Hennessy Catholic College

Principal’s Message
John the Baptist proclaimed throughout the district.

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight.

As we enter Advent, Luke’s Gospel has John challenging us to level out and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger on our journey to God.

What will you straighten out? What are the ‘potholes’ in your life?

In these busy weeks, it is so easy to be nervous, fearful, harassed and selfish (often through sheer physical exhaustion), we need the ‘presence’ of prayer for one another. Moments of quiet reflection in our frantic pre-Christmas living is not an easy task. Let’s ‘together straighten our way’ within the inner noise of our routine of what we have to do before we think Christ will arrive. It’s our hearts that need opening up to receive him, as John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance, a conversion of heart that looks to future commitment.

Christmas Hope

by Sue Kambour

Christmas is the true beginning of a new year, a time when men and women seem to open their hearts freely’. I encourage all students to open their hearts and their wallets one more time for the St Vinnies Christmas appeal before the end of the term. So many people in our regional area of Young are doing it tough this Christmas and Vinnies do a fantastic job in supporting these families so that we can all celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. I would like to remind all families that the Parish is looking for volunteers and donations on Christmas day. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to support this initiative.

In the lead up to Christmas, many schools have organised events which showcase the talents of our students and celebrate their success. Hard work and diligence reaps rewards. Congratulations to all of the students who are receiving a prize for their efforts this year.

Next Tuesday, 18th December it is possible for parents to make appointments to see their child’s teachers for an interview regarding student progress. If you are interested in making an appointment please ring the College on 6382 1486.

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Professor Frink's Science Quiz 2012 − Each week there will be a science question put into the newsletter. The first person who gets to the Science Department and tells Mr Boshier the correct answer will win a freddo! The person who answers the most correctly through the year will win the coveted 2012 Professor Frink trophy. Don’t run

**Week 10. What mineral has the highest number on the Mohs scale?**

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**Message from the Parish Office:**

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18, Is 12: 2-6, Vs, Phil 4: 4-7

Luke 3:10−18

It was wonderful to see Fr Joseph back with us until Wednesday. He was looking well and is very appreciative of all the prayers, cards and support he has received during his illness. He wishes the Parish a blessed and happy Christmas season.

**2013 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES DATES**

These dates very important for all those wishing to make these sacraments in 2013. Please spread the word especially to those not so involved with our parish or attend any of the local State schools.

**First Holy Communion - Year 4+**

Parent Information Night Wed 6 Feb 7.00pm

First Holy Communion Day Sun 17 Mar 11.00am

It is essential that First Reconciliation has been completed before First Holy Communion.

**Confirmation - Year 6+**

Parent Information Night Wed 8 May 7.00pm

Confirmation Night Fri 21 Jun 6.00pm

**Reconciliation - Year 3+**

Parent Information Night Wed 31 Jul 7.00pm

Reconciliation Nights Wed 11 Sep & Thur 12 7.00pm

Attendance at the Parent Information Nights for registration (without children) is compulsory.

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6.00pm Family Christmas Eve Mass (outside). Please contact Vicki Muller to be involved with readings and roles 6382 2361 gregmuller@westnet.com.au

We desperately need help with the choir and musicians too.

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**Back to School Supplies**

**Back to School Book Packs**

as per the Student Requirements list

for Hennessey Catholic College

for the 2013 School Year

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