GOSPEL : MARK 1:21-28
Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God." But Jesus said sharply, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant.

"Here is a teaching that is new" they said "and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Welcome
We welcome eight new teachers to our staff: Mrs Sharon Hibbert – Yr 11 Coordinator, Mr Charles Boshier – Science Coordinator, Mrs Angie Cooper – Yr 8 Coordinator, Ms Pamela Cohen – Special Projects Coordinator, Mr Ian Mergard – HSIE, Ms Heather McBurney – English, Mrs Emily Nowlan – Mathematics and Ms Jeannette Albert – Learning Centre.

We also welcome a record number of students to Hennessy – 539 students
Year 7 – we have in excessive of 100 students in this cohort, with students coming from far and wide – Binalong, Grenfell, Boorowa, Harden, Murringo, Wombat, Young. I hope they find Hennessy to be a safe and caring environment in which they can prosper and achieve their dreams.

In Year 11 – we have more than 100 students joining our community this year. The school is excited by the many gifts and talents that these new students will bring to our community. The students joining us come from Cootamundra, Cowra and Temora. We are truly a regional school!!!

High Expectations
2012 will be a year of high expectations for Hennessy Catholic College. The high expectations are based on the outstanding academic achievements of the College in 2011.

Year 10 School Certificate results demonstrate the quality of the students and the quality of the teachers at Hennessy.

Bands 4,5&6: In all six areas we were significantly above state average.
Bands 5&6: In five of the six areas we were above state average.

The results are outstanding and give cause for the Hennessy community to celebrate.

The HSC results were simply outstanding:
49% of students achieving ATAR scores in the 80s and 90s.
75% of courses above state average

2011 Hennessy students obtained entry into Medicine,
Veterinary Science, Physiotherapy, Education,
Engineering, acquired ADF scholarships and a range of apprenticeships. These outcomes are outstanding!!!!

The Higher School Certificate and School Certificate results reflect a strong culture of quality teaching and learning within the College. Congratulations!!!

Staff Development
On Wednesday 25 January and Friday 27 January the Hennessy staff was involved in professional development that focused on our students and student achievement.
I would like to acknowledge the superb leadership of Mrs Kathy Holding – AP Curriculum in her organisation and preparation for these days. The days were rewarding and provide all our staff with an insight into our future directions.

At Hennessy we strive to achieve personal excellence.

What is the difference between ordinary and extraordinary?

I wish you all the best in 2012.

Parent Communication
Please feel free to contact our staff or myself if you have any concerns with your child’s education

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates For Your Diary:

Thursday 7th February
Year 7 Welcome Evening

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.

Welfare:
Welcome Back
This year we welcome many new students but also many new staff especially to the role of welfare co-ordinator. This year we will be developing the processes of restorative justice in our resolution of students concerns and actions. We will continue to promote the safe and welcoming environment for our students, staff, and parents but this is only possible through the positive actions of members of our school community. Of course there may be times where your child feels unsafe at school, or circumstances at home may influence your child’s behaviour and attitude so it is important that you take the opportunity to contact our welfare co-ordinators so they can put in place actions to assist your son/daughter at these difficult times.

Our welfare co-ordinators for 2012 are

Yr 9    Mark Schmidt
Yr 10   Gareth Logan
Yr 11   Sharon Hibbert
Yr 12   Nicole Morton

They can be contacted via the front office. Additionally please feel free to contact myself regarding your child’s well-being.

What to Wear & How Do I Present Myself
The school diary has a page of information regarding the correct uniform. It also contains other uniform and grooming matters. As holidays have come to an end the excess wearing of jewellery and accessories comes to an end. Reminder only one earring per ear is accepted. Excess jewellery must be removed and can be confiscated. Laces up polishable black shoes are to be worn and in cooler weather a plain white T-shirt under or school jumper over can be worn

The habit of readily available mobile phone access also comes to an end with students only allowed to use them before and after school and at recess & lunchtime only. Use of mobile phone at any other time will result in its confiscation for a minimum of 24 hours (the end of the next school day).

SRC Elections
The Student Representative Council Elections take place next week for each year group. The junior years have one boy & girl representative while year 11 has two of each. Student nominations are due in by Monday morning, they will be asked to speak briefly to their year group at PC on Monday as to why they should be on the council and voting takes place early next week.

School Finish Time
The school day now ends at 3.10 p.m. This has been done so no students have to leave classes to catch early buses.

Opening School Mass
Our opening school mass will be held on 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.

May 2012 provide every opportunity to achieve beyond your dreams.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare
Hennessy Swimming Carnival:
Next Friday 10th Feb, the College will be holding its Annual Swimming Carnival at the Young Town Pool. Entry Costs to the pool is $2.20 per student. Bus students and students dropped to school will walk down to the pool with College Staff or alternatively they may arrange to go directly to the pool. Students will need to be at the pool no later than 8.45am. Students will need to give their PC teachers a note if they are leaving directly from the pool at the conclusion of the carnival.

Message from the Parish Office:
As we start a new school year Fr Joseph and I welcome all new staff and students to our school communities. We welcome back those who continue to serve in our schools and especially the students who journey with us. As I said to the year 12 students in their class mass, may we make this a year where our talents and generosity are shared and shown in the community. Let us all lead by example where the community can clearly see our love of God and our love of neighbour.
I ask all Catholic staff, students and their families to reconnect with their Church and start or restart to demonstrate the religious values that are so important in all our life education. Come back to the Church community those who are missing as we are the poorer for your absence. Parents - do not let your attitude or laziness prevent your children from practicing their faith. Let us make this a year of real and positive difference - together.

Fr Richard

Sport:

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Visual Arts News:
2012 Lambing Flat Festival
Wood, Sculpture and Fine Art Exhibition
SEE MRS MCLACHLAN FOR AN ENTRY FORM IF INTERESTED

2 Day Workshop: Handbuilding/Casting
3rd & 4th March 2012
Tutor: Pauline Jonach
Cost $50 per day $95 for 2 days
Held at the Art room - Southern Cross Cinema
Bookings - Contact: Heather 63823268

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.

Immunisations:
Young Community Health will be offering vaccinations to Yr7 & 10 in 2012.

Year 7 will be offered – Diptheria, Tetanus & Pertussis, Hep B, Varicella (chicken pox) & HPV – girls only.

Year 10 will be offered – Diptheria, Tetanus & Pertussis.

Your child has been given an information pack, please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.

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

Change of Details:
If your family details have changed in any way could you please complete the form at the end of the newsletter so that we may update our records.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

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Marianne McLachlan