

In a college assembly two weeks ago, I welcomed back students and reminded them about the importance of working together to help improve learning outcomes to all as we prepare for end of term assessments. I also reminded students how important it was for all of us to meet the high expectations set for all of us in 2022 and how we would be rewarded by doing the right thing every day and making a concerted effort to improve our work ethics across all subjects.

We were delighted to announce in the assembly the 2023 Student Leadership Team. These students were congratulated for being selected to these very important student leadership roles as listed below:

**Captains:**

Jozef Al Ishaq  
Meera Qachi

**Vice Captains:**

Jeo Youssef  
Aniela Shemon

**Prefects:**

Franswa Lashko  
Jevara Ayoub  
Meshel Dhdl  
Orak Misho  
Antonella Mammo  
Athraa Sheebo  
Elissa Daniel  
Oneeta Benyamen

**2022 HSC Exams**

We extend our best wishes to our Year 12 2022 students and pray that they prepare and do well for their HSC exams that commenced on Wednesday, 12th October 2022. We look forward to this year's HSC results and again pray that our students will do themselves, their parents and us proud.

**Year 11 2022**

Congratulations to Year 11 2022 students for completing the preliminary HSC course requirements last term and good luck to all of them as they commence their Year 12 HSC 2022-23 courses this term.

On Tuesday, 18th October, the college hosted the 2022-23 Year 12 Assessment Information Evening for the new Year 12 students and their parents in building F. I reminded students that typical Year 12 students would spend 2-3 hrs every school day at home studying, revising, summarising lesson notes, practising exam type responses and working on assignments. I also emphasised that students should attend early to all assessments tasks as all are equally important and have impact on their final HSC mark.

Mrs. Khina (Deputy Principal-Curriculum) presented attendees with important HSC course assessment information, NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) assessment requirements and the school-based assessment procedures and protocols. Students who attended this presentation were given a copy of the current HSC Assessment Information Handbook that included all relevant assessment information, including assessment schedules of all subjects offered at the college.

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Students were also issued with a Year 12 Senior Student Agreement and both students and parents signed this agreement, which is a way to hold students to account in relation to meeting the college's academic high expectations.

## Year 7 2024

I wish to announce that we are now conducting Year 7 2024 enrolment interviews for current Year 5 students and their parents. It has been lovely meeting Year 5 students and their parents during enrolment interviews last week.

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.



**2023 Student Leadership Team**

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2023 Term 1 dates

Years 7, 11 & 12 commence  
Monday 30th January 2023

All other years commence  
Tuesday 31st January 2023

Term 4 2022:

Last day for Students  
for 2022 – Friday 9th  
December

## From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Mary Khina

Dear Parents, Students and  
Community

I welcome all parents and students to the last term of the year. With the end of the academic year approaching, and with only 7 teaching weeks left before the last day on Friday 9th December, all teachers are busy preparing their students for end of year tasks.

### Yearly Reports

Students in Years 7-10 have already started preparing for their final assessment tasks for the year. An exam timetable is available for all students in Years 7-10 on their cohort Teams page.

Please discuss with your child the upcoming tasks that they have. Providing them with a quiet area and time to study and prepare for their final assessment tasks and exams will benefit them to achieve their full potential.

All reports will be emailed to parents in Week 9 of this term. If you need to update your email with the College, please email us at [info@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au) to notify us of your email and contact details.

### HSC Exams

HSC Exams are continuing and will conclude on Friday 4th November. We continue to wish our Year 12 students all the best with the remainder of their exams.

### Literacy and Numeracy

One of the priorities of the College is to improve students' literacy and numeracy skills. We are working with all students in all classes to ensure that they are meeting the required literacy and numeracy skills for their year group. Students in Years 7-10 have been given online work on Mathletics and Lexia to complete in class and for homework. Please discuss with your child the amount of work they have completed on both programs. It is essential that students bring their devices to class everyday so that they can utilise these programs and other online classwork.

NAPLAN tests for Year 7 and 9 students in 2023 will take place on 15-27 March. Even though there is no specific preparation for the tests, students can complete online practice tests through Mathletics and Lexia as well as online through the website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### Year 12 2023

The Year 12 class of 2023 have now commenced their HSC coursework. An information evening was held for all students and their parents with details provided about the HSC coursework and assessment policy. Please discuss the contents of the assessment handbook with your child to ensure that they are prepared and following the course requirements. I wish all students the best as they commence the last year of their schooling career.

### 2023 Timetable

We are currently finalising the timetable for 2023. By Week 5 this term, students currently in Years 8 and 10 will find out which of their preferences they received and will study next year.

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## Calendar 2023



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### Key dates

#### Term Start and End Dates

- TERM 1**  
 Mon 30 Jan to Thurs 6 Apr  
 • Years 1 to 6 (SHAPS)  
 • Years 7, 11 & 12 (SNACC)
- TERM 2**  
 Tue 31 Jan to Thurs 6 Apr  
 • Kindergarten to Year 6 (SHAPS)  
 • Years 7 to 12 (SNACC)
- TERM 3**  
 Wed 26 Apr to Thu 29 Jun
- TERM 4**  
 Tue 18 Jul to Thu 21 Sep
- TERM 5**  
 Mon 9 Oct to Fri 8 Dec

#### School Holiday Dates For Students/Days Off

- SUMMER 2022**  
 Wed 21 Dec 2022 to Sun 29 Jan 2023
- AUTUMN**  
 Fri 7 Apr to Tue 25 Apr
- WINTER**  
 Fri 30 Jun to Mon 17 Jul
- SPRING**  
 Fri 22 Sep to Sun 8 Oct

#### School Development Days

- TERM 1**  
 Fri 27 Jan
- TERM 2**  
 Mon 24 Apr; Fri 30 Jun
- TERM 3**  
 Mon 17 Jul; Fri 22 Sep
- TERM 4**  
 Mon 11 Dec; Tue 12 Dec

#### Public Holidays

- New Year's Day  
Mon 2 Jan
- Australia Day  
Thu 26 Jan
- Good Friday  
Fri 7 Apr
- Easter Monday  
Mon 10 Apr
- ANZAC Day  
Tue 25 Apr
- Queen's Birthday  
Mon 12 Jun
- Labour Day  
Mon 2 Oct



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# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

## From the Christian Studies Department

Jessica Kako, Christian Studies Coordinator

Dear St. Narsai community,

We now enter the last term of the school year; a year that has so far allowed both staff and students to shine the Light of Christ in all aspects of the schooling environment.

