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Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 1215, Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25.54

From The Principal

Reflection

John’s Gospel 6 1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

This Gospel reading explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. Our bread of life!!! Your bread of Life!!!

What is happening at Hennessy

Trial Higher School Certificate examination

Can I ask all members of our community to keep the Year 12s in your prayers as they begin their Trial examination this week. This year’s cohort are working diligently and we expect each of the group to do their best.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

It was interesting to read the evaluations of the Parent Teacher Student conferences with the overwhelming feedback from parents being extremely positive with 87% of responses expressing that they agree or strongly agree with the concept.

50th Anniversary of the Catholic Schools' 'Goulburn Strike'

Last week marked the 50th Anniversary of the 'Goulburn Strike'.

In July 1962 authorities required Our Lady of Mercy Preparatory School – a Catholic school in Goulburn to upgrade their toilet block to cater for the number of students at the school. The school was unable to afford the building work and after much deliberation it was decided that all of the Catholic schools in the town would be closed and students would enrol in Goulburn public schools. This was known as "The Goulburn Strike of 1962". The protest (intended to last for six weeks) lasted for approximately one week before the NSW Government of the time agreed to pay for the toilet facilities. It is widely believed that this was the catalyst of state aid for non-government schools.

We should never ever ever ever take government funding for granted and we should at all times make it known to our politicians that the funding is appreciated and beneficial to our community. Catholic Schools are not rich schools!!! Catholic schools operate on approximately 80% of State and Federal funding that government schools receive.
NAIDOC Week

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week and in particular the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and acknowledging the key contributors to its long history.

In 1972, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy became a powerful symbol of unity. Its founders instilled pride, advanced equality and educated the country on the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia’s national identity.

Community Consultation

A formal program of Principal Support and Development is provided by the CEO to assist Principals, through advice, support and self-reflection in the understanding and performance of their role as leader of a Catholic school.

One component of the program is a community consultation (eg. interviews) by the CEO School Services Officer – Dr Phil Pettit and my Peer Principal Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda Trinity Catholic College Goulburn. Members of our community are invited to make evaluative comments regarding my religious, educational, administrative and community leadership. I will receive detailed, unambiguous and constructive feedback from the consultation process. It is important to note that the participants’ confidentiality is maintained at all times.

This will take place on the 14 August.

Newsletters

Newsletters will be emailed to parents from the beginning of next term.

If you do not receive an emailed copy now we do not have your email address. Please provide this to Mrs Fiona Tanner in the office today.

Youth Muster – Friday 31 August

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates for Your Diary:

6th Aug – 10th Aug HSC Trial Exams
8th Aug – Yr 11 2013 –Coota – Interviews
9th Aug – Yr 9 Elective Meeting.

Welfare:

Speak Easy Presentation

Marcelle Bernard will be speaking to our school community on the 24th August. She has been presenting to students since 1996, with a lively and interactive presentation that aims to build self-esteem, confidence and leadership in youth. She will make her presentation to years 7-9 and years 10 -12.

Letters have already gone home regarding this event and the cost is $5. The money is to be returned to your son/daughters PC teachers.

Parent /Teacher /Student Conferences

Thank you to the many parents and students who took advantage of our PTS conference day last week. Thank you to staff for the feedback they provided on the day.

Year 12 Trivia Night

The Trivia Night is on the 17th August at the Town Hall. Bring your own supper. Tables of 10 can be organised. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased via the front office

School Disco

A School Disco will be held at the S&C club on the 23rd August. Tickets go on sale soon.

Trial HSC Examinations

Good luck to our Year 12 students who are undergoing their trial exams over the next few weeks.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

Assessments Due Week 4

Year 7 - Art
Year 8 - Art
Year 9 – Maths, IST
Year 10 –PDHPE Prac, IST
Year 11 – Maths, Art, Drama
Message from the Parish Office:

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Archdiocesan vestments. Your generosity will be worn with grateful appreciation and pride.

Adult Education in the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish Office with your details if you are interested in sharing in this programme, or perhaps you know someone who may be interested in beginning the journey.

First Reconciliation preparation begins this week. Please keep the Year Three candidates and their families in your prayers. State school families need to contact the parish office if they have not received the Reconciliation programme details.

Fr Mayne Murphy 30th Jubilee Celebration Mass and dinner at Lake Cargelligo 6pm Monday 13 August. Contact St Francis Xavier School 6898 1611 or Annette McGadyn 6898 1088.

Fr Joshi Kurien is guest preacher in the parish 6pm Mass Saturday 8 September. Come and hear the Archdiocese’s newest and youngest priest and share his story.

The Relics of St Francis Xavier, co-founder of the Jesuits will be in our parish 25 September, and in the archdiocese 25-30 September. A note for your diary.

YOUTH MUSTER
Please keep Friday 31st August from 6.00-9.30pm free to attend the next Regional Youth Gathering at our parish. There will be Mass, some personal reflection, quiet prayer, a good meal.....for the young and the young at heart. The NET team from Canberra are providing leadership and some music.

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