



HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the Principal

Edwar Dinkha

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

College students and staff took part in this year's Remembrance Day that was held during a college assembly last Friday, 11th November. Students across the college reflected on and revisited the circumstances around World War One and the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers and all who served in defence of our great country- Australia. I take this opportunity to thank Miss. Nona, our HSIE Co-ordinator and other staff for organising this important commemoration.

Year 12 Formal

Our graduating Year 12 students celebrated their formal last Wednesday at Novella Venues in Horsley Park. Students kicked up their heels and had a good party as they celebrated the end of high school. Many staff attended the formal in support of our students and students said their final goodbyes to staff and the College. We wish our graduates all the best as they venture out towards life after high school and a bright future for all of them.

Year 7 2024

Thank you to all Year 5 parents who attended Year 7 2024 enrolment interviews at the college over the last few weeks and it has been lovely meeting Year 5 students and their parents.

This is a reminder to other Year 5 parents to contact our friendly office staff to organise an interview time and day in the last three weeks of this term so they too can secure a placement for their child at St. Narsai College in the 2024 intake.

Changes in Circumstances

I wish to remind our wonderful parents that it is crucial that they inform the college of changes in their circumstances and family situations. Important examples of possible changes include, but are not limited to, change of residential address, changes of phone number or email address, changes to the student's health information, including any prescribed medications for treatment of a known health condition, as well as other changes or important developments.

By informing the College of these and other changes, parents and guardians will assist us to care for and protect all students.

Thank you.



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Mary Khina

Dear Parents/Carers,

HSC Exams

HSC Exams concluded on Friday 4th November.

I commend all year 12 students on their resilience and perseverance through the exams and especially during the past couple of years affected by COVID disruptions.

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the end of the schooling journey for year 12 students at their formal. It was wonderful to see them all enjoying themselves.

Presentation Evening

The College Presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2022, 6pm, at Edessa Hall. We are excited to be organising this event again and inviting parents to join us in celebration of their child's achievements. Parents will receive an invitation to the evening closer to the date.

Years 7-10 Final Assessments

Year 10 students completed their Yearly exams last week. Students in Years 7-9 will be completing them from this week.

All students are encouraged to put in their best efforts and seek assistance from their teachers to ensure that they receive their best possible results for their final report at the end of this term.

Year 12, 2023

Year 12, 2023 students have now commenced their HSC coursework. An assessment evening was held for all Year 12 students and their parents.

Thank you to the parents that attended. These evenings are an opportunity for important information to be given and for parents to discuss any issues with their child's teacher(s). Students that did not attend had lunchtime sessions with the Year Coordinator, Mr. Moushi.

Year 12, 2023 have now commenced the HSC assessment tasks for their courses. They are all encouraged to put in their best efforts as their results will be cumulative for their final HSC marks.

Textbooks and stationery for 2023

Textbook lists for 2023 have been posted on the College website and on the cohort Teams pages.

All books are available through <https://endeavoureducation.com.au/>

Orders will need to be made online before Friday 9th December to ensure that they are delivered on time for the commencement of the school year.

Stationery requirements will be posted on students Teams pages.

At the minimum students will need the following stationery items for their classes:

- A 192 page exercise book
- Casio Calculator
- Black, Blue and Red pens
- Lead pencil, eraser and sharpener
- Highlighters
- Glue
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Coloured pencils
- Laptop device with earphones

All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

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School Uniform

All uniform items should be purchased from the School Locker before the end of year to ensure that they are delivered on time for the new school year.

As School Locker are currently relocating premises, they will be holding pop up shops on site at St Hurmizd's Primary School and St Narsai College. Sizes for St Narsai uniform will be available at both pop up store locations.



