FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

"The College was thrilled to learn the news of the appointment of the new Archbishop of Hobart. His Holiness Pope Francis has announced the appointment of Bishop Julian Charles Porteous as the eleventh Archbishop of Hobart. Bishop Porteous is currently an Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney and will be installed as Archbishop of Hobart on September 17, 2013."

Welcome back to all in our community to Term Three. We begin the term with the news of the appointment of the new Archbishop of Hobart. His Holiness Pope Francis has announced the appointment of Bishop Julian Charles Porteous as the...
eleventh Archbishop of Hobart. Bishop Porteous is currently an Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney and will be installed as Archbishop of Hobart on September 17, 2013. Whilst we farewell His Grace, Archbishop Adrian Doyle, an old scholar of the College from this role he will remain a much loved member of the St Virgil’s College community. As outlined in the previous edition of The Star, St Virgil’s College will continue to function as an authentic Catholic school committed to the pillars of the Archbishop’s Charter for Catholic Schools.

**Junior School Assembly**

At the conclusion of last Term I had the privilege of attending the Junior School final assembly, a wonderful celebration of the skills, talents and values of our boys. Particular highlights of the day were the various musical items featuring boys from all grades. Congratulations to all of the talented performers and also to the Music staff as well. At the assembly I was particularly taken by the reading used which included the following words – ‘do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you’.

**Mid-Year Break**

Whilst it was officially holidays for the boys the College was still a busy place, particularly the first week. Among other things our basketball team returned from their success in the EREA National Tournament in Brisbane where they won a close final to be crowned Grade 10 winners.

We also had 60 visitors to the College for three days representing the national Business Managers from EREA for their annual conference. College Captain Davis Allie, Vice-Captain Will Ogle and Prefect Jacob Despard impressed the group by attending in their formal uniforms to conduct the opening prayer. While this was taking place a number of our outstanding Grade 10 boys (and a few young Old Virgilians, gave up their time to help conduct an Edmund Rice Camp for 25 participants and 28 leaders. Parents will be pleased to know that their Grade 10 sons still enjoy dressing up as superheroes!

All this took place at Austins Ferry while our sailors were doing themselves and the College proud at Sandy Bay by coming third in the Team Racing in the National Titles. A wonderful effort for a young crew including Jonny Cooper (GYC), Tommy Cooper, Angus Price, Harry Dwyer, Jack Kennedy, Josh Eggins and Blake Nicholson.

**Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Tuesday July 30**

Parents and students will have received their first full school report for 2013 at the end of Term Two and I would encourage parents to take the opportunity to sit and discuss the outcomes with their sons. The benefits that are achieved when parents take an interest like this cannot be underestimated both academically and, perhaps more importantly, socially and emotionally. I think it is important to emphasise that this report is primarily an indication by teachers of progress so far and is aimed at giving an overview of strengths and weaknesses. Parents at the Junior School took the opportunity to speak with their son’s teachers during the Parent/Teacher interviews which were conducted at the Junior School at the end of June and beginning of July.

The opportunity for Senior School parents to discuss their son’s progress with his teachers is provided at the upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Tuesday July 30) and this is a great chance to strengthen the home school partnership. Believe it or not some boys downplay the need for such meetings, but please rest assured that you are most welcome to attend and bring your son along!. Please note that there is no school on this day.

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In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

**Mr Terry Blizzard**
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

“Evidence clearly highlights a strong correlation between successful learning outcomes and students who set specific, measurable, realistic and time-framed goals”.

Study and Goal Setting
This week in the Grade 9 and 10 Welfare sessions, we spent some time discussing the importance of study to assist students learning. We discussed with the boys the difference between doing homework tasks or assignments and study. Study is work that is done in addition to homework and is done as a way of ensuring that learning completed in class is consolidated and turned into knowledge and skills that can be recalled automatically when needed and adapted to different contexts.

Studies show that:
- If no study is done on new material covered in class, then on average one forgets up to 80% of what was taught within 24 hours.
- However, if the new material is studied within 24 hours it takes 7 days before an average student will have forgotten up to 80%.
- If a second study review is done within the next seven days then it takes 30 days for an average student to forget up to 80% of the material.
- After five repetitions we can retain almost 95% of what we learn.

