



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The year is well underway, and in the Senior School we will have interim academic reports coming to you next week ahead of the first Parent Teacher night for 2021.

Like most events at this time, we will be using Zoom to have conversations about each of your children. Junior School families have already met with teachers online in the Meet the Teacher evening some weeks ago.

Very successful swimming carnivals have been held in Junior and Senior School and the first of the representative carnivals, the NASSA Carnivals, were held this week. We achieved 3rd place in the Senior Carnival and 4th place in the Junior Carnival at NASSA, which is most commendable, and a large number of students will proceed to the next level. Congratulations to students and staff.

We are managing the process of COVID-19 across the community and the city, aren't we, and since we have needed to be concerned about social distancing and healthy interactions, we have all found the necessary disciplines and practices. While it has been difficult and has interrupted our lives, we have found ways to manage the event.

I might remark, however, that there has likely been an increase in social tension, whether at home or school or in the wider community. It's fair to say that the current debates around domestic violence, or indeed the issue of consent for teenage girls, are indicators that we are talking more about social tension and the need to bring resolution to difficult situations. Let's talk more about ways to ease the tensions around us.

As a College community, we do well to bring the important issues that impact our young people

and families to the fore, and we will have opportunities to have events that focus on wellbeing issues. Please watch out for the 'Wellbeing Matters' events as they occur. Please also raise the issues that are difficult, with teachers or our 3 expert and qualified psychologists Mrs Petersen, Mr Cleur and Miss Bjelan.

Open Week is scheduled for the week commencing Monday March 15. We already have lots of bookings and if your friends and neighbours would like to know more about Thomas Hassall Anglican College, there are several opportunities for them during the Open Week. Details are on the College website.

Please take care as a family and thanks for your continued support of all of our programs.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he, Jesus, did not sin. Hebrews 4:15

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Principal
