From The Principal:

Reflection

‘If your brother/sister does something wrong, go and have it out with them……

For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them’ Matthew 18:20

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years in farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. ‘I'm looking for a few days' work,' he said. ‘Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?'

‘Yes,’ said the older brother. 'I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbour, in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now it is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. I want you to build me a fence - an 8-foot fence so I won't need to see his place anymore.'

The carpenter said, 'I think I understand the situation and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you.'

The older brother had to go to town for supplies so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.

About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other. A fine piece of work - handrails and all - and the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand outstretched.

‘You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done.' The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge and then they met in the middle, took each other's hand, finally reconciled. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder, 'No wait, stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you,' said the older brother.

‘I'd love to stay on,' the carpenter said, 'but, I have many bridges to build.'

What is Happening at Hennessy

7.2 Cake Stall

I would like to acknowledge 7.2 and their teacher Mrs Suzie Duff or organising the recent Cake Stall to raise funds for the East Africa drought appeal. Thank you.

Our Yr 7 group is special

Leadership Speeches

Hennessy is currently in the process of electing the new leadership team. I have found the process to be a fabulous opportunity to get to know our Yr 11 students. I was pleased to see 27 students formally nominate to be leaders. I think this says a lot about Hennessy.

Remember if you have a Hennessy logo on you are expected to be a leader.

Fr Richard Thompson

Congratulations to Fr Richard on his appointment as Dean of the Western Deanery. Well Done
We also welcome Fr Joseph Punnakunnel to our parish.

Be the Attitude – August Nominations

Peter Curlewis
Broden Holland
Joshua McManus
Joshua Langfield
Jack Niddrie   William Cant
Teagan Levett   Amy Dewar
Monique Watts   Toni O’Connor
Hamish Gledhill  Tahlia Deep
Joseph Bunsworth  Jordana Heidtmann
Jacob Maloney   Ellie Turner
Maddison Anderson Blake Micallef
Isaac Clark Hugh Finlay
Lauren Jenkins Hayley McFadyen
Georgie Moore William Scott
Ben Broderick Brodie Cullen
Joshua Hajsinger Jordan Kettleman-Scott
Ebony Fuller Daniel Slater
Daniel Gerrard Tyrell McCullagh
Madeleine Sheridan Felicia Downey
Mak Cavanagh Tara Barrett
Alex-Kate Langfield Megan Durham
Georgie Gray Lauren Sheridan
Thomas Langfield Luke White
Jennifer McRae Joseph Murphy
Chris Fredericks Mikaylah Roberson
7.2 Cake stall Emily Bailey
Jacob Pollard Jordan Bennett
Mathew Mitchell Harry Wilson
Thomas Morton Will Crisp
Sean King Will Ross
Dylan Franks Michael Livolsi

The ‘Be the Attitude’ winner for August is Peter Curlewis. Congratulations Peter!

**Dates For Your Diary:**

**Friday 16th September**
- Preliminary HSC Examinations begin
- Year 7 immunisations

**Monday 19th September**
- Year 10 Trial SC

**Thursday 22 September**
- Year 12 Graduation Mass (11.30am)

**Friday 23rd September**
- End of Term 3

**Welfare News:**

**Congratulations to 7.2**

For their awareness of social justice and how we can make a difference to the lives of other people in our world through their organisation and running of a cake stall during the week. Through their efforts and initiative they have raised $345.10 for the East African Drought Appeal. Thank you to Mrs Duff for overseeing this event.

**Yarrangobilly experience**

Thank you to Mr Mitchell, Mrs Moore, and Mrs O’Connor for organising the year 11 excursion. It was a great opportunity for our year 11 to reflect on the year as well as add to their level of understanding of content being covered in preliminary courses. Thank you to Mrs Keith, Mr Cronin, Mrs McLachlan and Mr Cullen for their assistance on the day.

**Drug education**

Last Friday, 2nd September, year 9 attended the drug education play “Cheap Thrills” and Year 12 also attended an event in the school hall regarding the appropriate use of alcohol. Congratulations to both year 9 and 12 on their positive contribution to these events, the presenter was significantly impressed by year 9’s behaviour, attitude and the respect they provided to performers and each other.

**Year 12 Graduation mass**

Preparations are well underway for our Year 12 graduation mass on the 22nd September. It is a school mass and as such students are to wear their winter school uniform on the day.

**Parking in Ripon St**

It is important that there is no parking in the entrance and driveway gates on Ripon St.

These gates and entries need to be kept clear for deliveries, sick and injured students and the removal of our larger garbage facilities.

