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Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8, Ps 14:2-5 Rv. 1;St James 1:17-18.21-22.27; Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

From The Principal

Reflection
Gospel: John 6:60-69

After hearing it, many of his followers said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this disturb you? What if you should see the Son of man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset who did not believe and who was to betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me except by the gift of the Father.' After this, many of his disciples went away and accompanied him no more. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Being faithful to Jesus, sums up the words and actions of Jesus and what he calls forth from us today. There will be times we walk way, or feel like walking away, from faith in God and faith in each other. However without faith in Jesus and each other, what becomes of us? To whom shall we go to find anything better?

The last section of the Gospel can be seen as Peter’s witness to Jesus and the Holy One and that Peter and the other twelve disciples believe. For many of us we are on our own faith journey just like the twelve disciples. And it did take them some time to realise that Jesus has ‘the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.’

What is happening at Hennessy

Disco

The Disco held last Thursday was the best I have attended. The students all had a great time and never stopped once for a break. I would like to thank the senior students for modelling ‘how you can have a good time’.

A special thanks to Mrs Green and the SRC for their organisation of the evening.

Youth Muster

Your attendance at the Youth Muster would be greatly appreciated. A couple of hours for our community to gather to celebrate the Eucharist together would be a fantastic and memorable occasion.

NAB First Seed Funding

Hennessy Catholic College was awarded seed funding to continue to pursue our partnership with the Australian Catholic University and the Young Shire Council to provide a university pathway for local residents. 765 applicants were submitted including 485 in the seed funding category. Hennessy was one of the 130 fortunate recipients.

The College will receive $15000 to evaluate the program and seek to expand on this pilot program.

Athletics

Hennessy students again showcased their abilities at the Archdiocesan Athletics carnival which was conducted last week. We wish them well in the NSWCCC carnival.

Order of Australia

Jane Maloney (Year 12) will be receiving a Certificate of Commendation and medallion for Service to the Community from the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO later this year.

Congratulations Jane on your marvellous contribution to our community.

Strategic Management Plan

The Hennessy Strategic Management Plan is on the College website and now shows the evidence of the quality work occurring at Hennessy. We are certainly doing a great deal of reflection. Your comments are always appreciated.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal
**Dates for Your Diary:**

- **Friday 31st Aug**: Youth Muster
- **Thursday 13th – 19th Sept**: Yr 11 Preliminary Exams
- **Thursday 20th Sept**: Yr 12 Graduation Mass
- **Friday 21st Sept**: Last day Term 3
- **Monday 8th Oct**: PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Tuesday 9th Oct**: All students return

**Welfare:**

What a great week we have had at the College. The SRC disco was one of the best we have ever hosted. The costumes were outstanding! We had the Glee club cheerleaders, the cast of the Wizard of Oz, an array of animals, the cast of the Avengers, and two of the three blind mice! It was a fantastic night held by all. Thank you to Mrs Green for her amazing organisation of the evening. And a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to supervise such a great community event.

The Marcelle Bernard performance on Friday was outstanding. Her unique delivery style was entertaining, engaging and very humorous. The students are still talking about her tips and suggestions. It was really great to see staff and students engaged in this informative presentation.

Due to some travel issues we have had to cancel the Maggie Hamilton presentation for parents tonight. We hope to reschedule her for a time in the near future.

Mr Mitchell is not well and as a result will not be at school for the remainder of the term. Leonie Green will be filling in for him in his absence. We welcome Leonie to the Welfare team.

We are in the busy part of the term with students preparing for assessment tasks. Year 11 are preparing for their end of Preliminary exams and the Year 12’s are working towards their HSC preparations. If you have any concerns about assessment tasks please contact your child’s teacher at the College via email or phone the College to make an appointment to see the teacher.

Have a fabulous week
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare
Nicole Morton

**College Fees:**

Term 3 College Fees are now overdue. Please pay them as soon as possible.

