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Principal's Message

Reflection

During the Term 3 break two of our staff members Ms Alexis Phillips and Miss Jessica Hughes celebrated the sacrament of marriage with their husbands. What a fabulous commitment and celebration.

In this week’s Gospel - God's details his original plan for marriage, a man and woman 'becoming one flesh'. This teaching is a call to each one of us to live out our own vocation in life as wholeheartedly as possible. We hope that Mrs Alexis Lawrence and Mrs Jessica McInerney continue to further live their life to the fullest.

What is happening at Hennessy

Higher School Certificate

We wish the Year 12 students and staff all the best as they begin siting their Higher School Certificate. I am proud of the manner in which the students have developed over the previous 18 months and have committed themselves to the task at hand.

NAPLAN

The College achieved the NAPLAN goal that it set at the beginning of 2012. Our goal was to have all Year 9 NAPLAN results above Australian averages. Whilst this is pleasing to achieve, we must continue to strive to provide an environment in which all students can grow and develop as individuals. Our glass is half full!!!

State Government Funding

It is extremely disappointing that the NSW Liberal State Government has cut funding to all schools. This cost cutting exercise will have significant implications at Hennessy Catholic College. Catholic schools manage to educate students (including school fees) at 90% of the cost of students attending a public school. To cut funding to schools is a backward step as we strive to educate our future generations.

At Hennessy we strive to ’...inspire futures of hope'

Exemptions for Student Attendance

Please note that all parents are now required to complete an Application for Student Exemption for all known future absences. The form is available on our website under News & Events - Forms.

Welfare

Year 12 begin their HSC on Monday the 15th October. Please keep them in your prayers and wish them well in their endeavours. They have worked tremendously hard and we are confident that they will experience great success. Thank you to all the Year 12 teachers who have continued to support Year 12 students over the holiday break by providing study sessions, feedback on essays and who have made themselves available to answer questions and provide support.

Year 11 have their HSC transition day tomorrow. Thank you to Mrs Hibbert who has worked tirelessly over the holidays preparing this day to ensure that Year 11 students are aware of the challenges and the format of their HSC for 2013. Lindy Billing our local BOSLO will be speaking to the students tomorrow about what to expect in their HSC. We are fortunate to have Lindy also presenting to the parents of Year 11 students on Thursday night from 6.30pm to answer any questions parents may have in regards to the HSC and what it means for their student. On the weekend we have our student leadership conference for our newly elected College leaders. They will be exposed to different ideas on leadership and challenged to determine the type of leaders they wish to be in 2013. Thank you to Mrs Hibbert and Mr Schmidt for assisting them in this process.

Year 7 to have a busy term ahead! They have work experience, social justice sleep-out, community service program, examinations, and a Year 11 readiness program at the end of the Term. Thank you to Miss Hughes who is working very hard to organise all of these events. Year 7-9 will be working on study skill development program in Week 3 to assist them in their preparations for their upcoming examinations. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mr Schmidt and Mr Mitchell for their organisation with the development of this program. Later in the term Year 9 will have the opportunity to volunteer for the Peer Support program to assist Year 7’s in 2013.

We have returned in Summer uniform. Please check the front of the College diaries for all uniform requirements. Students will be detained at recess if they are not in correct uniform. Students are not permitted to wear jewellery, nail polish or have more than one earring per ear. Excess jewellery will be confiscated, so please encourage your child to leave it at home.

If at any time you have any concerns with your child please make contact with the relevant Welfare Coordinators via email or by phoning the College.

Thank you for your support,

Nicole Morton
Acting Assistant Principal

Father Richard

Can we please keep Father Richard in your prayers as he assists the many people affected and still recovering from the Bali bombings.

Father Joseph

Is recovering in Wagga hospital following major surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Best of Luck

Anna Bewley is travelling to New Zealand later this week to compete in the Triathlon World Cup. This is a fantastic achievement and I am sure Anna will be competitive. We wish her all the best.

Dr Peter Webster

A message from Father Joseph

“Thank you very much for your prayers and support. As you may know already, I am having surgery on my colon on Thurs 4 Oct at Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga. (Fr Joseph was operating on and the surgeons are happy with his progress) I may have to be in hospital for one week and then I am planning to go to Lanigan House, Canberra for some rest and recovery. Please continue praying for me, so that by God's grace, I can go through it all successfully and return to Young as soon as possible. I love you all.”

My address in Canberra: Lanigan House, P O Box 5703, Hughes ACT 2605. Ph 6214 2009. Mobile 0447 795 332; Email jpm2125@yahoo.com

A message from Fr Richard: I have been invited by the Australian Government to assist with the 10th anniversary memorial service for the Bali bombings that took place on 12 October 2002. As I was intimately involved in the bombings and then the first memorial service in Bali and in Parliament House Canberra, I have accepted the invite. I will be away 9-19 Oct and Fr Allen has “command of the ship”. Please pray for the victims, the survivors, the families, the Balinese people and myself during
Basketball Skills & Drills Session

Basketball legend Natalie Porter, whom is an Olympic Silver Medallist and MVP will be conducting a basketball coaching clinic on Wednesday 24th October 2012 at the Young PCYC from 5pm til 630pm. Cost is $20 p/p and is open to Primary and Secondary School aged children. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn some skills and drills from top level coaches. To secure your position could you please email Fiona Tanner at feetanner@hotmail.com prior to the 18th of October. In your email could you please include the name and age of the child attending.

“Be coached by elite players & take your game to the next level”

Premier Barry O’Farrell has announced a $1.7 billion cut in education funding. This means fewer teachers, textbooks, support staff and resources for our local schools. Please sign our petition. This can be located on the website under News & Events - Forms.

Assessment Schedule Term 4

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Exams: Maths, English, History, RE, Science, Music

IST, Elective: History, practical tasks.

Sacred Heart School
Cootamundra
GARDEN VIEWING DAY

DATE: Sunday 4 November 2012
TIME: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
ENTRY $10.00 per adult for the 4 gardens
Children free of charge
Maps and entry available at all gardens
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS,
PLANTS and STALLS at the GARDENS

Best wishes Year 12 for your upcoming HSC Exams!!