From The Principal

Reflection

On Wednesday we commence the penitential season of LENT. It is worth reflecting on what this is all about.

When Moses was communing on Mt Sinai, on the plains beneath, God’s chosen people were fashioning a golden calf to worship. We all know what happened when Moses came down from the mountain, but the point of this reflection is, there are golden calves in the lives of each of us.

What are the golden calves in our lives that hinder us.

Lent is a time that we are fortunate to have time to examine our lives and look at those aspects which hold us back. Through the prism of prayer, self-sacrifice and almsgiving, we are able to have a more honest look at ourselves and our restless hearts.

This Week at Hennessy

Student – Parent – Teacher Conferences 8.00am – 6.00pm

The College has made a decision to trial a new communication mode with three way conferences scheduled on the 8 March.

The aim of the conferences is to have the student reflect and self-evaluate their progress in each of their subject areas. The students will reflect on:

1. What they have done well;
2. What they need to do to improve; and
3. What they are going to do about it.

In preparation for the Conferences students will complete an individual self-evaluation report in pastoral classes.

HSC Symposium

On Tuesday 21 February the College staff gathered to reflect on the learning’s from our HSC journey in 2011 and plan for 2012. Whilst we were excited by the student achievements in 2011, we firmly believe that in 2012 the College can continue to challenge students to achieve personal excellence in their chosen pathway.

Ash Wednesday – Lent

I would encourage all members of our College community to consider how through prayer, self-sacrifice and almsgiving they can reflect upon themselves and their lives.

- Morning Mass will be at 8.00am during lent and all are encouraged to attend.
- Project Compassion please continue to be generous in your giving.

Congratulations - Kathy Holding

Kathy Holding has been invited to represent the NSW Catholic Education Commission at the AITSL convention in Melbourne on Thursday. This is an honour for both Kathy and our College to be represented at this most important educational setting.

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Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates For Your Diary:

Thursday 23rd Feb – Archdiocesan Swimming – Yass
Friday 24th Feb – Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation to MS
Wednesday 29th Feb – Community Council Meeting
Friday 2nd March – Year 7 Retreat
Thursday 8th March – Parent/ Student/Teacher Interviews.
Fundraising for MS
This Friday (24/2) will be a mufti day, gold coin donation, being organised by year 12 to raise funds for research into Multiple Sclerosis (MS). They will also be selling ice blocks at lunchtime. Reminder that if you have PE, please bring appropriate sporting gear, if you have TAS or Science classes on the day enclosed footwear should be worn.

Facebook Concerns
If you have a concern over a face book site please print the page so that the information is documented when reporting concerns over a child’s wellbeing or the welfare of other students.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews Day
Please note that Thursday 8th March is Parent Teacher Student interviews. They will be running during the day from 8am to 6pm and students are only required to be at school for the times of their interview. There will be no classes on the day however the library will be open for study.

Lions Youth of the Year
Good luck to James Niddrie and Anna Bewley who are competing in the local Lions Youth of the Year competition this week.

Year Retreats
Thank you to our year 11 students on their positive approach to their retreat day and the opportunity it provided to reflect on their past while setting pathways to the future. Thank you to Ms Hamill, Mrs Hibbert, Mr Smith, Mr Croese and Mrs McCann for organising and overseeing the day.

Reminder that the Year 7 Retreat is on next Friday 2nd March at Murringo.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

Assessments Due Week 6
Year 9 – PDHPE
Year 10 – Hospitality
Year 11 – Modern History and Senior Science
Year 12 – History Ext, Legal, Ad English, Std English

Science News:
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 5 - What substance registered in 1870 and widely used as a replacement for ivory is regarded as the first synthetic plastic?