The poster features a background image of a clothing rack with wooden hangers. In the top left corner is the School Locker logo, which includes a shield with a cross and a crown. The main text 'POP UP UNIFORM SHOPS' is in large, bold, white letters on a red background. Below this, a red banner lists the dates and times for three pop-up shops: Monday 14 November (10am-2pm) at St Narsai, Monday 21 November (1pm-4pm) at St Hurmizd School Hall, and Monday 5 December (1pm-4pm) at St Hurmizd School Hall. The bottom section is titled 'Online Uniform Shop' and provides instructions for using the QR code to visit the online store at theschoollocker.com.au/schools/st-narsai-eastern-christian-college. It includes a numbered list of four steps: 1. Click on the item you would like to purchase to view the item detail page. 2. Select your size option. 3. Choose your quantity and click the add to cart button. 4. Complete your purchase by clicking on the shopping bag icon to access the checkout. To the right of the text is a screenshot of the online store interface with four numbered red circles highlighting key elements: 1. The item image, 2. The 'Add to Cart' button, 3. The shopping bag icon, and 4. The checkout button. Below the text is a 'Student Advantage Membership' section with a QR code and a 'WATCH VIDEO' button. At the bottom left are two QR codes labeled 'SHOP ONLINE' and 'WATCH VIDEO'. At the bottom right is the 'SCHOOL LOCKER' logo.

POP UP UNIFORM SHOPS

Monday 14 November 10am-2pm St Narsai
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Student Advantage Membership
Be sure to set up your free Student Advantage Membership. Login each time you shop online to access special pricing and ensure your school earns revenue from all your purchases. Scan the Watch Video QR code to learn more.

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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 Mathematics Department

Adwena David, Mathematics Coordinator

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

Early in May, our learners sat for their NAPLAN Numeracy and Literacy Examinations. The results have demonstrated exceptional gains in growth for the area of Numeracy. The mathematics department is proud of all Year 7 and 9 learners that have demonstrated exceptional growth, exceeding what was expected of them.

The hard work, dedication and persistence of both staff and students resulted in outstanding achievement and overall growth and progress in our colleges results. St Narsai students excelled in their examinations and placed our college in higher rankings in comparison to statistically similar schools. I take this opportunity to congratulate our top achievers in their numeracy examinations:



Year 7

Andi Somo, Gloria Narse, Hunter Benson, Isaac Al Ishaq, Leiandra Kana, Samuel Odisho and Seraphina Stephan

Year 9

Bahra David, Elena Aghajan, Fabian Adulahad, Joseph Zaia, Mary Sada, Nathan Shamon, Netanya Mammo and Stavro Ablahad.

With a strong focus on Numeracy throughout the year as well as strengthening the mathematical foundation of our students, the college has embedded the online tool Mathletics for all students in Years 7 – 9.

Reinforcing what is learnt in class and challenging students to go beyond their level, students have been using this resource in their mathematics classes and during roll call.

During Week 7 (21/11 – 25/11) students in Years 7 – 9 will be invited to participate in the Global Mathletics November Numeracy Challenge. We encourage all students to take part and place themselves, and our school, on the global leader board! During the summer break students will be invited to participate in the Numeracy Summer Challenge.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places in years 7 – 9. We greatly appreciate the support and collaboration of all parents and caregivers in ensuring students are utilising this program to assist in effectively improving their numeracy skills.

HARP OF THE SPIRIT



The banner features a green chalkboard background with white and yellow text. On the left, it says 'Mathletics' in a blue box, 'NOVEMBER NUMERACY CHALLENGE' in large white letters, and 'MATHLETICS' in a yellow box. Below this, it states 'Date: 21st - 25th November 2022' and the URL 'https://www.mathletics.com/au/'. On the right, a yellow box labeled 'INSTRUCTIONS' contains a list: '1. Login into your MATHLETICS account', '2. Go to PLAY', and '3. Click on LIVE MATHLETICS'. Below the instructions is a screenshot of the Mathletics website interface. The banner is decorated with yellow geometric shapes like triangles and a compass.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students who have concluded their studies at the college, in particular to our mathematical geniuses.

We look forward to seeing how you use the mathematical knowledge and skills you gained during your time at St Narsai in your future studies, work, and life experiences. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and pray that your future is bright and fulfilling.