Throughout term three, our staff and students have been partaking in the following activities:

### **Final Liturgical Service and Breakfast for Year 12 students**

After six years at the College it was only fitting that the St. Narsai graduating class of 2022 came together and gave thanks to our Lord for His guidance throughout the years and the years to come.

The graduating students partook in their final College Liturgical Service on Monday 19th of September with College Chaplain Reverend Father Shamuel accompanied by St. Mary's Pariah Priest Reverend Father Shlemon. After the Service students had their final breakfast, a perfect way to end their schooling years together.



### **Christian Studies Classroom Activities:**

In term 3, students spent this time focusing on saints and the sacraments of the Assyrian Church of the East. Throughout the unit students reflected on how they can implement the saint's characteristics and work into their own lives as well as focusing on the importance of sacraments in our daily lives.

Students were able to present what they had learnt through various modes from websites, poems to visual timelines. These forms all reflect the College's visible learning, literacy and numeracy initiatives implement school wide.

### **Websites**

1.

<https://stellakarowz.wixsite.com/my-site-1>

2.

<https://lianajendo.wixsite.com/sacraments>


3.

<https://justinzaia4.wixsite.com/sacraments>



# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

**THE MAN BENEATH THE SUN**



In the land beneath the sun,  
into a family where metropolitans begun,  
A man who would lead his people was brought forth,  
his heart was flowing with nothing but warmth.

Elesed with knowledge from above,  
He led his people in their time of need,  
through a world full of hatred and war,  
He was a beacon of hope for better times.

With the Holy Spirit running through his veins,  
He led the locusts that had struck the grains,  
to the heavens where they remain,  
healing the world's everlasting pain.

The sand in the hourglass of life nearly running dry,  
the end of this saint's mortal life was nigh,  
a man with a pure heart and soul,  
Whose body now rests peacefully in a hole,  
but he himself is by the Lord,  
in the land where we soon will go.

## Upcoming Events

Please make note of the following events St. Narsai students will be partaking in through this term:

Term 4			
Week	Date	Initiative	Year group involved
3	Monday 24/10	Morning Roll Call Prayer Service with Rev. Father Shamuel	Year 8 and 7
8	Wednesday 30/11	Whole School Liturgical Service (Raza Qadisha)	Whole school

## ALTRUISM

Born in the town of Bethsaida.  
The son of Jonah conveyed a fisherman.  
When the spiritual tide was favourable,  
Saint Peter was constantly available.

At the Sea of Galilee,  
Jesus began forming a family.  
Through calling out the names of Peter and Andrew,  
He was completely astonished by their virtues.

"Come, follow me" Jesus requested,  
"And I will make you fishers of men" He extended.  
Dropping their nets in a rush,  
They followed Him as if they were in a goldrush.

Denied three times,  
fearing for his safety,  
Peter knew he was guaranteed execution,  
if the authorities had come to his resolution.

Saint Peter you had worked for a cause,  
And not for applause.  
You lived your life with Jesus spiritually to express,  
Not to impress.

You had forgotten the risk of quitting your job and  
had taken the fall,  
Since if Christianity is what you want then it is  
worth your all.  
You taught us what it meant to aspire, to inspire,  
Before we expire.



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# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

## From the English Department

Amy Kurver, English Coordinator

This year, as an initiative to help support and improve students in Years 7-9 achievements in literacy, St Narsai Assyrian Christian College has purchased Lexia® PowerUp Literacy®. Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® is a computer-based program that adapts instruction to the specific needs of adolescent learners. The activities in PowerUp support and build on the English curriculum, focusing on developing reading skills in three areas: word study, grammar, and comprehension.

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® accelerates literacy development for students in Years 6-12 by enabling students to make multiple years of growth in a single academic year.

All students in Year 7-9 have received Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® usernames and passwords and they have completed their placement tests. These students are to complete a minimum of 125 minutes and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® each week, as a weekly usage goal. Consequently, students in Years 7-9 are using this program once a week in English and two times a week in Roll Call, which will assist them in meeting the weekly usage goal.

Any remaining time needed to meet the weekly usage goal is to be completed at home. In addition to this, your child will also have an opportunity to participate in a Summer Literacy Challenge, with prizes per cohort. (More details will follow shortly regarding the Summer Literacy Challenge).

We greatly appreciate your support and collaboration in ensuring that this program is used effectively to improve your child's literacy skills, so please ensure that:

- Your child is bringing a fully charged device with the charger to school each day.
- Your child is bringing earphones/pods to school each day.
- Your child is meeting the Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® usage goal of a minimum of 125 minutes and a minimum of 20 units each week.
- Your child participates in the upcoming Summer Literacy Challenge.

Further information on Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® can be found at:

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® Overview (1.48 mins) <https://youtu.be/sJ7PTstf1R8>

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® Students' experience (5.33 mins) <https://youtu.be/cZY8ymx1L3o>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Lynn Middlebrook (Stage 4 English Teacher, EAL/D, Literacy and Numeracy Facilitator) on (Ph) 02 8818 1300.

