Welcome to the 2011 College year. A special welcome to our new families—students and parents. What a great opportunity awaits all of us this year. Our first week has seen extraordinary weather and we are grateful for air conditioning. At our first assemblies for the year we have heard of the floods across the country and as we write, the Cyclone in Far North Queensland has crossed the coastline. Our prayers and support is required and there will be a College wide fundraising appeal in the coming days.

I am sure that you are impressed at the upgrade of buildings and facilities since last year. Our College Manager Warren Murray has expertly guided the progress of building and renovation across the site. The new Senior School block and amphitheatre add much needed space and classrooms for students. Two new science labs, a drama room, a Macintosh computer room, and 5 classrooms will allow students to work in the most up to date learning environment.

We are still several weeks away from completion of our Junior School building and yet it is obvious that we have a wonderful facility for our younger students. While a new Library and Multipurpose Centre are its central features, we have 2-3 classrooms, an After College Care facility and a sporting hard court which will also act as a drop off and pick up point.

We will soon announce the date for the Opening Ceremony for both buildings toward the end of the first term. It will be a wonderful occasion.

Our new staff are settling in well and will add significant skills to the College. We have included a photo and profile in the following pages. There will be opportunity to meet staff at Parent Teacher evenings in Term 1.

You will be pleased to hear of our pleasing academic results in 2010. HSC results continue to improve with nearly 60% of students receiving university offers. Our Year 10 School Certificate results are the best in our history and NAPLAN results show our students operate at above average levels in each year. A more detailed HSC report will be presented in a future edition of The Way.

The College has now completed 11 years of education for young people in the South West. In our short history we have grown rapidly and in 2011 we have nearly 1350 students and over 120 staff members working hard on an ever improving 24 acre site. Much has been achieved and more is to come as we continue to establish and improve programs for our Prep to Year 12 students. As an initiative of the Anglican community in the local area and wider Sydney we understand the importance of the Christian values and understanding being developed in our students and families. We have a great God who cares for each of us and in 2011 we begin the College year with an encouraging word of Scripture.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 6-7

Have a great year everyone.

Please contact us regarding any issues related to your children and the College.

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal

FOR YOUR DIARY

February 7th 2011
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Year 7 Camp
14th-16th February

Junior School Information Evening
Wednesday 16th February

Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival
Thursday 17th February
Prairiewood Leisure Centre

Senior School Equip Seminar
Wednesday 23rd February
7pm

Senior School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 24th February

Year 7 Information Evening
Monday 28th February

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening
Monday 28th February

Junior School NASSA Swimming
Tuesday 1st March

Senior School NASSA Swimming
Wednesday 2nd March
I would like to extend a welcome to all students and families and particular those new to the College. I trust you had a terrific time over the holidays enjoying God's good world. It was also a time for us to reflect again on the coming of his Son that first Christmas. I enjoyed lots of golf and catching up with friends.

In our time social networking has become a standard way that people not only maintain connections with people from around the world but also communicate with those around them on a day to day basis. Facebook has become the largest of these social networking tools. Here are some statistics about Facebook:

- Over 500 million people are on FB – in only 7 years!
- If FB was a country it would be world’s 4th largest
- The average user has 130 friends
- The average user creates 90 bits of info per month.

This term in Secondary Assemblies we are exploring the topic ‘Jesus and Facebook’. What would Jesus think of Facebook? Would he use it today if he was on earth? We are also thinking about what type of picture he’d have? Who are his friends? What are his views on religion? What would be his status? Finally, we will pose the question ‘have you accepted Jesus’ friend request’?

One source said that 7 out of 10 church leaders believe he would use it. Why? Perhaps that he is a God who seeks to connect, communicate and be friends with us. He has much to share about who he is, what he likes, what he hope for us and how through outing our trust in Jesus we can be his friends for eternity – never to be ‘unfriended’!

Facebook presents some wonderful opportunities such as:

- Connecting and sharing
- Expressing your personality and interests
- Belonging to a global community
- Relaxation and fun – Farmville!

However, we need to consider some of the potentially harmful effects of Facebook:

- Used for anti-social behaviour eg bullying
- Limits real personal interaction
- Over communicate – trivia and “I really wish I hadn’t posted that!”
- Addictive time waster – a real challenge to productive educational outcomes.

In the midst of technology and electronic relationships we are still our most human when interacting with each other in person. In the same way the Bible teaches us that on that first Christmas:

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father full of grace and truth”. John 1:15

I pray you and your family will have a blessed 2011!