After this information was presented to the boys they were all asked to complete a goal setting chart on their iPad. On this chart they set a goal for each subject as well as setting specific focus areas for each subject that will allow them to achieve their goal. I have asked all boys to show their parents this chart; in sharing their goals they are committing to them.

Please take some time to discuss how they can best work on their focus areas and improve their study. We spoke to the boys about having a routine for study (set nights and times), being well organized and removing all distractions such as TV, games and chat on iPads and other social media. Often boys handicap their own learning through poor study skill; I encourage them to follow the advice provided for them to work smarter and reap the rewards.

Parent Student Teacher Conferences
Next Tuesday, July 30, is a student free day for the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. Although a student free day, all boys are encouraged to attend with their parents. Their presence is significant so that they are an active participant in the discussion about their learning and continued achievement. This is also a great opportunity for boys to spend some extended time on study, homework or any assignments that may be due soon.

An African Adventure
Mr Mark Waddington
Director of Development

Over the July vacation Mr Waddington had the great privilege of visiting Kenya and Tanzania as part of the EREA Immersion Programme, Carrigg Karibu.

A highlight of the trip was the opportunity to visit the Mary Rice Centre, the major beneficiary of the College’s fundraising efforts on Half Way Day. It is humbling to consider that our students’ efforts keep the centre operating for the entire year, providing staff, educational programmes and lunch for the ‘specially abled’ children who attend the school from the adjacent Kibera slum.

The Mary Rice Centre offers a safe and supportive learning environment for students, some of whom have been excluded by members of their family and the community. It is truly inspirational to see the impact of the Centre on the lives of students and their carers, particularly as it operates out of two renovated shipping containers!

Mr Waddington will soon start the process of sharing his experiences, insights and recommendations to a range of groups within the College and in detail through The Star. In the meantime, one message is irrefutable: the efforts of our community make a huge difference to the lives of students in Africa!
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“May we grow together, united in our faith in Christ. 
May he be the inspiration of all we do together. 
May he be glorified in our lives and in the Church in Tasmania”.

(Archbishop elect Julian Porteous)

Grade 3 Excursion to CSIRO
Towards the end of last Term, Grade 3 ventured to the CSIRO for an excursion. The boys certainly enjoyed the hands-on activities that the CSIRO had on offer for them to investigate and manipulate while learning about science.

End of Semester House Points
House points are enthusiastically earned by the boys as they undertake a wide range of endeavours at the Junior School. House points are counted up during the Semester as the boys wait keenly for the announcement of the winning house and therefore the recipients of a pizza lunch. Congratulations to Doyle who enjoyed their pizza on the last day of Term 2.

Enrolment Applications
The first round of offers has been made for families wishing to have their son enrolled at the Junior School for 2014. Unfortunately, a number of families did not receive an offer in this first round. The College Leadership Team, during the course of this term, will be investigating what future offers should be made whilst ensuring those qualities of the College that parents are proud of can still be supported. The second round of are scheduled to be made towards the end of the Term.

Sporting Success – Well Done Daniel
On Saturday July 13 Daniel Di Domenico represented St Virgil’s College in the School Age Road Cycling Championships held at Symmons Plains. Daniel participated in the Under 13 division, which comprised of riders completing five laps of the track racing against each other. Daniel took the lead early in his race, and despite inclement weather, managed to hold out his rivals to secure a win. Congratulations Daniel on a fantastic effort with your ride and for representing St Virgil’s with pride and integrity.
CLAIM THE DATE

P & F Junior School Fair – Sunday September 8 commencing at 11.30
A very enthusiastic group of parents gathered this week for the initial Fair meeting for 2013. After wide consultation, and a view to avoid calendar clashes, it was decided to hold the Junior School Fair on Sunday September 8. Shortly, parents will be asked to support stall organisers by offering their time on September 8 to help out. The next Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday August 7 commencing at 7.00pm and of course, everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along.