Message from the Parish Office:

Lent calls us to learn the way of prayer

‘As we prepare for the Great Lent, the forty days of concentrated prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving, we have an opportunity to learn to pray again. To be drawn into a deeper place in the communion of God’s love.
‘All Christians are called to prayer. Only prayer can satisfy the hunger of our souls. It also changes us. It strips away only what impedes love.
Those who pray can then become lanterns of love for others seeking the way through the darkness of their own lives. Lent is a time to learn to pray, to love, and to live our Lives more fully in Communion with God.’ - quoted from Deacon Keith Fournier

In our parish this Lent let us:
1. Attend the 8.00am mass in the church every Friday of Lent, perhaps as a family or school team.
2. Attend the Stations of the Cross in the church each Friday at 6.00pm.
3. Exposition is in the church from 5.00-6.00pm and the Stations will conclude that Holy Hour.
4. Partake in the Archdiocesan Lenten programme ‘Living a Life in Grace’. Copies of the booklets are at the entrances for $6. Place the $$ in the second collection please.

Fr Richard

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Astronomy Evening:

Two evenings have been organised for March this year to kick start the Hennessy Astronomy Program.

Dates include Thursday 1st of March and Thursday 29th of March (from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm).

There are three planets visible during this month, including Venus, Jupiter and Mars. Any interested student and their family are welcome to attend on either of these evenings. A sausage sizzle will be provided (gold coin donation appreciated).

A guest Astronomer from “Misty Glen Observatory” will be present on both evenings. Full supervision by a number of staff will be provided on both evenings.

This venture is proudly supported by the Hennessy Community Council and the Science Department.

An information note containing details about the venue is available from the school website or Mrs Keith.

Chess Competition

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Mr Smith and Ben Hughes (Yr 12) will be running the Hennessy Chess Competition on Wednesdays at lunch time.

All level of players are welcome including those who wish to learn the game. If anyone has a family member who plays chess and is interested in helping coach our players, your help and expertise would be more than welcome.

There will be two divisions in our comp: Junior (yr 7,8,9) and Senior (yr 10,11,12)

The competition will be a round-robin, culminating with one person from each comp. named as champion of their division. Finally, there will be a play-off between winners of both divisions to be the Hennessy Champion.

There will also be a team of four picked to play in an inter-schools competition. Details will be announced as they come to hand.

Chess is one of the most popular games in the world. It is an excellent battle of wits against an opponent or you can play against a computer. These days, there are many computer chess programs or apps available. So please see Ben Hughes or Mr Smith if you are interested.

Hospitality News:

Many thanks to the students who have offered to help at the Rotary Film night this Thursday. Your generosity is much appreciated.

A reminder regarding Year 10 and 11 class T shirts-$31.50 is due to me now. Any problems please contact me at school.

Jenny Philpot

Swimming Carnival 2012

In what was a glorious day for swimming the Annual Hennessy Swimming Carnival was a great success with a large number of competitors participating throughout the day. A total of 5 records were broken on the day, they are outlined below.

New Records 2012

Girl’s 16yr 100 Freestyle Lucy Williams 1.09.00 old record 1.14.03
Open Boys 100m Freestyle Timothy Hayes 1.05.21 old record 1.06.94
Open Boys 50m Freestyle Timothy Hayes 27.50 Old Record 28.54
Boys 14yr 50m Breaststroke Hayden Rutter 39.32 Old Record 43.50
Open Boys 50m Breaststroke Tim Langfield 38.50 Old Record 40.45

Age Champions

Girls
12yr Jessica Dunn
Runner –Up Hannah Madden
13yr Holly Finlay
Runner-Up Zoe Williams
14yr Pheobe McGeoch
Runner Up- Emmie Williams
15yr Jessica Crisp
Runner-Up Gemma Flannery
16yr Lucy Williams
Runner- Up Micaela Hall
Opens Anna Bewley
Runner Up- Chloe Callaghan

Boys
13y Benjamin Davis
Runner-Up James Vitnell
14yr Hayden Rutter
Runner -Up Samuel Smith
15yr Hugh Finlay
Runner -Up Connor Brebner
16yr Jordan Callaghan
Runner-Up Beau Shoard & Luke Williams
Opens Timothy Hayes
Runner- Up Patrick Williams

House Champion

The 2012 House Champion was...

NAGLE with 849

Traecey 717   Gallagher 706   McAuley 673