



THE WAY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of another year is fast approaching. There are many events scheduled at this time of year in schools and in activities that our children are involved in. I am sure that you are all enjoying these celebrations, like I am, but also feeling the added pressure that multiple outings can create. I want to encourage you to stay the distance and see each event as a moment of celebration. These are precious moments to cherish the growth of a year, the growth of our young people and the commitment of many.

Last week our Year 5 students enjoyed three days away from home on camp. Camps play a significant role in each child's development and growing independence. We have enjoyed the Junior School Ensemble Evening and the annual Dance Concert. These occasions showcase students at varied levels of development and expertise. Some are at the early stages – learning to overcome performance anxiety and how to work in small groups. Others are more proficient and confident as they take the stage. All, however, are learning how to learn, how to persevere and how to respect each other. These are the character traits that are vital for maturity and how our students become more resilient and tolerant of others. Thank you parents, for the way that you support these programs and the way that you see beyond your own children. This is how we build community.

We are also in the midst of orientations and opportunities to welcome new families to Thomas Hassall. It is wonderful to have so many new students beginning their journey with us. We are looking forward to meeting you, partnering with you and seeing your children thrive in our midst.

I am also looking forward to our annual celebration events which will be occurring in the last week of the term. Information will be sent home shortly. These celebrations are about us as a

community as well as being significant for those receiving awards. This year we have had the theme **Together** for the whole college.

I chose this theme because I believe it reflects the idea that every student, teacher and family is part of one community. We need to be inclusive and ensure that no one is isolated. Success and growth happen when we work for the good of all – not just our own interests. This week we will also thank the Parent Community Network for the volunteer work they do to support each other, and the wider college community. This is our strength: working together, accepting each other and having common goals.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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