**Preliminary HSC exams**

The date of the first exam has been changed to Thursday, 15th September; we wish all the best to our year 11 students as they sit their final exams for the preliminary HSC course.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

**Message from the Parish Office:**

Fr Joseph Punnakunnel MSL (Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette). Last week we welcomed Fr Joseph to our community. Fr Joseph has been appointed as Assistant Priest to Young, which also involves pastoral assistance to Grenfell. He is from Kerala in India, was born in 1951 (don’t tell him my age!) ordained in 1986 after studies in the Philippines, speaks English, Tagalog (Philippines) Hindi (Indian) and Malayalam. It will be our task to teach him Aussie!

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**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

One of the key findings of the FBI concerning the abuse of children and adolescents in families and beyond is about the personality make-up of the child. Abusers of young persons avoid the kind of child many would regard as a bit of a brat. Loud-mouthed and opinionated. Because these children are not easy to manipulate into silence... at any time.

So raising children to speak out confidently and to present as confident will help deter predators. Keeping communication open between parents and child, where no subject matter is seen as taboo, will work against any child being manipulated into secrecy. Also, giving children a plan to activate as soon as they feel intimidated or uncomfortable around an adult will move them away from the very first approach of a predator.

**Sport:**

**Week 9** | **16th Sept** | **CCC Athletics Sydney**
Prayer for child protection
Lord,
You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.
Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.
We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen.

From Father Richard

Assessments Due Week 9:
Yr 7 - Science, PDHPE, Technology
Yr 8 - HSIE, Technology
Yr 9 - IST, Drama
Yr 10 – IST, Drama
Yr 11 - Ext English, Art

SCIENCE:

Science News- Circadian Clock of Plants
The circadian clock is the internal clock found in almost all organisms that helps synchronize biological processes with day and night. In plants, this clock is crucial for adjusting growth to both time and day and to the seasons. This week Scientists at Yale University have discovered the gene that controls the Circadian Clock in plants. By understanding the circadian rhythm of plants, which controls basic functions such as photosynthesis and flowering, scientists might be able to engineer plants that can grow in different seasons and places than is currently possible. Such developments could have broad implications for global agriculture.

The Science Experience
Yr 9 & 10 students – we have been informed that there are two scholarships available to the Science Experience this year. Even if you have already applied to take part in the Science Experience you can still apply for the scholarship. What is the Science Experience? – it is three days of hands-on science in universities and tertiary institutions for Year 9 and 10 students in 2011. It is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. See http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/ for more information about the program and see Dr Burg for information about the scholarships.

Professor Frink’s question of the week
Each week there are three Science questions in the newsletter. Junior (for 7 & 8), Intermediate (for 7 – 9) & Senior (for 7 – 12). The first student to bring Dr Burg the correct answer in a category wins the weekly prize. The student who wins the most weekly prizes wins the Professor Frink Grand Prize at the end of the year.
(Junior) What is a stomata?
Intermediate) In what organelle does photosynthesis take place?
(Senior) What is the chemical equation for photosynthesis?

Answers to Week 7 Questions
(Junior) What element is diamond made of? A: Carbon
(Intermediate) What is the difference between an optical telescope and a radio telescope? A: optical telescopes collect light and radio telescopes detect radio waves.
(Senior) What is a pulsar? A: A rotating neutron star
Congratulations to B. Torpy (yr 8) & B. Hobba (yr 7) for winning the week 7 prizes!

Good Luck!

Cricket Registration Day:
Cricket Registration Days will be held Saturday 10th, 17th and 24th September 2011 at Young Sportspower - Between 9am and 12pm.

Uniform for Sale:
Only six months old and in good condition.
Size 16 – Summer - shorts& shirt, Sports - polo, shorts & track pants. Boys winter pants & shirt. Also, size 14 sports polo and girls’ shirt and navy skirt. – All $10.00 each. Navy school jumper - $20.00 Navy tie - $5.00

Please phone Fatma: 0400351516

Refresh 2011:
Refresh is a 3 day camp for Yr 9 – 12 students run by the Catholic Youth Ministry.
Where: Caloola Farm South Canberra
When: 6pm Friday Sep 30 – 1pm Sunday Oct 2
Cost $85.00 before 16 September
$95.00 after 16 September
Contact: 0419 620 357
For more info: www.cymteam.org.au or 0419 620 357

Futsal:

Futsal NSW Rego – Jnr $30 – Snr $40
Game Fees $60 per player
Competition will run from Oct til March 12.
Teams of 5. Div – u8s, u10s, u12s, u14s & mixed.

HOLIDAY GOLF LESSIONS:
Junior Golf Workshop
Tuesday 4th October to Friday 7th October
Classes open to boys & girls
Aged between 9 & 17 years.
Qualified coaching
Skill building and testing
Play on most days
Games & Prizes
Total Cost $55.00
Form more information
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