From The Principal

Reflection

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:14-21

‘It is by grace that we have been saved, through faith; not by anything of our own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that we have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.’ Ephesians 2:4-10

We are now halfway through Lent and turn our gaze on God’s relationship with us, and we are astounded at what we perceive. Despite our wrong doings, God remains faithful to us; despite the steps we take toward our own destruction, God continues to offer us a second chance at life. Such is God’s love for us.

However, we are free to choose. We can accept God’s loving gestures or we can refuse them. We can choose to believe or not believe in Christ and prefer darkness to the light. There has always been a choice. Today the choice is ours to make. Will we make it?

Confident of God’s gesture, we are able to repent. We can rebuild our broken ways. We can create a world based on cooperation and collaboration rather than competition, on respect rather than discrimination. God’s love has been offered; the choice is ours.

‘God so loved the world....’ Our bighearted God sent his son into the front line, the firing line of sin, evil, injustice, betrayal and darkness. Christ at Easter is lifted up; never out of our sight, so that in every dangerous experience of life, we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.

What is happening at Hennessy

College Open Day 1st May

The College Open Day is scheduled for the 1st May and I would encourage you to invite your friends and neighbours to this day. Hennessy is an outstanding school, with great students and teachers. Feel free to tell you friends about our story.

World Skills Challenge

It was fantastic news that Tahlia Deep (Year 12) placed 4th in the NSW ‘World Skills’ Challenge in Sydney on the weekend. Congratulations Tahlia

Leadership Opportunities

The range of leadership opportunities seem to be endless at Hennessy, with the College seeking every available forum for our students to have input into their world.

Last week we had Year 11 students visiting Canberra, the Year 10s assisting with Peer Support, our Year 9 and 10 PASS students assisting with the Archdiocesan swimming carnival.

I am proud when I get the strongest endorsement from the organisers of these events, that our students have represented Hennessy with distinction.

Year 10 Retreat

The Year 10 Retreat will be a special event this year with Hennessy students coming together with fellow students from Sacred Heart Cootamundra, St Anne’s Temora, McAuley Tumut and Mt Carmel Yass. This begins their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Rio in 2013.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

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Readings: Jeremiah 3:31-34; Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15, Rv.12; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33
Dates for Your Diary:

Thursday 22nd March – Immunisations Yr 7
Friday 23rd March – Yr 10 Retreat
Friday 23rd March – Yr12 Mid Year Exams begin
Monday 2nd April – Yr 12 Excursion
Thursday 5th April – Last Day Term 1

Welfare:

Cross Country
Congratulations to our age champions in the cross country. Thank you to Mr Croese for organising the cross country and Mr Logan and year 10 for organising the BBQ on the day as part of our fundraising for SRC and community needs.

Uniform for Term 2
Reminder to check your winter uniform as next term we return in winter uniform. All uniform requirements can be purchased locally.

Year 12 Sydney Trip
Reminder that year 12 will spend the last week of this term in Sydney pursuing HSC studies/opportunities and some rest and relaxation post half yearly exams. We hope they have a great time.

Administration & Welfare
As I will be taking long service leave as of this Friday until the end of week 1, term 2 Nicole Morton will be overseeing welfare and administration. Rita O’Connor will look after the last week of this term while Nicole is on the year 12 excursion.

Staff vs Student Matches
Thank you to Jess Hughes for organising these matches, this week’s game was basketball. As we know wisdom and experience is valuable but vibrancy and youth can always gain the upper hand.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

Assessments Due Week 10

Year 7 – RE, Tech, Science
Year 8 – Science
Year 9 – Ag, Elec Hist, Comm, Drama, Timber, Metal
Year 10 – Ag, Elec Hist, Drama, Timber, Metal
Year 11 – Geo, SOR 2, Physics, Music, Eng Stud, Eng, Ext1 Maths
Year 12 – Mid-Year Exams

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Message from the Parish Office:

5th Sunday Lent

Fasting during Lent
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According to legend, Rome was so struck by the harshness of conditions on the frontier that they granted permission: people in Goulburn could indeed have two sheep for breakfast during Lent.

Thanks to all who helped with First Communion last weekend. It was a true parish celebration.

Confirmation for Year 6+ takes place in the parish 6.00pm FRIDAY 15 June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Parents of children wishing to make Confirmation MUST attend the Parent info night 7.00pm, Thursday 3 May at the Parish Centre. Attendance at all sessions and Sunday Ritual masses will be mandatory.

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Fr Richard

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 9 - What is a type of chemical mixture where one substance is dispersed evenly throughout another?
Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 29th April to 5th May, 2012.

The theme for 2012 is “Faith in Every Student”.

This year, more than 611 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 264,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Our school is planning OPEN DAY on 1st May, during Catholic Schools Week to highlight the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that Hennessy provides for its students. We will also focus on the ways in which our school supports the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community. We would also like to celebrate with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week is proudly sponsored by the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund, which has more than 88,000 members across Australia.

Hennessy Debutante Ball

Hennessy Debutante Ball is being held on Saturday 12th May. Tickets are $50.00 p/p and are available at Deb practice.

Cross Country

Hennessy Catholic College students had a bright sunny day for the running of their 2012 Cross Country. Recent rain ensured that the Burrangong Race Course was in perfect condition and the number of students participating was fantastic. Competitors completed the course, some a little quicker than others and then enjoyed a BBQ lunch. Gallagher house won the overall points score. The age champions will go onto represent Hennessy at the Archdiocesan event in Canberra. Congratulations to all students who demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Age Group Winners & Runners-Up

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Fees are OVERDUE

Please Pay Immediately

Term 1

At Connective you will hear from local advocates that have helped to affect positive and lasting change, both for the local community and NSW at large. Contact Fran Horne on 42230203 or email: franh@hswcc.org.au

Cancer Council

Interested in becoming active and effective in the fight against cancer?

Connective – Monday March 26, 2012
Millard Centre, Young
5:30 – 7:30pm