Lastly, I pray that you and your family have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

May God bless you, guide you and protect you and your families and I look forward to seeing you for another year where we increase our mathematical knowledge and understanding, grow our faith and work on our spiritual walk with Christ.

HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the TAS Department

Technology and Applied Studies Teachers

Year 9 Textiles

Over this term, year 9 Textiles Technology have been working on their practical skills within the designing and the making of a Creative Cushion.

Students completed a design folio to showcase their research, planning and designing skills and documented their process. This year 9 class worked extremely hard and displayed fantastic skills within the textiles room thus achieving a great result.



Timber

Over this term, year 8 Technology Mandatory students learned to work with timber by developing manufacturing skills to construct a sound amplifier. They documented the procedure and design process in their design folio. They developed practical skills such as sketching, drawing, measuring, marking, cutting, joining, drilling, sanding and finishing.

This year 8 class worked extremely hard and displayed fantastic skills within the textiles room thus achieving a great result.



HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the PDHPE Department

Hayley Virgo, Acting PDHPE Coordinator

Term 4 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.

This term, Year 7-10 students participated in the CSSA Touch Football competition, playing against independent schools in the local area. It was a great opportunity for students to develop their skills and confidence on the field.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Alena Kando, Mr Luis Esia and Miss Robina Yonan for running training sessions and leading all three teams to success.

As junior students prepare for their yearly examinations, we encourage students to aim to do their best, but take time out for themselves to reduce stress levels and improve concentration. We wish all students luck in their final examinations.

The PDHPE faculty would like to congratulate the Year 12 PDHPE and CAFS students on completing their HSC examinations. We hope to see the fantastic results in the coming months and the hard work that they have put in over the last two years, pay off.

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.



HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the EAL/D Department

Lynn Middlebrook, EAL/D, Literacy and Numeracy Facilitator

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As mentioned in last week's assembly, 2022 students in Years 7-9 have an opportunity to participate in a Summer Challenge that commences from Monday 14/11/2022 and finishes on Friday 10/03/2023 that are listed on a bingo card. By completing the whole bingo card, students will be in the running to win great 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes that are awarded to 2022 students in Years 7-9.

The prizes per 2022 Years 7-9 cohort which will be drawn at random are:


- First Place is a Deputy Award + \$50 Big W gift card
- Second Place Year Coordinator's Award + \$30 Big W gift card
- Third Place Year Coordinator' Award + \$20 Big W gift card

As well as a beach party themed lunch for all participants that complete the Summer Challenge.

To go in the draw for prizes and to be part of the beach party themed lunch, students are to return their fully completed Summer Challenge bingo card with their full name and class, along with evidence of their work presented in a word document to Ms. Middlebrook by Friday 10/03/2022.

Summer Challenge bingo cards will be handed out in Roll Call. Year 6 students that are attending St Narsai Assyrian Christian College in for year 7 in 2023 can also take part in the Summer Challenge and will receive more information and their log in credentials during the Transition Day.

Please encourage your child to be part of the Summer Challenge and feel free to contact me via the office if you have any questions and or concerns.




SUMMER

BINGO CHALLENGE

Boost your literacy skills all summer long with these fun activities. By completing the whole board, you will be in the running to win great prizes that are awarded to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. First Place Deputy Award + \$50 Big W gift card, Second Place Year Coordinator's Award + \$30 Big W gift card and Third Place Year Coordinator' Award + \$20 Big W gift card. Please return your completed Summer Challenge sheet and work to Ms. Middlebrook by **Friday 10/03/2023**.

