FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

"As a College community we call on all the young men of St Virgil’s to be strong and selfless leaders, with or without a badge”.

Commissioning Assembly

Last Friday’s Commissioning ceremony was a wonderful celebration of the achievements of many of our boys. The ceremony commenced in a deeply moving way with current Head Boy Davis Allie lighting a candle in dedication to 1997 Head Prefect James Dunsky. We then commissioned our new Junior House Leaders for the second half of the year.
In my address to the school I reflected on the true meaning of leadership, suggesting that the most powerful leadership is shown by those boys willing to offer a word of encouragement, those boys who are willing to help or serve another, those boys who use their voices to right a wrong, those boys who say no to bullying, those boys who stand up for what is right because they know it is the right thing to do. As a College community we call on all the young men of St Virgil’s to be strong and selfless leaders, with or without a badge.

Following the Commissioning we acknowledged and congratulated the academic and merit award winners from the first half of the year. All of these boys and their parents should be enormously proud of their achievements. A significant part of this ceremony was the address by last year’s ‘PB Murphy for Academic Excellence’ award winner, Adam Schofield. In his speech Adam shared the following observation:

‘It was the week before mid-year exams, and I was particularly stressed about all of my subjects, particularly English and SOSE. But, instead of sitting back and worrying about these exams I took every opportunity I could to ensure I had given myself the best chance possible to succeed. Within that one week, outside of school time, I did two or three practise essays on questions that I thought could be asked on my English exam, studied every single thing that we had been given in SOSE and attended every lunchtime tutorial session that was available. I sat my exams, answered everything, and afterwards found out that I managed to get 100% on both my English and Maths exams, 99% on my SOSE exam and ‘A’ marks for the rest. I realised then that I was doing something right, and decided to keep doing it.

By the end of the year I received subject awards for Art, English, Film Studies, SOSE, and Religion. I was also second in line for Maths, Methods and Science, and got the PB Murphy award for academic excellence. I guess the moral of this story is that putting in a decent effort and trying your very hardest really does pay’.

Reunion Weekend and Old Scholars Concert
In line with the College’s Strategic Directions Plan, we are committed to identifying and celebrating opportunities that re-connect old scholars with the College and our current generation of students. This weekend we look forward to a number of significant events that celebrate the contribution of old scholars to the history and traditions of the College.

Music is a rich part of the story of St Virgil’s College. This will be celebrated on Friday night at the inaugural Old Scholars Music Concert, which features the immensely talented Matthew Ives and his Big Band. The band is made up of old scholars and members of our highly talented music department. The College Band will also play a 30 minute set. It will be a wonderful event – please consider coming along with family and friends. Please refer to the flyer included with this newsletter.

On Saturday night we join with the classes of 1963, 1973, 1983 and 1983 for a reunion dinner to celebrate their contribution to the story of St Virgil’s. On Sunday younger past students from the Classes of 2003 and 2008 will gather for a BBQ luncheon at Austins Ferry. At both functions will also stop to give thanks for the lives of old scholars who have passed away as well as laugh and reminisce about great mates, acclaimed teachers and the good times at Barrack St and Austins Ferry.

St Virgil’s and St Mary’s College Musical
With the production of our combined College’s musical happening in just over four weeks, I would like to commend the commitment of the staff and students involved as they increase the intensity of their rehearsals. Many are spending much of their weekend in rehearsals and I hope that as parents and friends of our College communities, you will share with us in celebrating the talent, recognising the input and enjoying the experience of ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’.

Catholic Schools Funding
Last week we received the good news from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office that the National Catholic Education Commission and the Tasmanian government has agreed to the Commonwealth Government’s funding arrangements now
known as the 'Better Schools Plan'. This news will give Catholic schools in Tasmania some clarity in their ongoing financial management.

**New College Website**
This morning I had the great privilege of attending the College's Publicity Committee meeting where the agenda item was the finalisation of the new College website. The site features a range of exciting new features including downloadable calendars, photo galleries, online ordering and payment portals, real time search function and integration with social media platforms. The site is also compatible with all smart phones and tablets. I thank the Committee for all their work on this project and look forward to advising the College community of its official launch date in next week's edition of The Star.

**TCEC 25 Years of Service Awards**
Next Thursday Mr Andrew Pinelli and I have the pleasure of attending the TCEC 25 Years of Service Awards ceremony where former Junior School teacher Mrs Helen Fielding will be acknowledged for her service to Catholic education. We look forward to celebrating and recognising with Helen and the other recipients, their wonderful work in Catholic Education.

**Catholic School Parents Council Meeting**
On Saturday August 17, I will be attending the General Meeting for the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council in Launceston. This is an important meeting for the future of Catholic School Parent organisations across Australia and for the Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council to consider and respond to the proposal that the Parents Council affiliates with a new National Catholic Parent body known as Catholic Schools Parents Australia. Further details of the General Meeting are available on the attachment included with The Star.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Mr Terry Blizzard

**ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**
**MR CAMERON ALEXANDER**

“Our current boys are the caretakers of the values, history and tradition of this wonderful College”.

