



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy term with many highlights across the last few months and quite a number of activities still about to happen over the holidays.

All the students and teachers will be looking forward to a rest, but before we take a break it is good to reflect and look back on the term.

The highlight for me has been some great events and some outstanding student leadership demonstrated over the term. We had a terrific Unite Week that was marked with our first attempt to celebrate Harmony Day with a range of our multicultural heritages represented. In addition, there was money raised for some worthy causes including the: Cancer Council, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Compassion, Anglican Aid, and the Cerebral Palsy Foundation to name a few. I thank all the students who have got behind these events with special thanks to the organisers.

Access to the Rawdon Middleton VC Sports Complex has been a real blessing. This facility has given us the space to introduce a number of after school programs which have been of great benefit to our students. These include: the establishment of the Thomas Hassall Basketball Academy and the Thomas Hassall Dance Academy. Students can also be part of the Camden Wildfire Basketball Competition and the local Austral Futsal Competition. The opening of the new oval will also attract future opportunities for students with sports from Athletics, AFL and our well-established Soccer program continuing to flourish. I wonder what opportunities could be around the corner as we continue to develop the Sports Precinct here at Thomas Hassall?

I want to thank all the teachers and students involved in the various co-curricular programs that are on offer at the College. This includes all the music ensembles, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, the Craft Club, the Jewellery club, the Gaming Group, the Debating Group, the

Photography Club and the various Christian Groups that meet across the campus. These are essentially run by people in their spare time.

I have enjoyed the opening up the MRK Café to parents and friends and have appreciated the Senior Students engage in running one of the mornings in order to test their business acumen. It has been very encouraging to see our community coming together around a coffee and a conversation. If you have time on a Thursday or Friday it is a very positive place to hang out.

The holidays arrive with a number of groups taking time to venture out including: a group going to Japan to visit out Sister Schools on a cultural and language exchange. There is also a group visiting Mount Gambier at the beginning of Term Two. Let's be excited by these opportunities and continue to pray for the protection and well-being of our community.

Have a great break!

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