FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn”.

Benjamin Franklin

Reports
The 2013 mid-year report will see all Catholic schools in Tasmania begin reporting on the Australian Curriculum standards in English, Mathematics, History and Science. During 2013 and 2014 all schools will be in a transition period as they implement both a new curriculum and a new reporting format.

Students in all grades will receive a full learning report including comments for all the core learning areas. In all option reports (Grade 7 and 8) and for all primary specialist classes (PE, Art, Music and Japanese) students will receive a learning area

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 18B
Monday June 17 – Grade 10 exams – till June 20
Tuesday June 18, JS P&F Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday June 19 – P&F Meeting, AF, 7.30 pm
Friday June 21 – Grade 10 Student Free Day
Friday June 21 P&F Quiz Night, 7 pm

WEEK 19A
Wednesday June 26 –JSATIS Cross Country at Symmons Plains
Friday June 28 – Half Way Day – featuring the College Walkathon

Diary Dates
Friday June 21 – Parents and Friends Quiz Night. Edmund Rice Hall, 7 pm.
Old Scholars Music Concert – featuring the Matthew Ives Big Band, JPC, 7 pm
SVC Community Race Day, Sunday September 22, 11 am
assessment (A-E) and an indication of their application and attitude to learning. Please note that no written comment will be provided in these subjects.

In Grade 9 and 10, all students study full year courses in these subjects and therefore will receive written feedback in all subjects.

The mid-year report will be sent home on the last day of Term Two. There will be an opportunity at both campuses for parents and students to meet with the staff at relevant parent/teacher/student conferences. The dates and times of these will be included in the report.

**Grade 10 Examinations**
Next week will see the Grade 10 students commence Semester One examinations. We wish all boys well with their final preparations and planning and encourage all students to be well rested and fed in preparation for the demands placed upon them by exams.

Mid-year exams come on the back of some significant planning in relation to the preparation for the move to Grade 11 next year and all students have begun to realise the significance of the academic programme and the importance of sustained and genuine engagement as they prepare to continue their educational journey. I remind all Grade 10s that enrolment forms for Guilford Young 2014 are due back to the College by June 21.

I also remind all Grade 10 parents that Friday June 21 will be a student free day for all Grade 10s.

**Walkathon and our Support for the Mary Rice Centre**
In the last fortnight your son should have received his sponsorship form for this year’s Walkathon. On the form there is a description of where the funds are to go and the boys are asked to take the opportunity to explain to those who they ask to sponsor where the money goes and how it will help. At recent assemblies a number of staff have taken the opportunity to talk to the students about the Mary Rice Centre and the importance of our contribution to its ongoing viability.

The challenge put to boys over the past weeks has been to provide ideas of what Mr Waddington can take with him to Africa to provide a constant and tangible reminder of our support of the Mary Rice Centre. Each year following our donation, it gives me great heart to receive the enormous thank you that comes from the students and staff of the Centre. If you have any ideas about what our community can gift to the Mary Rice Centre (and noting it must fit in a large backpack!), please be in touch so we can formulate our plan.

Boys are reminded that forms are to be returned on Halfway Day (June 28). I urge boys to continue to support this most important cause which helps define us as a community and tangibly demonstrates our authenticity to the touchstones of the EREA Charter.

**Parents and Friends Upcoming Events**
The Parents and Friends Association committees on both campuses have planned major events for the term. Tomorrow night all community members are invited to the Junior Campus for the Family Footy Night from 7pm. On Friday June 21 the P&F are conducting a Quiz Night. I encourage all members of our community to consider attending one or both of the functions as all proceeds go directly to projects that will benefit all students. Thank you again to all members of the Parent & Friends committees who have worked extremely hard to organise these events for us. Details of both functions are included in this edition of The Star.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Clothes Drive**
As the weather continues to move towards the cold of winter, we are constantly reminded of some of those less fortunate in our community. At both campuses, families will have the opportunity, if possible, to donate any spare clothes and blankets to the annual winter drive. Bins and baskets are available for deposit of items at both sites and your support provides a
wonderful opportunity to help those in our community who may spend many cold nights on the street this winter. Thank you again to all who have continued to support this important initiative.

Follow us on Twitter
The College continues to use twitter as an effective medium to deliver news to members of the College community and we are slowly inching towards 100 followers! The Twitter feed provides followers with up to date information about significant curricular and co-curricular initiatives, key events, news of old scholars and details of student achievements.

Please log on to Twitter and follow St Virgil’s - @svctas

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“I was probably more scared of my high school exams than I was of the Oscars. At the time you think it’s everything and if you don’t do well, your life’s over. Opportunities are gone. So the more you do it, the less the fear is present”.

