Reflection

GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon’s mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, ‘Everybody is looking for you.’ He answered, ‘Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.’ And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

In last weekend’s Gospel Mark describes how Jesus began his teaching in Capernaum and in this week’s Gospel Mark has taken this further by describing how Jesus began to heal the sick. The aspect of the Gospel that I feel is enriching that Jesus invites us to ‘go elsewhere…. Because this is why I came’, this is essence of the evangelising nature of Catholic Education.

Start to the Year

We made a really positive start to the year in trying conditions. It is testimony to the quality of our students and staff that we welcomed our students and began the educational journey. I get a sense that the newest members to Hennessy will make a difference.

Communication

In the next month all parents will be contacted via telephone to ascertain how the students are settling into the College. Whilst this is a mammoth task for the Hennessy staff we feel it is important to form strong and vibrant communication with the children’s primary educators. The people who know the students the best!!! During this call we will also be asking parents for an email address so that we can improve our communication with you.

Year 12

Our Year 12s are well underway on their journey to Yr 12 Graduation. On Friday the College facilitated the HSC Symposium and you can feel the students filling their buckets with the knowledge and wisdom of the presenters.

This was an outstanding success and I would like to acknowledge the planning and organisation of Mrs Kathy Holding and Mrs Nicole Morton. The College has many gifted staff I would also like to thank Victoria Corcoran, Alison Mitchell, Alex-Kate Langfield, Joseph Murphy and Daniel Gerrard for sharing their stories with the students. We are developing a strong culture of supporting each other.

The Yr 12 will continue their journey with a study day on Monday 13th. *This is a marathon not a sprint!!!*

School Assembly

The College had its inaugural School Assembly for 2012 last Friday and we took time to welcome our newest members to our community. The students have made a very positive start to the year and as I walk around the
classrooms I can see well-planned teaching and learning.

Our 103 students in Yr 7 will need to put in 10 000 hours of quality work to obtain their dream job – An apprenticeship, an ADF scholarship, work placement or a university placement.

At Hennessy students are encouraged to dream – for without a dream – you cannot have a dream come true!!!

**Be the Attitude Award**

The Be the Attitude Award for January was shared by Aimee Smithers and Claire Parker, the assistance and help they provided to a Yr 7 student on the first day was certainly the attitude we are encouraging at Hennessy. Thank you girls for building our culture of welcoming in a safe and secure environment.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

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**Opening School Mass**

Our opening school mass will be held next Tuesday, 14th February, 2011. As such students are **required to wear their complete summer school uniform** and if they have sport or double PE on the day they are to bring their PE uniform and change into it for those lessons.

**Immunisation Program**

The adolescent immunisation program continues this year for all year 7 and 10 students which will be conducted by the Greater Southern Area Health Service at various times and includes the following vaccines:-

- **Year 7**: Hepatitis B, Varicella/Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis/Whooping cough. Girls only; Human Papillomavirus/HPV
- **Year 10**: Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis/Whooping cough.

Dates for Immunisation are as follows:
22-3-12, 18-5-12, 17-8-12, 14-9-12.

Parent information kits which include privacy and consent forms will be distributed through PC classes.

**Student Representative Council Elections**

Thank you to all students who stood for election, to the SRC and congratulations to those students elected to the council. They will be presented with their badges at the opening school mass.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

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**Dates For Your Diary:**

**Thursday 9th February**  
Year 7 Welcome Evening – 7pm Parish Centre.

**Friday 10th February**  
College Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 14th February**  
Opening School Mass – 12.00pm  
Year 11 Information Evening 6.30pm

**Wednesday 15th February**  
Year 11 Retreat.

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**Welfare:**

**Peer Support**

Hennessy has renewed the peer support program this year and our first session was held earlier this week. Over 100 students were divided into smaller groups working effectively with their year 10 peer support leaders who are running the sessions. Thank you to Mr Mitchell, Mr Logan, Mr Schmidt, Miss Hughes, Mr McAllister and Mr Williams for their efforts in reinvigorating and co-ordinating this important program.
Message from the Parish Office:

We congratulate Sr. Rosemary Drum on her Final Profession with the Sisters of the Missionaries of God’s Love (MGL) at Narrabundah in Canberra this Saturday 11 Feb. Sr. Rosemary is the daughter of Nola & John Drum of Bribbaree who also have two sons training for the Priesthood in the Philippines. There sure is something good in the water at Bribbaree.

Sisters of Mercy Jubilees. Congrats to:
- 40 years: Kathy Hodge
- 50 years: Jo Doyle
  Therese Foley
  Gwen Garland
  Clement Wales
- 60 years: Mavis Hanlon
  Stephen Rhynehart
  Roberta Robertson
- 70 years: Mary Smyth
- 90 years: Madeleine Lawrence

A wonderful 640 years of dedicated service to the Church and Australia. Ad multos annos.

Fr Richard

Sport:

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Visual Arts News:

Yr 9/10 STUDENTS

One-day workshop with Chris Tamm - Friday 17/2/2012

Yr 9/10 art students need to have notes returned by Monday the 13th

Cost is $10 per student.

Marianne McLachlan

St Mary’s Liturgy:

An invitation is extended to teachers and students who would like to be involved in the parish ministry of readers at the 6pm mass on Saturdays or the 9.30am mass on Sundays. If you would like to be included on the roster please email Brian Hislop at bhislop2@bigpond.com. In your email could you please indicate your preferred choice of mass and any dates you may be unavailable during the roster period. Could you also please supply a contact phone number and a return email address so that a roster may be forwarded to you. All new readers will be required to attend a short training session in the church at a date and time to be advised.

Brian Hislop
St Mary’s Parish Liturgy Co-ordinator.

A copy of the Newsletter and any of your child’s Excursion Notes can be found on our College Website.

www.hccy.nsw.edu.au

Newsletter:

To reduce wastage and cut paper costs we would prefer to issue our College Newsletter by email. Could you please complete the form at the end of the Newsletter and return to the College as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email Fiona.Tanner@cg.catholic.edu.au. With your details.

If you have previously received our Newsletter by email you will continue to do so on the address previously given. Only complete the form if your details have changed.

NB: Paper Newsletters will cease to be issued at the beginning of Term 3.

Newsletter – Email Details.

Family Name: ________________________

Email Address: ________________________