Principal's Message
St Paul’s letter to the Philippines

I want you to be happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I say is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The letter from St Paul’s says so much to me, ‘there is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it … God is greater than we can understand.’

I read into this passage the culture we are developing at Hennessy community. An environment in which Christ is present.

At this time of the year we have so much to rejoice and yet we have many who are not as fortunate and that is the call for thanksgiving or the gift of service.

What is happening at Hennessy
Higher School Certificate

The Year 12 students at Hennessy should be congratulated on the manner in which they collaboratively worked with their fellow students and teachers to achieve personal growth and excellence. 78% of Hennessy’s Year 12 cohort has been offered university places whilst many are already winning apprenticeships, traineeships and work in our region. The results support the promotion of high expectations within our College – students at Hennessy are achieving their dreams.

Building Project
THE HON PETER GARRETT MP School Education Minister, Early Childhood and Youth has approved an Australian Government Capital Grant of $ 2,555,944 to assist Hennessy Catholic College with the construction of a multi-purpose hall, associated pupil facilities and building services, specialised areas for technical and applied studies and refurbishment of general and specialist learning areas for art, technical and applied studies.

This significant funding from the Australian Federal Labor Party will further develop and enhance Hennessy culture of high expectations for all students. The new facilities will allow Hennessy to continue to build a ‘new/new’ school with contemporary learning facilities that will ensure students can prosper and grow.

I Read -
Hennessy is seeking 4 more reading tutors to assist with the intervention program I-Read we will be undertaking in 2013.

In Term 1 reading tutors will participate in a 1 and 1/2 day training course conducted by Professor Kaye Lowe.

Program (commitment): Tutors will meet with students for 40 minutes twice a week for ten weeks.

On the evening of the first tutor training day Professor Kaye Lowe will also deliver a parent workshop to parents of students on the program and to other interested parents. The date will be published early next year.

If you are interested please contact Mrs Vivien Paven 6283 1486 or vivien.pavert@cg.catholic.edu.au

Reports / Hennessy Award Presentation Evening

Congratulations to all students who have shown growth in their learning over the past 12 months. In looking at each of the reports I was most impressed with the students who have achieved their targeted goals this year.

Can I wish you all a Christ filled Christmas and a relaxing break that is shared with you loved ones.

Dr Peter Webster

Hennessy’s London, Ireland, Scotland & Wales Tour

When: 21/9/2013 – 8/10/2013

Cost: $4834.00

You will tour London, Ireland, Scotland and Wales on a private air conditioned motorcoach with Cosmos Tours. Included in the tour is 14 nights accommodation in First Class or Superior Tourist Hotels, 15 breakfasts, 5 Dinners, the services of a professional tour director and prepaid gratuities. Your tour includes sightseeing and scenic highlights along with gallery visits, pre-paid entry visits and a guided tour and transport in Edinburgh, Dublin and London.

Tour Cost: based on Twin Share – AUD $2958.99 PER PERSON based on Single Share – AUD $3252.00

Flight Cost: Return economy class flights on Thai Airways including airport arrival and departure taxes. 1 night stopover on the outbound and 2 night stopover on the return in Bangkok, includes return airport transfers and accommodation staying at the Novotel Platinum Bangkok including breakfast daily.

Total Cost Per Person Single AUD $2616.00

Total Cost Per Person Double or Twin Share AUD $2466.00

For all enquiries and copy of full itinerary contact: Marianne McLachlan@cg.catholic.edu.au
Welcome to Week 11! Wow, what a year 2012 has been! Last week we held our Christmas Liturgy and Presentation night which showcased the talents of our College community. This week we have our HSC results on Wednesday morning. I am sure that these results will reflect the diligence of this cohort and the efforts that they have put into their HSC. There will be a staff breakfast on this morning to celebrate the success and to provide an opportunity for us as staff to reflect on the results of our HSC cohort for 2012. At 10.30am the students from Year 12 will attend a morning tea with staff as a final farewell for our Year 12 cohort which acknowledges the hard work and diligence of these students and staff. I would like to thank the parents of our Year 12 cohort for their continued support of the College.

Wednesday is our last day with students for 2012. Term letters have now been sent home for all year groups, and I ask that you note the return dates for students for 2013. Year 7, 11 and 12 return on Wednesday the 30th Jan and the whole College community returns on Thursday 31st January. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Welfare team: Sharon Hibbert, Jessica McInerney, Mark Schmidt, Angie Cooper and Phil Mitchell. This Welfare team are dynamic and generous. They continually strive to ensure that student’s well being at the College is a primary concern. This team are a fantastic group of professionals who work collegially to ensure the diverse needs of our students are addressed. I would also like to acknowledge the support of Tracey Cullen as Learning Support Coordinator who works alongside our Welfare Coordinators to ensure that the diverse needs of students are catered for. We are very fortunate to have a professional and talented staff who work consistently to ensure that the students at Hennessy are encouraged to live spiritually, learn dynamically, act justly to inspire futures of hope.

The WELFARE team have been assigned new year groups for next year:
- Mrs Sharon Hibbert- Year 12
- Mr Mark Schmidt- Year 11
- Mrs Nicole Morton- Year 10
- Mrs Jessica McInerney- Year 9
- Mr Phil Mitchell- Year 8
- Mrs Angie Cooper - Year 7

We are all very excited at the opportunity to work with your children in 2013 in this capacity and we look forward to developing these relationships in 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families of the College for your continued support. It is vital that the relationships we develop with parents are constructive and involve effective and positive communication to ensure the best outcomes for students. The well being of our student body is paramount to our success as a community and the relationships that we form with our College families are the cornerstone of this success.

At this time I would like to wish you all a safe and holy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming back our students and families in 2013 for an energetic, dynamic and engaging year. We also look forward to welcoming back Mr Simms as Assistant Principal. Thank you to the families, staff, and students who have supported me in the Acting Assistant Principal position in his absence. I am very grateful for your generous support. I would also like to thank the Executive of the College for their support throughout the last semester, in particular, Dr Peter Webster, Mrs Kathy Holding, Mrs Cheryl Hamill, Mrs Rita O’Connor and Mr Gary Harton. Thanks must also extend to our incredible front office staff who provide the logistical support to ensure the smooth running of the College. Mrs Sue Caldwell, Mrs Fiona Tanner, Mrs Jenny Holloway, Mr Bob Ashton, Mr Brett Cowan and Mr Gary Harton. I feel very privileged to work with such an exceptional team.

Best wishes for a fabulous holiday break and may you all embrace the magic of the Christmas season,

Nicole Morton
Acting Assistant Principal Welfare

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Wishing you and your family a safe and Happy Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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As we close out the year and the schools begin their summer leave I am conscious of all those who are travelling at this Christmas time. Things are more hectic on our roads than was the case for Mary and Joseph, though the ride is usually less bumpy.

May all our travellers leave well prepared, journey safely, celebrate with their family and friends, with the child Jesus as their focus, and then return to us well rested and happy.

I thank all the committed school staff for their efforts this year and look forward to facing the challenges of 2013 as a team, still with Jesus as our focus. To all students, use this holiday season to reflect into your hearts and not your mirrors, so that the love of the child Jesus who grew to be a man, may flow through your every word and actions. “Being young is beautiful. Being older is comfortable”. Together we will make a positive difference and change the world.

Mary’s words say: “I am the servant of the Lord: may His will for me be done”.

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Message from the Parish Office: