At this stage of Lent I would like to challenge our community to take time to reflect on who you are

To thank God

To Repent and believe the Good News

Give time to prayer, self-sacrifice and almsgiving?

What is happening at Hennessy?

Year 10 Retreat

The Year 10 Retreat was an outstanding success and I would like to thank the Year 10 students from Hennessy for their respectful participation in the day.

Miss Cheryl Hamill did a fine job in liaising with the four participating schools; St Anne’s, Sacred Heart, McAuley and Mt Carmel. To organise an event for 150 students and 5 schools is a big job and Cheryl did this with aplomb.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the day was the involvement of Fr Richard, Fr Simon, Fr Martin and Monsignor Kevin; they had a real connection with the students.

Our next stage in the pilgrimage is the overnight retreat next Term.

The College is currently actively seeking to develop a sister school relationship with a school in Rio. I will keep you posted.

The Parent Tour was a significant opportunity for the College to showcase the quality teaching and learning that occurs at Hennessy each and every day. I am confident that I can take parents around our school and witness students learning.

Year 12 Examinations

We wish the Year 12s all the best as they sit for exams this week and as they prepare for the Sydney Excursion. They are working diligently.

Acting Assistant Principal

Mrs Nicole Morton will be Acting Assistant Principal until 30 April. Mr Gerard Simms will be taking Long Service Leave. We wish Nicole all the best.

Be the Attitude

Nominees for February were

Thomas Morton Will Cant
Brendan Maxwell Harry Wilson
Joe Marinen Doug Emmett
Maddy Rozyn Mikaylah Roberson
Grace Kaveney Zoe Kennedy
Anna Bewley Jaiden Abbey
Ellie Bursthal Tim Hayes
Corey Furner William Hodge
Jayke Parish James Niddrie
Ben Hughes Jane Maloney
Emma Hill Joshua Langfield
Jacob Pollard Joe McCabe
Emme Williams Phoebe McGeoch
Isabella McGrath Jessica Doolan
Hayden Rutter Gemma Flannery
Jordan Callaghan Caitlin Brown

The Be the Attitude winner for February is Ben Hughes

Prayers

Please keep Mr Gareth Logan and his family in your prayers.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal
## Dates for Your Diary:

- Monday 2nd April – Yr 12 Excursion
- Thursday 5th April – Last Day Term 1
- Tuesday 24th April – Students Return
- Friday 27th April – NSW CCC Basketball – Canberra
- Tuesday 1st May – College Open Day

## Welfare:

It was fantastic to receive so many positive comments from staff, students and the local parish priests in regards to the Yr 10 retreat last Friday. 150 students from 5 schools in the Diocese were hosted at the PCYC in what was described as the 'best retreat ever'. Congratulations to our Year 10 students for their excellent behaviour, their warm welcome to our Diocesan friends and engaging in the activities of the day.

We have a busy week ahead. Yr 12 continue their examinations this week and head off to Sydney on April 2nd. They will be engaging in HSC study days, visiting the Gallipoli Mosque, surfing at Cronulla, attending a presentation by Peter Skizynecki, visiting the Jewish museum, Sydney Uni and Art Express. It is expected that they will return at approx 3.30pm on Thurs 5th April.

Years 7-11 are contributing to Project Compassion as a focal point in Week 11. Yr 7 are having a donation for 'guess the number of jelly beans in the jar' on Monday, Yr 8 are having a coin line competition on Wednesday during PC time, and Yr 11 are hosting a water relay at lunchtime on Wednesday. All proceeds raised will ensure that those in need receive support from Caritas.

A reminder to parents to keep the College informed of any issues that may be affecting your child at school. Please contact your child's Welfare Coordinator to discuss any matters. Appointments can be made through the front office.

There will be an Easter Liturgy on Thursday April 5th. This is the last day of the school term.

## TERM 2 INFORMATION:

Students will return to the College on Tuesday 24th April in Week B of their timetable. Students will be required to wear their winter uniforms in Term 2. Anzac Day is on Wednesday the 25th April. Students are expected to attend their local Anzac services in full winter school uniform. Check your local guides for times.