P & F Disco – Friday August 16
More details about the upcoming disco will be sent home soon BUT we just wanted parents to remember that the next P&F disco will be on Friday August 16. There are going to be some things done a little differently, so details will be sent home soon. Please mark this enjoyable evening on ALL of your calendars.

P & F Father’s Day Breakfast – Friday August 30
Did you know Father’s Day isn’t too far away? The P & F have started discussing arrangements for the annual Father’s Day breakfast. Please mark the date in your calendar. This year’s breakfast will coincide with a fantastic art exhibition of the boy’s art and later in the day the College Athletics Carnival.

Cyber Safety presentation – Thursday September 26 at 7.00pm
Later this term, a special Cyber Safety session for parents has been scheduled for Thursday September 26 at 7.00pm in the Junior School Hall. This 90 minute session, conducted by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) will provide some valuable information and I strongly urge every parent to attend. All students and staff will also undertake the workshops run by ACMA during school hours on the same day.

Reminders
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 Catalogue 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

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Friday July 26 M Barrow Thompson / K Gomes
Wednesday July 31 M London / K King
Thursday August 1 HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Friday August 2 F Terry / C Stanford

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Guilford Young College Pathways Expo and Subject Selection
Next Monday, August 26, all Grade ten students will visit the Glenorchy campus of GYC for their Pathways Expo. As well as being a chance for the boys to visit the Glenorchy campus, they will be talked through the process for subjection selections, which will be due on Friday, August 9, and have the opportunity to speak to the teachers from all subject areas. The Expo is
a fantastic opportunity for boys to investigate possible pathways, gain insights to the demands of specific subjects, and seek out advise on their pathway. The Expo is open through the evening, and all parents are also encouraged to visit with their sons as a way of engaging in the transition process. Subject selection forms will be distributed to students after we return to the College on Monday.

Details: GYC Pathways Expo
When: Monday July 29, 12.30 – 2.30
Where: GYC Glenorchy
Uniform: Formal

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

Parent iPad Workshops
Now that we have ve all had a chance to welcome the new ‘iAddition’ to the family over the last two terms, we thought it was about time we took a breath and offered some workshops just for parents!

Two workshops will be offered, both on two different nights, so you can choose to attend one or both workshops!

IPADS@HOME
In this workshop, parents will be given practical advice on how to manage their son’s usage of their iPads at home. Topics covered include:

- iOS 101 – a brief rundown of the features of the iPad operating system;
- iOS Security – how an iPad can be restricted using security restrictions;
- Device management – some ideas and suggestions about how to manage a household chock full of smart phones, smart devices, and smart kids!
- iPad safety tips and tricks – some of the things you can do to help take control and manage what’s happening on the iPad; and
- Cybersafety – a look at some of the things that occur online that parents need to be aware of – and what you can do to minimise potential harm.

M@STERPAD
Not really for masters, this workshop is aimed at introducing parents to some of the core apps that are being used at the College on a regular basis. From iBooks to iMovies; from Pages to Edmodo, you’ll be given a whistle-stop tour of the apps and be given the opportunity for some hand-on experience with some of the apps.

WHEN
Both sessions will run at the same time on two nights, from 7.00 pm until 8:30 pm:

August 8 at the Austins Ferry Campus.
August 13 at the Junior School Campus.

All sessions will be aimed at all Grade levels, so you can simply choose whichever day and session suits you.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP?
All workshops are strictly limited in size to ensure that participants receive a quality experience. To register, simply email rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au indicating what workshop(s) you would like to attend, on what night and how many will be
attending (ideally two per family at most, please). Alternatively, you can call the Austins Ferry campus office on 6249 6555 and leave your registration.

Registrations will close two days before the workshop commences and registrants will be notified by email. The College reserves the right to cancel workshops should registration numbers prove to be insufficient so it is essential that parent register for the session they would like to attend.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

MR JAMES DALTON

Sailing Success

Br Peter Flint

Great Success for the sailors over the holiday break. The SVC/GYC team finished third in the National Team Racing Titles, to Scotch College in Perth and St James’ College in South Australia. The boys won races against both these teams during the competition but not enough of them. There is a collection of photos on the Phanfare site: svcpics.phanfare.com

Helms for the Titles were: Jonny Cooper – GYC, Tommy Cooper and Angus Price from SVC
Crews were: Blake Nicholson, Harry Dwyer, Josh Eggins and Jack Kennedy.
Coach was Olly Nicholas whose knowledge and skills in Team Racing earned us the success.

