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From The Principal

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

To Amos himself Amaziah said, 'Go away, seer, take yourself off to Judah, earn your living there, and there you can prophesy! But never again will you prophesy at Bethel, for this is a royal sanctuary, a national temple.'

'I am not a prophet,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'nor do I belong to a prophetic brotherhood'. I am merely a herdsman and dresser of sycamore-figs. But Yahweh took me as I followed the flock, and Yahweh said to me, "Go and prophesy to my people Israel."

Second Reading of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Thus he chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and faultless before him in love, marking us out for himself beforehand, to be adopted sons, through Jesus Christ. Such was his purpose and good pleasure, to the praise of the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, according to his good pleasure which he determined beforehand in Christ, for him to act upon when the times had run their course: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we have received our heritage, marked out beforehand as we were, under the plan of the One who guides all things as he decides by his own will, chosen to be, for the praise of his glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the gospel of your salvation, and having put your trust in it you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, who is the pledge of our inheritance, for the freedom of the people whom God has taken for his own, for the praise of his glory.

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Savour the Word

Read over the passage, slowly, several times and see if any word or phrase stands out for you, and stay with that phrase for as long as you like before turning your attention to any other.

Do not try to analyse the phrase, often a phrase will catch the attention of our subconscious mind's needs long before our conscious mind is aware of the reason for the attraction. That is why it is good to remain with the phrase for as long as possible without trying to analyse it.

I have bolded the sections that have caught my attention. What caught your attention?

What is happening at Hennessy

ACU partnership

The first cohort of students undertaking university units at Hennessy began on the 7 and 8 July. I have included a selection of comments from the students

I believe that this opportunity that has been handed to us is going to be beneficial and allow
us to achieve our goals. I strongly encourage all students who have a Uni aspiration to take ACU into consideration.

I have really enjoyed this experience and feel privileged. It has given me an insight into what to expect next year. This program gives me a heads up. Definitely worth involving yourself in. An intensive, yet extremely enjoyable experience.

I found this experience has provided me with another possible employment opportunity. Prior to this course, I was uncertain of what I would do, and teaching was not an option. Now that I have had this experience, education is now a possibility.

This experience has broadened my career options and I can’t wait to start university and further my education. I recommend this program to anyone who is unsure of ‘where they are going and what they want to do’.

Youth Muster

I would like all parents and students to place into their calendars the 31 August. On this Friday the St Mary’s Parish will be facilitating a Youth Muster. It is hoped that we will have strong representation at this significant event.

Welcome

Hennessy welcomes two new staff members this term.

- Ms Jorge Hitchenson - PDHPE and Religious Education
- Ms Emily Calvert – Student Welfare Officer

Jorge and Emily have many qualities that we add to our community.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates for Your Diary:

- Tuesday 24th July – Yr7 Orientation Day
- Wednesday 25th July – Community Council Meeting
- Thursday 26th July – Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Friday 27th July – Year 11 Group Mass
- Monday 30th July – Trial HSC Begins

Welfare:

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3 and we hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday. Our welfare co-ordinators attended student wellbeing in-service in Wagga on Tuesday this week. We continue to look to ways to improve the connectedness of our students within our school community.

Please feel free to contact welfare co-ordinators or myself to follow up any concerns or to share good news about your children.

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day

Letters have been sent home regarding our first Orientation Day for our 2103 Year 7 cohort. This will be held at the school next Tuesday 24th July. We look forward to welcoming them on the day.

Year 7 – 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Will be held from 8 am - 6 pm next Thursday 26/7 in E block. Year 12 will be in class as normal. Students are to wear their winter uniforms to the interviews. The library is open for students to use on the day. To enable effective flow of interviews please do not book teachers back to back but allow time for movement between teachers’ interview rooms.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare
Assessments Due Week 2
Year 7 -
Year 8 -
Year 9 -
Year 10 -
Year 11 – Modern History, Drama

Message from the Parish Office:

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

After several enquiries we have decided to run Adult Education sessions in the Parish Centre. These sessions will be held with a view to helping people come to a greater understanding of the Catholic faith.

They are being designed to help non-Catholics and those who may have been away from the Church for a while, to come to an up-to-date understanding of the church’s history, mission and teachings on many relevant issues.

These sessions would be ideal for later teenagers and adults who are thinking of becoming members of the Catholic Church.

In trying to nail the best time and days for such sessions, please contact the Office with your preferred options. Leave your name, contact details including email, and the preferred time and day of the week that would suit your routine.

All involved in these sessions will be treated as confidential as far as I am concerned.

Do you know anyone who may be interested? Give them a warm invite.

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The next Deanery Youth Muster: St Mary’s Parish 6.00-9.30pm Friday 31 August. Get it in your diary now!

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Science:

Professor Frink 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 1. What do the initials "PVC" stand for?

Cadet News:

Congratulations to Jordan Short-Hall and Brodie Hines.

These two cadets completed an Army course in Singleton. This was a state wide course and there were 84 cadets trying to complete this course. The top 10 students in the state are nominated for Student of Merit and they then pick one only. Both these boys were selected for Student of Merit and this is the first time that more than one Cadet from Young has been selected for Student of Merit on the same course.

Jacob Pollard has been chosen to be the Cadet Under Officer for 25 Battalion. The paper work has been sent in and he should receive his new rank and position within the first few weeks back. This is an incredible achievement for Jacob, and he will be in charge of all the Cadets in NSW West of the Great Divide. This includes all cadets as far up as Armidale, as far west as Cobar and as far south as Young.

Fantastic Effort Jacob!

NEWSLETTERS

Please be advised that Hennessy College WILL NOT be providing paper copies of the college newsletter to students from the end of this term.

If you have not provided the college with an email address that we can forward an electronic copy to please do so as soon as possible:
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