From The Principal

Reflection

‘The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.’

‘I am the good shepherd’ is one of seven statements in John’s Gospel in which Jesus defines his mission and the qualities needed to accomplish it. That it captured the imagination of the early Christians is evident from their many artistic depictions of Jesus in that role; and, in our own day, the popularity of the ‘shepherd psalm’ (Psalm 22/23). Jesus returned to this image when he applied it to the mission of his disciples, especially those called to servant leadership. ‘Feed my lambs; feed my sheep’ is his command to Peter (John 21:15-17).

Jesus’ words, ‘I know my own and my own know me’, are both comforting and challenging to staff at Hennessy and I am proud of the manner in which each and every student counts at Hennessy and is given every possible opportunity to grow and develop.

The staff at Hennessy are indeed ‘good shepherds’

What is happening at Hennessy?

Anzac Day
The commitment of Hennessy staff and students to Anzac Day is testimony to the quality of the people within our community. More than 200 students attended services across our region and showed the ultimate respect for those women and men who served our country.

Australian Representative
Many students are achieving their dreams at Hennessy and we encourage all staff and students to pursue their dreams. This week Anna Bewley was selected to represent Australia in the Triathlon World Cup in New Zealand in October. An outstanding achievement! Well Done!

Enrolment Period
Enrolment packages are now available for incoming Year 7 students in 2013. Please speak with your neighbours and friends about the qualities of Hennessy and offer them a package.

Month of May - Rosary
We have many people in our community who are struggling with illness and tragedy at the moment. Can I ask you to say the rosary during the month of May to assist the people within our community in their time of need.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates for Your Diary:

Tuesday 8th May – College Athletics Carnival
15th – 17th May – NAPLAN
28th May – 1st June – 10/11 Exams
30th May – Community Council Meeting

Welfare:
Welfare news

Thank you to Nicole Morton and Rita O’Connor for the great job they did overseeing welfare and administration during my long service break.

Anzac Day

As a school community the contribution of staff and students to the importance of Lest We Forget is exemplary. Across the region students wore their uniform proudly and staff gave of their time to march and give thanks for the peace and benefits we enjoy because of the active service of others. Thank you to all those students and staff who attended local and regional Anzac services.
Winter Uniform
Thank you to the many students who are wearing their uniform with pride. Reminder ties are to be worn and with cooler weather upon us a plain navy blue jacket can be worn over the top of the school jumper.

Athletics carnival
Next Tuesday 8th May is the school athletics carnival. **Buses will travel to & from school as usual. Students will be walked to and from Gus Smith Oval.**

Students are to wear their sports uniform or dress up appropriately in your team colours. Students need to bring hat, sunscreen, water and a thirst for athletics. Canteen facilities will be operating on the day. Students being picked up or dropped off from the oval will require a note to be given to their PC teachers. Events start from 9.15 on the day.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

**Assessments Due Week 4 – Term 2**

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**Message from the Parish Office:**

This year Catholic Schools’ Week will be held from 29 April to 5 May. All 11 dioceses across NSW and ACT are joining together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Catholic Schools. The theme for this year is “FAITH IN EVERY STUDENT”. One of the main focuses of Catholic Schools’ Week is to strengthen the relationship between school and parish. **They not only looked great but carried out a very professional role serving and waiting on the 300 plus crowd.**

Also it intends to strengthen the relationship between students, teachers, parents, parishioners, pastors and many others. At this time we are reminded of the important role our Catholic Schools play in local communities. The staff and students of Hennessy Catholic College invite us to attend some of the planned activities and events at the college during Catholic Schools’ Week. Let us be with them through our presence, prayer and support. As part of Catholic Schools’ Week celebration, we will have Mass with staff and students of HCC at 12.05pm on Wed 2 May.

Fr Joseph

**Hennessy College Debutante Ball**

The College will be holding its annual debutante ball on Saturday 12th May 2012. Tickets are $50 per person and are available at Deb practice each week.

**Hospitality News**

A huge thank you to my wonderful Year 10 and 11 Hospitality students who helped at the All Jazzed up in the Hilltops on Saturday night at the Town Hall.

They were superb. They acted with maturity, initiative and energy. They looked great in their Hennessy shirts. I was very proud of them and the way they represented their school.

Thanks to

Emily Smith, Brooke Dewar, Dean Waru
Teagan Levett, Tahlia Johnson, Melanie Schiller
Amelia Jones, Cassie McLachlan, Emily McIlhatten
Michael Livolsi, Sean King, Joshua Hajsinger
Brooke Blake, Brodie Cullen, Matthew Mitchell

Also a big thank you to the parents and grandparents (some who drove long distances) for supporting the College by providing transport on a chilly night.

Jenny Philpot
Hospitality teacher.

**Hennessy Catholic College Hospitality Team.**

On Saturday night we were fortunate enough to attend The James Morrison Concert in the Young Town Hall.

The evening was wonderful with great music, wine and food.

It was however made much more special by the Hospitality Team from Hennessy.

Congratulations kids and Mrs. Philpot on a fantastic job. Thomas and Sharon McGrath