Hugh Jackman

Grade 10 Examinations
We wish the Grade 10 boys good luck as they enter their first experience of exams. So as to enter the exams in as calm a way as possible I suggest the following steps:

- Prepare for each exam the night before; in particular what equipment/materials do I need such as pens, highlighters and so on? Pack your school bag for the following day;
- It goes without saying that sufficient sleep the night before an exam is crucial and a good breakfast on the morning of an exam is very important also;
- While waiting to enter for the exam, avoid discussing it with other boys. This tends to add unnecessary stress; and
- Finally, use the reading time to advantage. All too often boys fail to address the question in an exam due to not using their reading time carefully.

House Points
The House Heads along with Mrs MacGregor and I have been working hard at reviewing the House Points system so as to better acknowledge the many good things our boys do throughout the year at the College. As is the custom, the
winning House for the year will be announced at the end of year Thanksgiving Ceremony but the way the winner is determined has been redeveloped. The new system aims to acknowledge boys in four key areas of College life:

- Academic Achievement;
- Spirit;
- Sport; and
- Service.

Many boys have already been acknowledged for their efforts in one or more of the four areas and the following update of points was announced at the recent Prefects Assembly.

1. Dwyer
2. Joyce
3. Hessian
4. Doyle

Grade 10 Student Free Day
A reminder that next Friday June 21 is a Grade 10 Student Free Day. It is an expectation however that Grades 7, 8 and 9 students will attend school as normal.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand.”

(Chinese Proverb)

Assembly
This week Grade 3 will be leading us in assembly commencing at 8.45. All parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

Enrolment Applications
As was reported in last week’s Newsletter, enrolment interviews for all grades for 2014 have been occurring over the last couple of weeks and will do so till near the end of term. Parents of the applicants are very impressed with the wide range of opportunities that the boys can take up as well as the manner in which the boys present themselves. If you have family or friends who are thinking of St Virgil’s College as the option for their son’s education, please ask them to contact the Junior School Campus at their earliest convenience to obtain a prospectus as there has been considerable interest in all grades for 2014.

EREA Heads of Junior School
Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Heads of Junior School forum held in Adelaide at CBC. It was a great experience to work, and share ideas, with colleagues from all over Australia. The networking opportunities were about bigger educational issues than those bounded by state boundaries.
Paul Jarman
A very special performance was put on in the Junior School Hall last Friday as the pinnacle of the visit by Paul Jarman. The boys directly involved in the choir certainly had an inspirational week working with Paul. The singing last Friday was absolutely brilliant.

Junior School Mass
Today, the boys joined with staff and students from St Mary’s College to celebrate Mass with Fr Brian. Thank you to St Mary’s staff for organising the liturgy for us to reflect and celebrate another successful term of school.

ICAS Competitions
Next week, some boys were selected to participate in the ICAS Spelling and Writing competitions. These boys were selected by their Grade teacher for this opportunity. Likewise, other boys will be selected to participate in the Writing, Spelling and English competitions. The staff decided that all boys from Grade 3 to Grade 6 will participate in the Mathematics competition to be held later in the year. This decision was based on an analysis of previous year’s NAPLAN data as well an opportunity for the staff to gauge how the implementation of the Australian Curriculum – Mathematics is progressing.

Claim the Date
The end of Term Junior School assembly will be held on Wednesday July 3 from 1.15 pm. Please mark this date on your calendar. More details will be available very soon. We hope to see lots of parents in attendance to celebrate the boy’s achievements during the semester. Another important date is September 26 at 7pm when the P&F have organised a parent session on Cyber Safety. More details will follow in future editions of The Star.

Reminders
Mini Vinnies Clothing Drive
Recently the St Vincent De Paul Society launched its annual Winter Clothing Appeal. There is a great deal of need in Hobart right now for warm winter clothes. The Mini Vinnies team have placed special ‘bins’ in the Hall for the Junior School community to place any unwanted or no longer needed items of clothing. Our boys and families always support this appeal very generously. Please take the opportunity to sort through your wardrobes for any clothes that no longer fit. Remember to check with mum or dad! Bring in your donations as soon as you can so we can pass them onto to those in need.

Show us what you’ve got! app review
Or, more accurately, write to us! We’re interested in seeing your reviews of iPad apps that you’ve found interesting or useful at school. It could be about one of the apps from the App Catalog or it could be about an app from the App Store that you’ve discovered. Every fortnight, the most interesting review will be published in The Star newsletter and the author will receive a $20 iTunes gift card! Submissions reviews must be emailed to appreviews@stvirgils.tas.edu.au.