**Assessments Due - Week 8**

- **Year 7**: English, RE
- **Year 8**: English, RE
- **Year 9**: Food Tech, Agric, Commerce, Elect History, Hospitality, RE

**Year 10 – Food Tech, Agric, Commerce, Elect History, Hospitality**

**Year 11 – SLR**

**Alteration to Assessment Schedule for Year 8 French**

The task scheduled to be due in week 8, will now be due in week 9. Students will receive the assessment task notification during week 7.

**Message from the Parish Office**

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers. In masses this weekend we remember all deceased priests and those priests still active in the Archdiocese. They have been and still continue to be our ‘church fathers’ for 150 years this year. Please use the envelopes provided to assist our retired ‘priest Fathers’.

Paralympics. Their motto is: Spirit in Motion

The Paralympic Vision is:
‘To enable Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to inspire and excite the world.’

These athletes deserve our respect and admiration and this is definitely happening as the Opening Ceremony was sold out before the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Our Lady’s Birthday - Saturday 8th September

The Catholic Women’s League invites you to join them for the continuous Rosary on this day. A roster will be at the back of the Church from Saturday, 1st September to Saturday, 8th September. Rosary will commence with Mass at 08.30am in the church and conclude with the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm.

**Working Bee. 8 Sept from 10—11 am** to tidy up the church grounds. BYO gloves and weeding tools. Everyone most welcome. Many hands make light work, not that there is anything wrong with the lights!

**Chicken Pox**

We have had a case of Chicken Pox reported. Please keep an eye on your children for any signs or symptoms.

**Sport:**

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Archdiocesan Athletics:

Last Thursday the 23rd August over 25 students travelled to AIS Canberra to compete at the Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival. In what was a horrible day for athletics with the rain falling all day, Hennessy students performed very well with a number of students qualifying for the CCC carnival in Sydney on the 14th September. The following students have qualified for the CCC Athletics:

Sienna-Rose Bloor High Jump
Cassandra Edwards Shot Put
Jacob Tiernan 1500m
Tim Hayes 800m; 400m
Will Canellis Javelin
Alexcen Berry Shot Put
Anna Bewley – 1500m, 800m
Charles Brown – 1500m
Hayley McFayden – 1500m
Phoebe McGeoch – 800m
Bridget Parkman - Shot Put
Casey Wall - Javelin, High Jump

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day and good luck to the 12 students who will compete in Sydney.

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 7. What is the lightest metal under standard conditions?

Mercy Care Morning Tea:

Hennessy have been invited to participate in "China Tea", a regular program where residents and their families are treated to a special afternoon tea. The beautiful china is brought out and extra yummy treats are on offer. A huge thank you to my wonderful Year 11 Hospitality students who helped out yesterday at the Mercy Care. I was very proud of the way they behaved and interacted with staff and other helpers.

Thanks to Christina Hanley, Megan Loiterton, Josh Hargraves, Jasmine O’Hara and Rose Henman

Holiday Golf Lessons

Tuesday 25th Sept – Friday 28th Sept

For both boys and girls
Between 9 – 17 years

Qualified coaching
Skill building and testing
Play on most days
Games & Prizes

Cost $59.00
For more information & bookings
Phone 6382 1543

Child Protection Sunday

9th September 2012

Working together to protect children and young people in our Church and society

Young & District Little Athletics:

Registration Days:

Donges IGA – Sat 8th Sept from 9am
McDonalds Young – Wed 12th Sept from 5pm
Gus Smith Oval Young – Wed 19th Sept from 4pm

Tots $65 U6/ $70 U7-17 $75
All new registrations must present proof of age.
Enquires Aileen 6382 3533 or Pam 0417 580 080

Future Champions Clinics

October 20 & 21
Gus Smith Oval

Three Olympic coaches and experts on junior sport development will present six interactive hours showing how you can dramatically improve your performances.

The objectives are to explain how to train and prepare smarter rather than harder.

To reserve your place please contact Sonya Dowling on 0427 846 384