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Readings: Job3:1.18-11, Psalm 106:23-26,28-31, Rv1, Corinthians 5: 14-17, Mark 4: 55-41

From The Principal

Reflection

Gospel of Luke 1 - 80

‘What will this child turn out to be?’ they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

I think every parent would think the same of their children, ‘What will this child turn out to be?’

For Elizabeth and Zechariah it would have been the same with their son John. And as in the Luke’s Gospel we need to have faith that we are doing our best to prepare and inspire our children for a future filled with hope.

What is happening at Hennessy?

Professional Dinner - Addicoat visit

The continual development of students and staff is a critical element of Hennessy’s future growth. Hennessy students and staff were fortunate this week to have the opportunity to learn from and join in professional conversation with three outstanding Catholic educators; Michael Addicoat, Patrick Addicoat and Deanna Addicoat. This group has over 100 years of experience in Catholic schools and Michael was acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to Catholic education when he received the Br John Taylor Award in 2008. This is the most prestigious award for Catholic teachers in NSW.

ACU Launch

On the 3rd July the College will launch the University Pathways program. This is a most exciting opportunity for students from our region. The program will been on the 7th July with two cohorts doing education and business units.

Variety Night

Variety Night is an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic talents and at Hennessy we have many talented students. The students get a real opportunity to perform in front of a sell-out audience. I wish to acknowledge the direction students are being provided by Mrs McLachlan, Mr Stewart and Ms McBurney.

Tennis

The Hennessy girls tennis team was placed 6th in the NSWCCC championships played last week. I would like to thank Ms Hughes, Lynne Maher and Col Maher for the leadership they have provided to the program over many successful years.
New Staff

Hennessy welcomes two new staff members next term.

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

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

Reports

To have the privilege of viewing each student’s result is very satisfying when students are striving to achieve their best. It is important that students accept responsibility for their achievements and reflect on the following three questions:

1. What have you done well?
2. What do you need to improve on?
3. What are you going to do about it?

State Priority Committee

On Friday 22 June we had the NSWCEC State Priority Committee review the College’s submission for a Building Grant. I believe the College provided the committee with a very professional presentation to consider. The staff and students were fantastic in their desire to demonstrate our College’s culture of high expectations and no excuses policy.

Rostrum

Cameron Langfield won the senior division of Rostrum State judging on Sunday. He is off to Hobart on the 28th July to contest the National Finals. This is an outstanding achievement. We wish Cameron all the best in the final.

Hospitality Team

The Hospitality students led by Mrs Philpot and Mrs Johnson again demonstrated their skills and talents during the Professional Dinner on Monday evening. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Thursday 28th June – Variety Night -7pm Town Hall
- Friday 29th June – Term 2 Ends.
- Monday 16th July – Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 17th July – Students Return Term 3.

Welfare:

Changes in Welfare

Congratulations and all the best to Gareth Logan as he moves into a new challenge in educating children with special needs in Albury. Gareth has played a significant role in changing the approach and implementation of welfare at Hennessy. His rapport with students and positive role modelling within the parish and wider community has impacted on the lives of many people. His firm, yet gentleman guidance, will be missed by many.

We welcome Jess Hughes to the acting position of year 10 welfare co-ordinator for the rest of 2012. Her effective organisation and communication skills should keep her in good stead for this position and we congratulate her on this promotion.

Motivational Media

Thank you to Mr Mitchell for organising the motivational media presentation “Risk Taking” which will be conducted this Friday 29th June. Students will be walking down in stage groups to the Southern Cross Cinema at different times during the day. This presentation continues to build on our police liaison talks held earlier this term. The cost of this event is $2 and students need to return their money to their PC teacher.

Next term...

Monday 16th July is Staff Development Day. Students return on Tuesday 17th July, Day 7 of the timetable, in full winter uniform. Reminder ties are to be worn and a plain navy blue jacket can be worn over the top of the school jumper.
A letter has gone home from each of the welfare co-ordinators regarding happenings and significant dates for next term. Please note the Parent Student Teacher Interview Day for year 7-11 is from 8am – 6 pm will be held on Thursday 26th July, year 12 will have normal classes on the day and library will be available for year 7-11 students. Students are to wear their winter uniform as usual on the day.

Thank you all for your efforts and contribution to a busy and successful term. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

Message from the Parish Office:

We wish all staff and students a restful and enjoyable break over the next two weeks. We are also conscious that this is the time that our HSC student ramp up their study efforts. Keep it all in balance and do not lose your sense of humour. All will be well.

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YOUTH MUSTER
Please keep Friday 31 August from 6-9.30pm 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. This is a great chance for our local and Hennessy muso’s to show us what they are made of too.

Fr Richard PP

Library News:
A special thank you to the students and parents who have returned the many overdue books that have 'lived' at home for quite some time. It is wonderful to get such a rapid response to these overdue notices. If you have an overdue item at home can you please search and return these so that other students can access these resources.

Afternoon study has been working well in 2012 and students are focussed. Please note that all students do sign in and out of study and these are noted on their PC reports.

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 10 - What is the sum of the internal angles in a hexagon?

Variety Night

Thursday 28th June 2012
7pm Young Town Hall
$5p/ADULT, $2 p/STUDENT
$10 P/FAMILY
Tickets are available at the College office.

Robyn Wood Oil Painting Workshop.

Children’s Oil painting workshop will be held at Robyn’s Retreat Art Studio in Young during the school holidays. Bookings are essential. Please phone Robyn on 63826548.