P&F Footy Night
Members of the College community are encouraged to join us for the annual ‘Footy Fun Night’ tomorrow - Friday June 14 from 6.45pm. Helpers are busily getting ready for the night. Some enhancements are being made to the Hall to make this evening even more enjoyable for those able to join us for the clash between Carlton and Hawthorn.

The Hawks v Blues match will be shown on the big screen and there will be lots of fun activities for all children including handball competitions and lots of footy food! Cost is just $5 per person which includes tickets for the door prize and a free soft drink. Please contact the Front Office for ticket details and join us for a great night!

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT
Soccer
With some re-grading about to occur it is essential that parents and coaches check the website - www.crjsa.com to confirm match details. Good luck to all teams re-commencing the season after the Queen’s Birthday weekend break.
DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY
MRS RENEE MACGREGOR

Our annual Vinnies Winter Clothes drive begins on Monday 3rd of June. Vinnies are in need of manchester and blankets, clothing and shoes. Please leave your donations in your appropriate House cylinder in the reception area of the Austins Ferry campus. The Mini Vinnies at the Junior School are also collecting donations.
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Examinations

Next week students commence Grade 10 Mid-Year examinations. The boys should have been working hard with their revision, and I am sure they are in for a busy weekend. However, please encourage boys to maintain the balance and avoid arriving at school next week feeling already burnt out.

Students are required to wear formal uniform for the exam week and they should make sure that they are prepared with the necessary materials such as pens and rulers. All students have received a copy of the exam study guide and exam rules and they should ensure they are familiar with these.

The exam timetable is outlined below:

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Reports

Mid-Year reports will be sent home on the final day of Term 2. These reports will summarise you son’s achievements in each of his subjects this year. The main information sections on the report are:

Learning and assessment opportunities: a summary of the opportunities to show understanding that the student has had in the first half of the year.

Learning Area Assessment: the overall achievement level at this stage (A-E) and an indicator of how your son is performing against each strand of the subject

Application and Attitude to Learning: the three indicators used on the Interim report that give information about the ways in which your son approaches his learning and relates to others.

Comment: the teacher will provide descriptive information about your son’s performance and how he can improve and further develop. Please note that in Grades 7 and 8 there are no comments for the Arts and Technology subjects

Parent Student Teacher Conferences: indicated as ‘Welcomed’ or ‘Requested’. All teachers genuinely welcome the opportunity to meet with parents to reinforce the home-school partnership, so please do not view ‘welcomed’ as meaning not required – even if your son tells you otherwise!
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 10 – Guilford Young College (GYC) Transition

This week marked the start of the GYC transition process with two key events. Mr Robert Gregg, from GYC, will visit the College each Thursday morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in Term 2 to answer any questions and help counsel boys around subject selection. Boys can either catch Mr Gregg in the Quad at recess or email Mr Alexander at calexander@stvirgils.tas.edu.au to organise a meeting with him.

A number of key dates are listed below:

Friday June 21 – GYC enrolments due (can be left at SVC office)
Monday July 29 – GYC Pathways Expo – Grade 10s visit Glenorchy Campus
Friday August 9 – GYC Subject selections due

Grade 7 Questionnaire – Research Project on transition from primary to secondary school

Early next week all Grade 7 students will be asked to complete a short questionnaire as part of a research project focusing on academic achievement, school connectedness and feeder patterns of the transition from primary to secondary school. The research is being conducted by Dr Sally Towns and Dr Brian Kean as part of a research project with Catholic Education, Tasmania. Participation is voluntary and information sheets for parents will be provided for the students and sent home with the boys this week. These information sheets provide a full overview of the research as well as contact details if you wish to know more about the study.

Tax File Numbers

This year students can again apply to receive a Tax File Number (TFN) through the College. This is by far the easiest way for students to gain a Tax File Number, as the College can verify their information greatly reducing the information that would need to be provided dips done through the normal process.

To make the process easier this year students must collect (from the Front office) and return their form before the last day of this Term (Friday July 5) as all the forms will be sent to the Tax Office on that day. No forms will be received after this date. Parents are encouraged to help the boys fill the forms in as the smallest error will result in the Tax Office returning it for correction, meaning delays in receiving the TFN. I also urge students to return the form as quickly as possible to allow for time for school staff to complete all necessary checks.

SENIOR SCHOOLSPORT

Congratulations to Zac Curtis of Grade 9 who is competing in the National Trampolining Teams Event from August 1 to 6 2013. Zac qualified for the title with impressive performances in the Tasmanian Championships.

