Advent is a time of new beginnings and provides us with an ideal opportunity for seeking personal renewal. We should never defer until tomorrow what we can do today. Rather, we should seek to reconcile ourselves with others, to heal broken relationships and to be people of helping hands and loving hearts.

Advent therefore is not just a time of preparing and waiting but also one of doing. Advent is a time for serving in faith, love and hope.

What is happening at Hennessy

Work Experience
Our Year 10 students enjoyed a week of work experience, in an era when students have to stay at school until they are 17, at times we can disregard the need and importance of work experience. Listening to the feedback from employers and our students it still remains an essential component of a student’s learning and step into employment. I wish to thank Brett Cowan who oversees the program and our staff who either visited or communicated with each of the workplaces and in particular the valued employers who allowed our students the experience. Thanks

Reflection
Advent is not only a time of preparation for the Birth of our Lord celebrated in the great feast of Christmas, it is also a timely reminder of the time we have to wait for the Lord’s Second Coming. Advent for me is a time when we wait for the Christ to become a part of our life. As with his disciples, Jesus warns us ‘be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.’ We must be prepared for Christ to come into our life at any time.

Mark 13:33-37
Jesus said to his disciples: ’Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

Cherry Festival
I would hope that we can have many students and staff on the Hennessy float. As a significant member of our community I would encourage you to support the Hennessy contribution. In Advent serving your community is the key ingredient.

Dr Peter Webster
Principal

Dates for your Diary
- Mon 8th Dec to Wed 10th Dec—Yr 10 Camp, Shoalhaven.
- Mon 8th Dec to Fri 12th Dec—Yr 11 VET Work placement.
- Thurs 11th Dec—Presentation Night.
- Tues 16th Dec—Last Day for Students.
- Wed 17th Dec—Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.
- Wed 28th Jan—Yrs 12, 11 & 7 Return for Term 1.
- Thurs 29th Jan—All Students Return.

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Community Connections

Cherry Festival Parade

The parade will be held this Saturday 6th December. Our theme this year is social justice incorporating ‘sock it to poverty’ and community service.

Students wishing to represent Hennessy in the parade will be wearing their school uniform, while some members of year 11 will wear clothing reflecting the social justice initiatives in Cambodia.

Students will meet Mrs Odell, Mr Pippard & Ms Green at 2.30pm on Caple Street outside of C block to complete decorations of the float and to prepare for the parade.

Students are to see their year captain or their coordinator to register their interest in being involved. Thank you to John Taylor who is supplying small bales for our students to sit on the back of our float.

Year 8 Camp

Congratulations to Mrs Nowlan on the year 8 camp and to our students for a fantastic camp. Year 8 were a credit to the school and their parents with feedback that has been very positive including the following text messages from Surf the Bay "Mate, let them know that they are the best school group we have had in our history of operation’, ‘They were awesome. Thanks to all the teachers and students’. Thank you to Mrs McInerney, Ms Hitchenson, Mr Pippard, Mr Boshier, Mr Cullen and Ms Devane for looking after our students at Tuross Heads.

RUOK Day

As part of our continued approach to Resilience in our school community we held an RUOK day today. The theme was “Be YOUUnique”. Thank you to Ms Hitchenson, Mrs Nowlan and the student team for developing a diverse range of activities for the day which included

Money raised on the day from mufti and BBQ will be given to our local mental health team at the hospital.

Asthma Friendly School

Reminder aerosol deodorants are not to be used at school only roll on, whether inside or outside of rooms, due to Asthma risks.

Big Splash

Thank you to Mrs Hibbert and Mr Mitchell, for organising the Big Splash days, for our years 7 and 9 students this week. The student’s behaviour was exemplary and a great day was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Mrs Stadtmiller, Mrs Bolger, Mr Mergard, Mrs McCann and Mr Smith for sharing the day with year 9 and to Ms Kelly, Mr McAllister, Mr Cullen, Mr Croese and Ms Devane for looking after year 7.

Gerard Simms Director of Community

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

If you would like an opportunity to discuss your child’s report with their teacher/s, the option to make an appointment to meet with them is available to you between 9am and 12 noon on Wednesday 17th December. Please arrange appointments through the front office.
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
For Term 4
Tuesday 16th December
2014

Christmas Party on Pudman

Friday the 05th of December 2014
NEW TIME 6pm to 9pm NEW TIME
Free BBQ Balloons
Photos with Santa
Entertainment Free Mocktails
Come along for fun and friendship and support your local businesses

YEAR 10 CAMP

The bus will be departing Hennessy Catholic College at 6:45am. We are asking students to be at the College no later than 6:30am for an on time departure. Any outstanding monies need to be paid ASAP.

Term 4 Fees

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OVERDUE

Payment of all outstanding fees prior to the end of term would be greatly appreciated.