Student Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Create a presentation that shows how two sports are alike and how they're different. Use compare and contrast signal words and phrases like in contrast and similarly.	Weekly Lexia PowerUp Literacy usage goals. Each week, complete a minimum of 125 minutes of Lexia and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia.	Find a comic strip that shows a series of events. Without looking ahead, remove the last panel. Draw your own version of what you predict might happen next.	Start a word collection. Listen for words you don't know, look up their definitions, and write them down. Add a star next to each word every time you use it yourself!	Read a book and write a book review. Provide a summary of the book, whether you recommend others read it (why/why not) and give it a rating out of 5 stars.
With parental permission, watch a G or PG movie and write a movie review. Provide a summary of the movie, whether you recommend others view it (why/why not) and give it a rating out of 5 stars.	Weekly Lexia PowerUp Literacy usage goals. Each week, complete a minimum of 125 minutes of Lexia and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia.	Read two articles on the same topic. Use a Venn diagram to show which information is in both texts and which is in only one.	train • limit • staple • raise • crop These words can be a noun or a verb. Write two sentences for each - one using the word as a noun and one as a verb.	Find an example of each of these text features: a table of contents, an index, a glossary, a labeled diagram, a captioned photo, a heading, and a subheading.
innovation • result • productive • progress • consequence Look up the definition of each word and write it down. Then, write a paragraph using all five words.	In a book you're reading, find five words you don't know. Try to figure out the meaning by looking for clues in the words around it. Then, use a dictionary to check your guesses.		Weekly Lexia PowerUp Literacy usage goals. Each week, complete a minimum of 125 minutes of Lexia and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia.	Use the letters in Lexia Summer Reading Bingo Challenge to make as many smaller words as you can.
Weekly Lexia PowerUp Literacy usage goals. Each week, complete a minimum of 125 minutes of Lexia and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia.	Read a biography or an autobiography. List five facts you learned from the book.	extend • reinforce • construct • contribute • frequent For each word, write a synonym and an antonym. Then, think of your own set of related words.	Read a realistic fiction book. What lesson do the characters learn about life? Write a paragraph about this theme.	outline • coast • design • challenge • practice These words can be a noun or a verb. Write two sentences for each - one using the word as a noun and one as a verb.
Read a science fiction or fantasy book. Describe a character who reminds you of someone you know or a scene from the book that reminds you of something in your life.	Write at least one word for each of these Greek word parts: bio (life), phys (body), phon (sound), tele (far), micro (small), and biblio (book). Use a dictionary to help!	Weekly Lexia PowerUp Literacy usage goals. Each week, complete a minimum of 125 minutes of Lexia and a minimum of 20 units of Lexia.	Play a game of catch. Pick a prefix (multi- or anti-) or suffix (-ist or -ity). Say a word with that word part and pass the ball, thinking of a new word each time.	Read two books by the same author. Draw a Venn diagram to show what is similar and what is different.

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SNACC LEARNING HUB

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Library News

ALLEYES ON 'NEW'

At SNACC Learning Hub, students are encouraged to request titles and books of interest. Thus, increasing reading engagement and enjoyment.

Our 'NEW' section is constantly being updated according to student interest/requests and various books are added each week, after meeting the selection criteria.



TAKE A LOOK AT
THIS MONTH'S
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Fiction & Non-fiction
Bookshelves -3



Search our
library online
catalog for
new books
and
magazines

<https://snacc.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/home/browse/list>

“Eating and reading are two pleasures that combine admirably.”

C. S. LEWIS

Students are now able to eat their lunch while reading or working in the library!

STUDY WITH A VIEW

Escaping the cold winter mornings and windy afternoons never looked so good!



After months of re-designing the library space and acquiring new furniture to cater for our users, students now have various nooks and comfortable spaces to complete individual or collaborative activities/study.



FICTION & NON-FICTION BOOKSHELVES

For easy access to staff and students, bookshelves are clearly labeled, with an alphabetised fiction collection and non-fiction books arranged following the Dewey Decimal Classification system.

To further increase ease in accessibility and locating books according to interest, genre tags (such as sci-fi, adventure, mystery) will be added to the fiction collection in the near future.



For further information or support or to provide ideas and feedback, please contact us at library@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au

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Brave chess lovers can challenge our reigning champion Father Samuel to a game of chess during Break 1/ Break 2