"On any given night in Australia, 1 in every 200 people are homeless"

Homelessness Australia website

St Vincent de Paul Clothes Drive
Over the last week it has become uncomfortably cold with the temperature struggling to get to double digits on most days. It hits home to me how difficult it would be to be homeless, living on the streets or without heating at the current time. It is alarming to think that on any given night in Australia, one in every 200 people are homeless. There are currently 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless. 56% are males, 44% are females. These are disturbing statistics and our touchstone of Justice and Solidarity calls us to stand with the marginalised and to seek to petition governments to stamp out institutionalised factors that contribute
to this very sad state of affairs.

Given this is heartening to see that the piles of donations are certainly growing at both campuses and I remind you that this is the final week of the winter clothes drive. Donations can be left at the Front Office of both campuses.

**Final Day and start of Term Two**

Next Friday July 5 marks the end of Term Two, with classes concluding at normal time. A reminder to parents that school re-commences on Tuesday July 23 at the normal starting times. I wish all the students a restful break and hope they come back refreshed and re-charged to build upon the good work completed in the first half of the academic year.

**Reporting**

The staff are fully engaged in reporting mode with much feverish activity around the final preparations for the reports to be sent out to the community. Junior School reports will be sent out by the end of this week with Parent/Teacher meetings to occur next week.

At Austins Ferry, staff are still on track to send the reports out in the first week of the holidays with Parent/Teacher/Student conferences to be held on Tuesday July 30. A reminder to parents that this is a student free day at the Austins Ferry campus. I thank the staff for all their hard work in the preparation for these reports and I encourage all boys to carefully analyse their report and be prepared to build on their strengths and set goals around their areas of improvement for the second half of the year.

**Parents & Friends Events**

The Parents & Friends Association have worked very hard this term and have provided the community with a number of opportunities to come together. I thank all involved in the organisation for the events this term, in particular the very successful Quiz Night conducted last Friday evening.

The work of the P&F culminates with the support of the Halfway Day BBQ tomorrow. Parents will be busily cooking and organising lunch for all our community and if you would like to assist, parents are meeting on the Principal’s Lawn at 10am. Again, a big thank you to all those organising and supporting this event.

**Sports Shoe Drive**

I know if your household is anything like mine, then you will appreciate that our children grow out of their shoes as quickly as we seem to buy them! As mentioned last week, we have had a request from one of our community charities for donations of old or unused sports shoes. Donations of shoes can be dropped off at the Front Office of either campus.

**Follow us on Twitter**

The College continues to use twitter as an effective medium to deliver news to members of the College community.

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

**Farewell**

As I commence leave tomorrow, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the community for their wonderful support during the first semester. The time has certainly gone quickly and although not wanting to wish my leave time away, it will seem like tomorrow when I will return. I encourage all to continue their wonderful support for all of the staff who do such a wonderful job in educating your sons.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

**Damian Messer**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“Students must appreciate that when they post items they are leaving a digital footprint that may cause problems immediately and in the long term when they start applying for jobs or places at University’

Cyber Awareness and Safety

The internet has increasingly become part of our daily life. It provides a way for us to socialise, shop, transact and do business, which means we are sharing more and more personal and financial information online. In doing so we potentially expose ourselves to number of online risks which we need to be aware of and properly manage. That is why it is important that we better understand how to stay safe and secure on the internet.


Stay Smart Online encourages all Australians to remember these ten simple tips to improve their online security:

1. Install and update your security software and set it to scan regularly
2. Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications
3. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses
4. Stop and think before you click on links and attachments
5. Take care when buying online - research the supplier and use a safe payment method
6. Only download “apps” from reputable publishers and read all permission requests
7. Regularly check your privacy settings on social networking sites
8. Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online
9. Talk with your child about staying safe online, including on their smart phone or mobile device
10. Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online - download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“The kids in our classroom are infinitely more significant than the subject matter we teach.”

(Meladee McCarty)

Special Assembly
Yesterday, the staff and students farewelled Mrs Christine Scanlon. Mrs Scanlon has decided to take up other opportunities and not return to the teaching staff at the Junior School. We are all most appreciative of the many years of dedicated and selfless service that Mrs Scanlon has invested at the Junior School. Many boys will have fond memories of their time in Mrs Scanlon’s class. We wish her well in her new endeavours.

End of Term Assembly
The end of Term Junior School assembly will be held on Wednesday July 3. The assembly will commence at 1:15pm and will showcase the boys’ efforts throughout Semester 1. We will have some performances by the boys as well as the presentation of certificates of achievement which will acknowledge individual boy’s achievements to date. We hope to see lots of parents in attendance to celebrate the boy’s achievements during the semester.

Cross Country
Over the last couple of weeks a number of boys have represented the College at the JSSATIS and the All Schools Cross Country Carnivals. The boys are to be congratulated for their efforts and achievements at these carnivals against very good opposition.
Woodwork Grade 3
Grade 3 travelled to the Senior School for their first lesson of Woodwork with Mr Maxwell. The boys were excited about spending time in the workshop with all the machines and tools. After an inspection of the workshop, and some instructions about safe practices, the boys commenced their work. We will share some photos next week.

End of Semester Reporting
By the time parents and guardians are reading this story, they should have received their son’s end of Semester 1 report. Firstly, the teachers are to be commended for their professionalism in finalising these reports. There has been a lot of time and effort invested into these documents that detail each boy’s progress to date. You will notice that there is a new format that has that has been mandated by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office. Thank you to the ICT staff for their assistance with having the reporting software ready and working reliably.

This year, Grade 4/5 and Grade 6C have been trialling the use of the Australian Curriculum Syllabus being taught by Mrs Stoddart. These classes only will have Geography reported on this Semester. The remaining Grades will implement the Geography Curriculum in 2014.

