Gospel John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

I think this is a powerful and profound Gospel passage with Jesus telling his disciples of the commandment 'love one another as I have loved you’. I do not think we would have so much injustice in the world if we loved each other with charity, hope and compassion.

It is most appropriate that this reading occurred on Mother’s Day as our mothers often love us unconditionally. I hope all mothers had an opportunity to enjoy their day.
The NAPLAN suite of assessment will be undertaken this week for Years 7 and 9. The NAPLAN results provide the College with a valuable snapshot of a cohort's strengths and areas for further development. The data from these results are used widely within the College to modify teaching and learning.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was conducted last Tuesday in glorious weather which allowed for several outstanding performances.

Three College records were smashed by;

Sienna Bloor (Yr 7) in the High Jump
Anna Bewley (Yr 11) in the 1500 metres
Jacob Teirnan (Yr 11) in the 1500 metres

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and support this day.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Year 7-11 Examinations

Reminder year 10 & 11 examinations begin on the 28th May and year 7-9 on the 4th June. Students should be devoting time to preparing for these examinations.

Gerard Simms
Assistant Principal Administration and Welfare

Assessments Due Week 5
Year 7 - Technology
Year 8 - Technology
Year 9 – PASS, Food, Tech
Year 10 – PASS, Food, Tech, Hospo
Year 11 -
Year 12 – Physics

Community Council Open Forum

Wednesday 30th May 2012

6pm
College Hall

Police Liaison Officer, Vanessa Cockran will be talking on
- Safe Partying
- Law & Responsibility
- Public Spaces

Supper will be provided

Message from the Parish Office

As I return from the parish pilgrimage I am confronted by much cooler weather, no archbishop, a broken sewerage main at the church, broken windows at the Parish Centre and peeling paint from the back wall of the church.

The weather will take care of itself, and the archdiocese will be taken care of with an Administrator being appointed until the Pope appoints a new archbishop.

The other local matters are of a more immediate concern as they are going to be costly to repair and do not meet insurance requirements. I therefore appeal for financial responsibility by us

Dates for Your Diary:

Tuesday 15th May to Thursday 17th May NAPLAN
Tuesday 22nd May – Grandparents Day – 9am
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Yr 10/11 Exams
Monday 4th June to Thursday 7th June – 7/8/9 Exams

Welfare:

Debutante Ball

Congratulations to our debutantes and their partners, along with the organising committee, for an excellent Debutante Ball on Saturday night. Thank you to all of those members and supporters of our Hennessy community who attended and made the event one to remember.

Grandparents’ Day

Year 7 students are looking forward to sharing their morning with our our Grandparents next Tuesday 22nd May.
all, but aim this notice at those among us who wish to use the church's resources and buildings but do not contribute to the financial upkeep of these buildings. We include a Planned Giving request card for every family who is involved in the sacramental life of the parish (Baptism, Marriage, First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation) and in the last five years a handful of families only have filled in that request form and offered Planned Giving assistance. Sadly, there is an overwhelming sense of older parishioners simply "being used" in this parish. This must stop. Please!

We have established a Direct Debit and Credit Card payment system to make offerings as easy as possible. The 'old weekly envelope' system is still available too. 10% of Planned Giving offerings are tax deductible.

I strongly urge all families to take financial responsibility for the future and maintenance of their parish buildings and resources. We do not receive any government assistance and depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners to maintain our buildings.

As the new financial year looms, please collect a Planned Giving or Direct Debit Form from the Parish Office, or request us to get it to your household, and begin your contributions now...just as your grandparents did and they are the ones who built these facilities. They did not have an income that most of us have now, and mostly they had more children, yet they knew the needs were there and made provision for their grand children's future. We thank God they did.

Will anybody thank us?

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**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 4 - Who first argued that the world was not flat?

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**Sport:**

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**Teen Yoga:**

Term 2: Thursdays 4-5pm. $10

Upstairs Millard Centre.

Strength, Flexibility, Fun, Relaxation.

Great compliment to other sports or study.

Girls and guys welcome.

Call 0419242053 for more info or just come along.

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**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**YEAR 10 HOSPITALITY WELCOMES PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS**

to the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

**WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY**

10.15AM

C BLOCK

**ADMISSION $5.**

Lots of homemade (school made) goodies.

Come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**