Mr Jim Dayhew
Director of Christian Education
Welcome back to Thomas Hassall Anglican College for a new year. We trust that you had a restful Christmas break and are ready to embrace the challenges that will come along over the New Year.

One of the obvious challenges that we all face is the rate of change in our world. Change in the way we live and think about the world. This includes the way we communicate and interact as a community, which then informs our social, technological, economic and cultural view of the world. This rate of change can cause enormous tension and consequently give rise to fear; this is normal. If you are older we look back at the good things that appear to have been discarded and wish we could return to how things were back then. However, innovation and change is part of man’s creative DNA; with change, no matter how good, there will be a new set of problems that arise that need to be solved. The invention of the motor car was an incredible change for a horse dominated society. This new machine was enthusiastically embraced; it came with some great advantages but it also created a new set of problems that needed to be solved. Computers and technological innovations in communication is the new ‘car’ driving ‘change’. With this great technological revolution and innovation there is a new set of problems that we need to solve. Like most education providers, we at Thomas Hassall are trying to keep abreast with the change and resolve issues as they arise.

One of the stable things that does not change is God’s Word. The Bible is full of promises that have stood the test of time and are relevant for every generation. In the intensity of living in the midst of change we need to remember the great God who promises to lead us and guide us and direct our lives in such a way that we can live with confidence and freedom as we look to the future. As 2011 marches on I will need to have His guidance and wisdom in dealing with the myriad of challenges facing me. I know that the same would be true for each of you. I want to encourage you to face the challenges of 2011 by asking Jesus to come along side you and assist you. God created this world and he also created each of us; I am confident that He can direct each one of us in the way in which we are to go.

Let’s have a great year together in the beautiful new facilities that we have here at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. There are new opportunities and new problems to solve; we are able to solve all of these issues if we are working together. Please don’t hesitate to contact me and share your thoughts and concerns and encouragement throughout the year.

God Bless
Roger Young
Head of Senior School

Welcome back to 2011 and a very warm welcome to all our new students and their families. The year has started well despite the heatwave that always seems to happen at the start of the year. Kindergarten and Prep have settled in well, they are so grown up in their uniforms yet it only seemed a short time ago that they were toddling after their older siblings. All children take time to adjust to their new classes, this is normal and will improve when they become familiar with their surroundings. If you continue to be concerned over the coming weeks please talk to your child’s teacher, myself or the College Counsellor, Mrs Petersen.

We welcome some new staff to Junior as well as some staff who are returning, Mr Sheehan will be taking Year 6, Miss McGlinn has joined our learning Support Team and Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Fifer have all returned part time form leave. Please keep praying for Mrs Kamarados who is continuing to recover and we hope to see her back at the College soon.

We would like to invite you to come and meet your child’s teacher at the Information Evening which will be held on Wednesday, 16th February, more information will be sent home next week. We are looking forward to a great year ahead with many interesting and exciting learning experiences.

Christine Bessant
Head of Junior School

Parents wishing to enrol their children for 2012 are reminded that sibling priority can only be given to applications received by the end of February 2011. Available places for 2012 may be limited.

The College is pleased to be offering Academic Scholarships for students entering Year 7 and Year 11 in 2012. Applications are now open and information is available on the College website www.thac.nsw.edu.au Click on the Scholarships link. Scholarship testing day is on Saturday 14th May.

If you have any questions regarding enrolments or scholarships please contact Mrs Merrett in the administration office.
We are looking forward to a great year of Sport at the College in 2011.

**MISA Sport:**
Trials were held in week 1 during sport. It was very positive with many students participating, even though it was very hot! MISA notes are to come to Mrs. Clisdell via the black sports letter-box, outside the PECS staff room.

**Elective/House sport:**
Please return your permission notes to the College Cashier (paid AND non-paid).

**DIARY DATES**

- **NASSA Cricket:** THAC vs BGS – 21st February
- **Swimming Carnival:** The College Swimming Carnival is on the 24th February at the Whitlam Aquatic Centre.
- **NASSA Cricket:** THAC vs BAC – 10th March
- **NASSA Swimming Carnival:** 2nd March at Homebush

**Wanted**

Do you have any used plastic containers???
Mrs Hughes in the Science department can use any that you can spare. Please drop at the office.

We ask that parents and visitors to the College drive carefully in and around the College. During the morning drop off and afternoon pick up there are lots of students getting in and out of cars. Remember that little children are very hard to see! Please take extra care during these very busy times. Thank you for your patience.