The team, with the possible addition of an extra reserve, now head for Brisbane to participate in the Interdominion series against New Zealand. The boys represent Australia at the international level.

An additional success was the winning of the Inaugural Tasmanian Schools Match Racing Series. This is one boat against one boat. Keel boats are used. Our winning crew was:
Jonny Cooper, Helm. Angus Price, Main Sheet and spinnaker trimmer,
Blake Nicholson, Jib and Tommy Cooper, foredeck.

Later this term preparations will commence for the next season’s sailing. The Schools Team Racing Competition will commence at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club with Daylight Saving. There will be a more formal invitation for boys to participate in the competition and in an Introduction to Sailing Program. Boys from the Junior School are invited to express interest.
Contact Br Peter at pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

An Archer on Target

Jarrod Hunter of Grade 7 returned from his trip to Brisbane for the Junior National Championships with three Gold Medals and a staggering nine new championship records! Jarrod also competed in the Indoor Nationals over the weekend won the Gold Medal for the second year running.
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

Lost Property
James Bealey has lost his named spray jacket – if found please return to the Front Office at Austins Ferry.

Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer, Manager
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

Please remember to organise a replacement if you cannot make your rostered time or Call Carol on 0402 324 095.

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Year 11 and/or Year 12 Enrolments 2014 - St Mary's College
Year 10 2013 girls at Catholic Colleges in the south of the State can progress to Senior Secondary study in the Catholic sector at either Guilford Young College or St Mary's College. Parents and Year 10 students are advised that the closing date for enrolment applications for entry to Year 11 (or Year 12) at St Mary's College in 2014 is Friday 30 August 2013.

You are warmly invited to contact our Enrolment Officer, Tammy Carlton, for further information about the College, the range of subjects and flexible delivery arrangements, a tour of the College and for an Enrolment Application. A number of scholarships are available on merit and fee assistance is always available on a needs basis.
Tammy can be contacted as follows: (T): 6108 2562 or (E): enrol@smc.tas.edu.au
2013 EREA National Junior Basketball Champions – defeated St Kevin’s College, Toorak by 2 points in the Grand Final held in Brisbane.
2013 College Musical
Tickets are selling quickly for the 2013 St Virgil’s College and St Mary’s College Musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, with some sessions nearly sold out. Tickets can only be purchased at www.easybookings.com.au. Go to the bottom of the page and hit the link ‘Schools and Universities’.
Old Scholars Music Concert

Friday August 9, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.
Joyce Performance Centre
Austins Ferry Campus

Featuring the incredible Matthew Ives and his Big Band – comprised of old scholars and current staff members plus a set from the College’s wonderful stage band. Round up your friends and family for an entertaining and relaxing Friday night wind down, featuring some of Hobart’s finest musicians.

Tickets are $10 per person and available at the door

Drinks available at bar prices.

All enquiries to Director of Development Mark Waddington mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Parents and Friends Association – The Entertainment Guide
Mrs Jackie Geale

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College Contact: Jackie Geale
St Virgil's College

Phone: 0418450050 | Email: jackiegeale@bigpond.com
St Virgil's Old Scholars Football Club

The Old Scholars returned to the winners list with a 37 point win over cellar dweller Channel. The team must win the majority of matches over the coming month to re-claim a final’s berth. This week the Saints take on OHA at the New Town Oval from 2 pm.

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

- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
- Junior School iPad programme – FAQ Brochure

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Mr Mark Waddington, Br Russell Peters and Br Gerald (Principal) of the Mary Rice Centre with some gifts from St Virgil’s
THE STAR
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST VIRGIL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Grade 10 Art

The iPads must be doing all the work after all!

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.

The calm before the storm – National Teams Racing Titles

The tactics and skills of Teams Racing

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