Enrolment Applications
As was reported in recent editions of the 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.

Reminders
Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is fast coming to a close. If you happen to have any stickers floating around in handbags or the dash of your car, please send them in to the Junior School Office before the School Holidays commence so that they can be added to our collection. Thank you to all those families and friends who have supported this activity.

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Soccer
With the recent inclement weather it is essential that parents and coaches check the website - www.crisa.com to confirm match details and cancellations each week.

Grade 5&6 Water Polo
SVC 1 lost to Hutchins Magenta 2
After scoring the first goal the team battled hard against a very strong and talented opposition.

Player of the Week: Tadhg Waddington – for taking the game on.
Encouragement Award: Isaac Dineen for great team play.
Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Friday June 28
No Canteen – HALF WAY DAY
Wednesday July 3
T Noble / K Borsboom
Thursday July 4
A Excell
Friday July 5
F Terry / C Stanford

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES
MR RICHARD LAWLER

Is Your Household Suffering From iPad Fatigue?

Students are welcome to retain their iPad over the holiday break. However, if you would like us to put the iPad into secure storage for that time, then please feel free to ask your son to drop off the iPad either at the ICT Technical Support Centre, Austins Ferry, or the Junior School Front Office, Hobart, any time on Friday July 5.

Please also, feel free to email Mr Lawler, rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au to make sure your son doesn’t... “forget”!!

SPORT

Mr James Dalton
Director of Sport

Term 3 Sport Options

The following sports will be offered in Term 3. To download a sport selection form please go to: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior/sport/

Football Friday Afternoon
Grade 7/8 Week 3 - 9

Soccer
Games
Gr 9/10 Wednesday
Gr 7/8 Thursday
All games 4pm-5pm
Season: Week 2 - 9
Trainings during Lunchtime-TBA

Athletics
Training: Tues & Thurs 7am @ Domain commencing August 6. All welcome

SVC Carnival: August 30
Official Athletics Trials: Sept 5
SSATIS Carnival: September 25. Hob
SATIS carnival: October 19. LTN

If you are aware of outstanding student performances please contact Mr Dalton at the College – jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 10 – Guilford Young College (GYC) Transition

The GYC subject handbook has been pushed out to all Grade 10s, they can access it through the Maas360 app. Mr Robert Gregg, from GYC, will continue to 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:
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 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**

**Sailing – National Titles**
Br Peter Flint

Last Sunday I arrived at the Royal Tasmanian Yacht Club about 9am to find the boys removing the ice from the boat covers prior to removing them. Needless they were throwing it at each other.) 30 mins later, the boys were dressed in many layers and heading out to train with Coach Olly Nicholas.

I was frozen as I watched the preparations. I had come down somewhat prepared to go out with them to get some photos, but I was just too cold. The boys went out!

The Titles will be held at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club, from July 10 to 14; the middle of the Term break.

We hope to do well, and maybe head for Perth for the Interdominion Titles.

Some thoughts are developing about the coming sailing season and some action will commence during next term. Please continue to follow sailing via The Star for more details. Please email me at pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au should you wish to be added to the sailing email system for 2013.

**The 10 Commandments of St Virgil's College Sport**
Mr James Dalton

In a week where the Australian cricket coach and Prime Minister were removed, it is worth focussing on the intrinsic benefits of our educationally focussed sports programme!

**The Ten Commandments of St Virgil's College Sport**

1. It is better to have tried and failed than to never have tried at all.
2. The enemy is within you, not your competitors.
3. Preparation is the key to success.
4. Control the controllable and ignore what is uncontrollable.
5. Be professional at all times.
6. Show pride in yourself and respect for your school.
7. Be efficient and courteous.
8. Compete fiercely but respect and remain friendly towards other schools.
9. Win with humility and lose with dignity.
10. Never, ever give up!

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

Some Reminders

Grade 10 Leavers Tops
If you wish to purchase the Grade 10 Leavers Tops your order and deposit is due on FRIDAY 5th July – NO late orders can be accepted. Order forms can be collected from the Front Office.

Grade 7 & 8 Basketball Singlets
Grade 7 & 8 Basketball is finished it would be must appreciated if your son returns his Singlet by Thursday 4th July. As state on your hire agreement, If you fail to return this hire item you will pay the full replacement cost of this singlet.

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

The Canteen have had a number of volunteers go through a change in circumstance which leaves me short of volunteers on Wednesdays, and Fridays . If you could possibly help out on some of the following dates, PLEASE, let me know.

Term 3 August 7, September 4, September 11
Term 4 October 30, November 8, November 13, December 4, December 11, December 13

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: jackiegeale@bigpond.com
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
Being fully rested after the bye this week the Saints take on traditional foe Hutchins at 2pm at Queenborough Oval. This is a ‘must win’ game for the team so please come along and support the mighty Saints. 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

School Holiday Soccer Clinic
Clinics have been announced and the registration form will be available very soon. This information is available at this link:

- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
- Junior School iPad programme – FAQ Brochure
- July Holiday AFL Sports Camp Flyer

Please follow St Virgil’s on Twitter - @ svctas
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.

Grade 3 team at the 2013 JSSATIS Cross Country carnival at Rokeby.

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

Far left – Ruben Health Centre (plaque showing SVC support) and the Kibera Slum – the world’s biggest slum, just outside Nairobi

During the July holiday break Mr Mark Waddington will visit Kenya and Tanzania and projects supported by EREA schools

Boys playing a form of pentaque amongst the fog at Austins Ferry

Student presentation to much loved teacher Mrs Chris Scanlon who recently announced her retirement after 35 years with SVC

Breathtaking photos from the Herbert River Trip