Below are the procedures for drop off and pick up.

**Junior School Carpark**
Only students in Years 5 and 6 and their younger siblings can use the pick up zone of an afternoon. At the conclusion of the day students in Years 5 and 6 are to collect their younger siblings and proceed quickly to the steps near the pick up zone. Please queue in the left lane and keep moving forward until your child is brought to the car. Please remain in your car at all times. Senior School students cannot be picked up at the Junior School pick up zone.

**Senior School Carpark**
There is a pick up and drop off zone in the J Block carpark. If you have students in Senior and Junior you are to use the J Block pick up in the afternoon. Please be patient if there are delays—these delays usually take only a few minutes to clear.

The area closest to J Block is for pick up only. Please do not park on this side of the carpark.

Year 12 Students are to park in 16th Avenue and not in the J Block carpark.

To increase the flow of traffic we recommend drivers are best to travel up 16th Avenue.

All award certificates earned last year have been received and will be given out next assembly. Bronze students from last year need to fill out the data form available from me so that the electronic details can be updated on the web site. Please be alert for information coming soon on what needs to be done to complete your award level. Hope you are ready for more fun exploring and helping others this year!

Mr Ward
Dukes Coordinator

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I have now moved into the new Careers Room – H15 – in the fantastic new H block. Please come and see me for any assistance you might need in thinking about Careers. Recently I attended a dinner put on by HOSTEC which offers training for many different high class industry openings in areas such as hospitality, retail and business management. They are keen to support our students. Some courses can be commenced concurrently with HSC studies and include paid positions from the beginning of traineeships. HOSTEC educate 15000 learners each year and have an 80% completion rate for traineeships which is superb. They place many young people in wonderful jobs especially in the major hotel and cruise ship industries. We will have representatives from this and other careers organisations coming out to visit us in the future. Look out for your particular areas of interest. Keep thinking about your future and seniors make sure that you have a resume and that you keep it up to date.

Mr Ward
Careers Advisor
Year 3 - 6 Sport – Term One

Sport for students in Years 3 - 6 occurs every Wednesday during Periods 5 and 6. Children have the opportunity to participate in the following Sport for Term One;

* **IPSSO teams** – Summer Sport teams represent our College in Cricket, Basketball, Softball and Tee-Ball. The IPSSO competition provides opportunity for children to play Summer and Winter sports against 8 other schools.
* **Swimming** – Swimming instructors from Prairiewood Leisure Centre instruct the students to improve their swimming ability. Classes are ability based from non-swimmer to stroke correction.
* **Ten Pin Bowling** – Students travel to Manhattan Rock n Bowl, Wetherill Park and play a game of bowling. Students can elect to use the “bumper bowling” lanes.
* **Tennis Coaching** - A qualified ‘Elite level’ tennis coach (recognised by Tennis Australia) will run a coaching program designed to improve student’s skill and knowledge of the game of tennis.
* **Gymnastics** – A qualified and experienced coach from Activated Sports will run a program designed to learn basic gymnastics in a safe and controlled environment, concentrating on technique and fun.
* **Sporting Clinics** - The sporting clinics are run by the NSW Association for their Sport. They are excellent programs emphasizing fun and participation. The coaches are qualified within their respective sporting bodies and endeavour to develop the student’s understanding, skill level and knowledge of the game. The following coaching clinics will occur this term:
  * **Soccer NSW**
  * **Netball NSW**
  * **College Sport** – is a variety of skills based lessons, developing to team games.

This year, the Parents and Friends Association, in partnership with the College will be financially supporting the College sporting representative teams by covering the cost of transport for each student. The P & F are dedicated to providing opportunity for all children to be involved in College representative teams and we are very grateful for their generous contribution to representative Sport.

Children will be selecting their Sport choice for Term One in Week 2.
All Sport starts in Week 3, 18th February 2011.

Year 1 and 2 Sport – Term One

In Term One, students in Years One and Two will attend an 8 week Swimming Program at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. The Swim program will commence on Friday 18th February - Week 3 and continue every Friday as part of the Stage One weekly sports program. The 45 minute lessons will be ability-based and will cater for non-swimmers through to stroke development and correction.

Parent Helpers: Parents are able to assist with changing children back into uniforms at the pool. If you can assist, please see your classroom teacher. All parent helpers must complete the ‘Working with Children check’ before assisting with the program.

Junior School Swimming Carnival

The Junior School Swimming Carnival is for students in Years 2 – 6. It will be held at the Prairiewood Leisure Centre on Thursday 17th February, 2011. Students need to be at the pool by 8.20am. The first race commences at 8.30am.