Term 2 Sport
Grade 9&10 Football

SVC Blue 14.10.94 defeated Sacred Heart College 0.1.1

Best: C. Leek, C. Salter, J. Rogers.
SVC Blue came out for their second game of the season keen to impress after their disappointing loss to the other SVC side a fortnight ago. The boys did not disappoint and came out firing in the first half thanks to Cooper Leek in the middle and Connor Salter up forward with Jackson Rogers looking dangerous as well. The second half saw the boys put the foot down and not let up the relentless pressure on Sacred Heart with Brayden Harback chipping in with a few of his own to put the result well beyond doubt. With five minutes to go the continued effort from Jackson Rogers saw him split the sticks and help finish off a resounding win by the Saints. The team looks forward to a similar effort this week when they take on Dominic.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2013 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 am to 9.30 am
Thursday 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer, Manager
9.30 am to 1.15 pm. Please contact Carol if you cannot make your shift – 6249 6541.
If you can assist with canteen duty please contact Carol at the College or email chilyer@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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Please remember to organise a replacement if you cannot make your rostered time or Call Carol on 0402 324 095.
Parents and Friends Association – Term 1 and 2 Fundraiser – The Entertainment Guide
Mrs Jackie Geale

Please help us raise funds for all students of St Virgil's College by purchasing an Entertainment™ Book today

20% of your Book purchase goes towards our fundraising for St Virgil's College
Pre-order benefits are available for a limited time only, while stocks last.


When making on line orders please use one of the following links, depending upon which campus your son attends:
(Please use the links below – the link provided on the flyer distributed by the Entertainment Guide to students at the Junior and Senior School was incorrect and directs you to Howrah beach Child care Centre)

The Senior School link to ordering the book is:

The Junior School link is:

Each Tasmania Entertainment™ Book contains over $15,000 in valuable offers. Here is just a taste of some of the valuable offers in the new Book:

College Contact: Jackie Geale
St Virgil's College

Phone: 0418450050 | Email: jackiegoale@bigpond.com
Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Lynne Jones
President

Parents and Friends Association
2013 Quiz Night
Friday June 21, 7.00 pm

Edmund Rice Hall, Austins Ferry Campus

The old fashion quiz night is back! Great prizes will be on offer and the format will ensure that everyone has a chance to contribute to team glory! Organise a Table of 10 or come as a group and we will ensure you are with parents and friends from your son’s grade level.

Tickets are still available (and will be available from the door on the night) for just $20 per person which includes a free first drink and nibbles on each table. Drinks available at bar prices.

P&F Half Way Day BBQ Arrangements – Friday June 28
Each year the P & F Association provides and prepares the Half Way Day BBQ for all our boys following their Walkathon. We are in need of volunteers to assist with preparing and cooking the sausages, and cleaning up afterwards, from 10am till 2pm.

If you are able to assist us, even for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated, not only by the P & F but also our very hungry boys. If you can help, please contact Lynne by Monday June 24 either by email: lynnejones@stgiles.org.au or on 0438 544 171.

Lynne Jones
P & F Association President

Notice to Parishes-Schools
The Cathedral Parish holds approximately 150 copies of the Catholic Worship Book People's Edition (green cover- hard back) that are now surplus to requirements. These volumes are in good condition and Fr Brian Nichols would like to find a new home for the hymnals. If your parish/school could use them please contact the Secretary, Cathedral Parish on 03 6234 4436 to arrange collection.

St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club
For full results and fixtures go to:
http://www.sportingpulse.com/comp_info.cgi?c=1-3900-0-252860-0&pool=1&round=0&a=ROUND

A reminder that on Saturday June 15 the Saints play traditional foe DOSA at North Hobart at 2pm. The surging DOSA outfit will feature former Carlton AFL star Simon Wiggins. See the brochure attached to this newsletter for more details.

- Bailey’s Buddies Fundraising Flyer
- Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens - conference early bird registration
- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
- Junior School iPad programme – FAQ Brochure
- SVCOSFC v DOSA Flyer – Ex-AFL star Simon Wiggins to play for DOSA
- July Holiday AFL Sports Camp Flyer

Please follow St Virgil’s on Twitter - @ svctas
The outdoor classroom adjacent to the Principal’s Lawn

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

Mr Mark ‘Bushy’ Smith post-shave – the first serious work on his beard in 30 years! 2013 ‘Shave for a Cure’

Hockey action against The Hutchins school.....

SVC Grade 9/10 football team at the TCA

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

Each week boys at St Virgil’s College are involved in a wide range of exciting curricular and co-curricular experiences.

These experiences provide a rich source of learning, fun and personal growth – here is just a snapshot of these activities, captured through the lens of Br Peter Flint and Mr Andrew Pinelli.

….. and the score! (and our balmy start to winter!)