Have a lovely week

Nicole Morton
ACTING Assistant Principal - Admin & Welfare

## Assessments Due Week 1

- Year 11 – Ancient History.

## Sport:

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## Message from the Parish Office:

Last week I shared with the Year 10 students from the Deanery a retreat day in preparation for World Youth Day in Brazil in 2013. Several of the regional priests and staff were there as were both Young’s Catholic School Principals with some Hennessy College staff. It was a great experience to watch 65 pizzas being devoured. I still think there were records broken. These young people are the recruiting pool for our hopeful youth pilgrimage to WYD next year. I am truly encouraged by their energy but realise we have a lot of work to do to make a dream become a reality. Let us keep their efforts in our prayers this Easter and beyond.

After that day, Fr Joseph and I attended the Diaconate ordination of Luke Verrell at the Cathedral. I am also encouraged that there will be two more archdiocesan diaconate and one priesthood ordination this year. Our seminarian, Josh Scott was present and he is still thriving on his seminary experience. I can also reveal that Bishop Pat Power will be retiring as Auxiliary Bishop mid-year after over 40 years of episcopal service to the Australian Church. So there is much for us to pray for locally and in the wider archdiocese. May the Easter ceremonies guide your prayers and inspire your efforts.

Fr Richard.

## Karen Leez School of Dance:

Karen Leez School of Dance is currently taking enrolments for Term 2.

Classes in Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz/Hip Hop and Contemporary.

Examinations in ballet, tap and modern jazz available.

For all enquiries/enrolments please contact Karen Mills
Ph: 0413 071 753
E: karenleezschoolofdance@hotmail.com
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 - As far as water habitats go, what does the ecological region 'benthic zone' refer to?

Library News & Events

2012 is the National Year of Reading. Students are very keen to borrow books and again fiction books written in a series are still the most popular resources with the students.

The Sr Magdalen College Library is a very busy part of the school. Not only is it the centre for study groups for seniors, the classes are using the resources for their many assessment tasks. There are book boxes available for most assessment tasks that the students can access during lunch and afternoon study as well as class time.

Chess Club is now in full swing and not only is the Wednesday lunchtime used for Chess games, the students are now playing on a daily basis. There is a wide range of year groups involved and under the expert guidance of Mr Peter Smith, there is now an in-house chess competition underway.

Lunchtimes are busy with students working on assessment tasks or just spending time with their friends in a comfortable and inviting environment.

Afternoon study is another major role of the library and this has become an integral part of the learning environment of the College. As the Teacher/Librarian I am supervising these sessions, as well as having an additional teacher who volunteers for duty where we work with many students after school. During the term I have had up to a total of seven extra teachers working with students on an individual basis at any one time, which indicates the supportive nature of our staff here at Hennessy. Afternoon study sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.10 pm to 5pm.

Overall, this has been the busiest term for Sr Magdalen Library which is wonderful to see.

Vivien Pavert
Teacher/Librarian

School Holidays Athletics Coaching Clinic

Being Held in Young
On Wed April 18th 9am – 3pm

Little Athletics NSW is holding an open clinic (U9-U17s) for children of any ability to ‘have a go’. Events will include; sprinting, hurdles, shot, discus, long jump and high jump.

Early Bird cost is $20 until Wed 4th April or $25 until 13th April.

To secure a position register online at littleathletics.com.au

Hospitality News

A huge thank you to Mary Johnson, Brooke Dewar, Emily Griffin, Dean Waru, Amelia Jones, Ellie Burstal, Emily McIlhatton, Dean Roberson and Matt Mitchell for their fabulous help with catering for the Young Rotary Club conference on the weekend. These students and Mary helped prepare 100 lunches for visiting Rotarians and then helped with handing out the goodies.

They were all a pleasure to work with and represented the College admirably.

A big thank you.

Jenny Philpot

Term 1 Fees are OVERDUE Please Pay Immediately