**PARENT HELPER**S: We are in need of parents to assist in the running of the carnival, so if you can help, please see your classroom teacher.
NASSA Junior Tennis Gala Day
There is a NASSA Junior Tennis Gala Day on Friday 11th February. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and plays competition Tennis outside of College, please see Mrs Evans for more details.

PE and Sport Reminder
It is advisable that your child has a refillable drink bottle on Sport and PE days to ensure that they are able to re-hydrate after exercise. A frozen drink is also a great idea. All children are required to wear the PE cap or College hat for sporting activities.

Important Junior School Sport Dates for Term One...
Week 2 - Friday 11th February – NASSA Junior Tennis trials
Week 3 - Wednesday 16th February – Year 3 – 6 Sport starts
Week 3 - Thursday 17th February – Year 2 – 6 Swimming Carnival
  Venue - Prairiewood Leisure Centre
Week 3 - Friday 18th February - Year 1 and 2 swimming program starts
Week 4 - Monday 21st February - NASSA Boys and Girls Basketball Gala Day
  Venue - Wollongong
Week 5 - Tuesday 1st March – NASSA Junior Swimming Carnival
  Venue - Homebush – 3.00 – 6.00pm
Week 8 - Monday 21st March - NASSA Junior Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day
  Venue - Penrith
Week 8 - Tuesday 22nd March – NSW CIS Swimming Carnival - Homebush
Week 8 - Thursday 25th March - NASSA Junior Girls Netball Gala Day
  Venue - Anne Clark Centre, Lidcombe
Week 9 - Tuesday 29th March – Year 2 – 6 Cross Country
  Venue – College grounds

Throughout the year, there are also NSW CIS trials for some sports which do not have a Gala Day as an entry path. If your child plays representative sport in AFL, Hockey, Rugby Union or Gymnastics, please see Mrs Evans to indicate your expression of interest to be nominated for these sports. Students would need to be in Years 5 or 6 and have represented their Association in their sport.

Mrs Evans
P-6 Sports Coordinator
Wearing of the College Uniform

The College uniform is an important part of establishing a positive learning culture and it is really good to see that most students do wear the uniform with pride. The College handbook will be distributed this week so please check the uniform requirements carefully, particularly in relation to the correct socks; length of girls’ uniforms; the wearing of jewellery; unacceptable hairstyles and colour etc...

Below are the uniform requirements for Sport.

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Introducing our New Staff

Robert Sheahan-6B Class Teacher
Robert is an enthusiastic young teacher who is also an emerging musician and keen sports person. We welcome him to the College.

Suzanne Walker– Mathematics Teacher
Suzanne has a genuine love of Mathematics and young people. She has an interest in and expertise in gifted and talented education. She will be a great asset to the Mathematics faculty.

Richard Loane– Mathematics Teacher
Richard has had a background in Computing and has transferred this knowledge into teaching Mathematics. His experience and love of this subject will be an asset to the College. Richard comes to us from Waverley College.

Sarah McGlinn-Teacher's Aide
Sarah is a trained and experienced Learning Support assistant who is a great asset to the Learning Support team. We welcome Sarah to the College.

Photo of Sarah to come in the next edition
Introducing our New Staff

**Glenn Wilkins—HSIE Teacher**

Glenn has a passion for Economics, Business Studies and Sport. He is an experienced teacher who is a Senior Marker of Business Studies in the Higher School Certificate. Welcome Glenn.

**Jennie Young—Science Co-ordinator**

Jennie has a genuine love of Science. She is an experienced Co-ordinator with a wealth of knowledge in education both overseas and in Australia. She has a passion for physics and space education. Jennie was previously Head Teacher, Science at St Paul’s Grammar School Penrith.

**Michael Pilottos—HSIE Co-ordinator**

Michael is an experienced teacher of HSIE with Legal Studies and Business Studies as his specialties who comes to us from Broughton Anglican College. Michael is a former representative for Australia in Table Tennis and holds a senior level with an Asian C licence in Football.

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**English Classes**

- **“Great friendly classes”**
- **All levels from beginners to advanced**
- **A great place to make new friends!**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Dates & Times:**

- **Term 1:**
  - **Monday, 10th February:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am (Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 10)
  - **Tuesday, 11th February:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am (Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 10)

**Location:**

- **St Mary’s Anglican Church, 882, 884, 886 & 888, Moore Street, Liverpool**

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