**Affirmation Programme**
Last week I wrote about the new Affirmation Programme that will be implemented across the secondary school. As of this week all boy have had this programme explained to them and teachers are able to begin issuing recommendations for Bronze Certificates, and some parents will be seeing these certificates arrive home soon. As a reminder the programme is based around three levels of reward:

**Campus Minister**
Br Peter Flint
When I visited Canterbury Cathedral some years ago, I paid tribute at the Shrine of the Modern Martyrs.

Included among those martyrs, was Martin Luther King. 3pm on August 28 marks the 50th anniversary of his “I have a Dream” speech. I suggest people consider reflecting upon the occasion.

In these days when much of our society demonises those who come to our shores fleeing terror and persecution, our boys ought hear the words of one who fought for equality and a 'fair go' for his persecuted people. Our boys ought know something of his story - and the stories of others like him.

The King Centre in the US is calling for the ringing of Church Bells. Our bells do not lend themselves to this scenario - or do they? We do have a large brass bell but perhaps we should consider other symbolic ways to mark the occasion.

Please do not hesitate to share any suggestions!
• **Bronze Certificate:**
  Awarded by any teacher in recognition of a student who has displayed a consistent and/or a much improved level of positive student behaviour.

• **Silver Certificate:**
  Awarded to any student who in any one term who receives five Bronze Certificates, from at least three different areas of the College

• **Gold Certificate:**
  Awarded to any student who receives three Silver Certificates throughout the year.

Further to the information included last week, below I have listed the areas for which students can receive a Bronze Certificate. These areas cover all areas of College life and should allow for all boys to be recognised for their own unique efforts, talents and achievements. The areas are:

- Consistently achieves outstanding assessment results
- Greatly improved assessment results
- Takes pride in presenting good quality work
- Consistently produces excellent assignment work
- Much improved assignment work through increased application
- Outstanding level of research and planning
- Greatly improved level of research and planning
- Excellent level of performance in practical class
- Outstanding and effective use of Student Diary
- Significant and or sustained improved use of Student Diary
- Makes extra effort to catch up on all missed work
- Commences work quickly each lesson
- Consistently sets a good example to classmates
- Regularly willing to be of assistance
- Consistently cooperative and effectively on task in class
- Consistently acts responsibly and contributes in group work
- Continually willing to engage fully in the learning process
- Represented the school with distinction
- Consistently wears the College Uniform and presents himself in an exemplary fashion

**2013 Reunion Weekend**

Over this weekend a number of gatherings will be held for the reunions for the Classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1988, 2003 and 2008. It will be a pleasure to welcome back to the College many Old Scholars who may not have returned to the College since they left.

It is a great reminder of the larger community that we as a College exist within. The current boys not only represent themselves but the thousands of student who have come before them, they are the caretakers of the values, history and tradition of this wonderful College, and as such hold great responsibility. It is also a reminder, as many parents will attest, that the friendships formed at school are often the most important and lasting that you will ever have, so the boys must also enjoy their years in education and the time they spend with their mates now.
“It’s impossible”, said pride.
“It’s risky”, said experience.
“It’s pointless”, said reason.
“Give it a shot”, said the heart.

(Anonymous)

ICAS Science Assessment results
Earlier in the year a group of 39 boys were nominated by their teachers to undertake the ICAS Science Assessment. All boys performed well in the assessment especially the eleven boys who achieved a credit and five boys who achieved a distinction. Well done to all the boys who participated.

Credit:
Grade 3: Will Lukianenko, William Mooney
Grade 4: Joseph Cranny, Fletcher Loveless, Joe Powell
Grade 5: Thomas Goward, Declan Nisbet
Grade 6: Tomas Bobroski, Nicholas O’Connell, Marcus Turnbull, Asher Wagg

Distinction:
Grade 3: Sahibmeet Singh
Grade 4: Callum Parsey, Joshua Skelly
Grade 6: Alexander Fracalossi, Liam Watling
Assembly
Last week the Junior School boys gathered for their first assembly of Term 3. Grade 6W lead a beautiful prayer liturgy to start proceedings and then shared with us some of the fantastic work that they have completed. There was great work presented in both hard copy as well as digitally off iPads. Well done boys!

App Review
At last week’s assembly certificates, and prizes, were awarded to two Junior School boys for their review of iPad apps. Many boys have contributed app reviews since the introduction of iPads throughout the College. Congratulations to Marcus Turnbull (Grade 6 W) for his review of Simple Mind+ and to Alex Findlay (Grade 6 W) for his review of iMovie.

Thinking Activity
This term a new initiative commenced to give the boys the opportunity to not only think about a problem, but to also propose a solution. Last week’s scenario was to design a hat to protect people from vicious, malaria carrying mosquitos.

Woodwork – Grade 3
Monday was the second last week of wood work for Grade 3. The boys enthusiastically completed what might end up being a last minute gift for Father’s day – so we can’t say exactly what it is! The boys were furiously filing and sanding away at their piece of timber to get it finished in time.

P & F Fair Meeting update
There was another enthusiastic gathering of parents at the P & Fair meeting last night. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. Planning is certainly well progressed with some donations already arriving in readiness for all of the stalls. Shortly, classes will be requesting support for their stalls in the way of prizes as well as requests for bigger items for the chocolate wheel and the like.

Breaking News: There is going to be some NEW activities for the children and some other surprises revealed over the coming weeks – stay tuned!

CLAIM THE DATE
P & F Junior School Fair – Sunday September 8 commencing at 11.00 am
The next Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday August 20 commencing at 7.00pm and of course, everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along.

iPad workshops for parents ~ August 13 at the Junior School
Areas to be covered include:

IPADS@HOME
In this workshop, parents will be given practical advice on how to manage their sons’ usage of their iPads at home. Topics covered include:
- iOS 101 – a brief run down 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.
- 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 school 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 hands-on experience with some of the apps.

Please RSVP by August 12 to Director of Information Services, Mr Richard Lawler - rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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 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

The National Child Oral Health Survey is Here!
St Virgil’s College (Senior and Junior campus) has agreed to participate in the National Child Oral Health Survey. Over the next few weeks, your son may bring home an invitation to be a part of this important Study.

The Survey will take a snap shot of the current oral health status of our 5 – 14 year olds and will assist in planning future dental services for the Australian child population.

If your son is selected, they will bring home a survey questionnaire for you to complete and post back in the envelope provided. Our dental professionals will visit your school at a later date and will examine your son’s teeth.

The dental examination will not involve any treatment and will take place at your school. However, should our clinicians detect an area of concern, you will be notified so that you can seek treatment through the public dental service or the family dentist.

If your son is selected, we hope you will consent to their inclusion in the study.

We can’t do this without you

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Religious Education and Outreach News
Mrs Fiona Chambers
Celebration of the Sacraments
Congratulations to Liam Duffy (Grade 3) who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish of Christ the Priest Church in Kingston. He was confirmed by Archbishop Doyle. Liam’s sponsor was Henry Prichard from SVC senior campus. Liam will continue to prepare to receive his First Eucharist on August 25. We keep Liam in our prayers as he continues on his faith journey.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Thursday August 8 is the Feast of Mary MacKillop. Led by Grade 6C, the Junior School will pause in prayer and reflection after recess to remember St Mary of the Cross. The boys will be learning more about Mary’s life in Religion lessons. The official website is a great resource the boys could share with you: www.marymackillop.org.au

Catholic Education Week
Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week. The theme for the week is ‘A Time for Giving Thanks.’ We will focus on this theme in Religion classes and the Grade 6 boys will give some short MJR talks and activities to the younger boys in the amphitheatre.

Religious Education and the Australian Curriculum
For the next couple of Wednesday afternoons, the Junior School Staff will be led in Professional Development by Mr Tony Brennan from the TCEO. He will work with us on planning units in Religion and aligning these with the Australian Curriculum. Professional Development in all areas of our teaching is an important part of our role and is vital for us to remain up to date and able to deliver a curriculum which fosters positive student outcomes.

Junior School Sport
National Trampolining Championships
On August 1 Joshua Harvey left for Brisbane, Queensland, for the Australian trampolining National Clubs. National Clubs is a competition where trampolining clubs from all over Australia come to Brisbane to compete so that they can become the best in Australia. On Saturday August 3 Josh competed in the National Clubs for the Men’s Level Four Double Mini Tramp and Men’s Level Five Trampoline. Josh came eighth out of 75 competitors in the Mini Tramp and eighth again out of about 68 competitors in the Level five trampoline. Josh met many talented trampolinists and had a good holiday as well.

By Joshua Harvey
Tasmanian Swimming State Championships
On August 3 and 4 2013, Liam Watling and Tadhg Waddington, went to Launceston for the State Swimming Championships. We both swam in the 11 and Under age group in the 100m Individual Medley, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 50 backstroke and 50m freestyle. Liam also did the 100m freestyle. Liam swam fantastically in the 50m Breaststroke, winning the gold medal in a personal best time. In the 100m Individual Medley Liam came fourth and Tadhg came 12th, placing him as the third best ten year old in the State. In the 50m freestyle, Liam came fourth and Tadhg came tenth, in the fastest time for a ten year old. Liam raced in the 100m freestyle and came fourth in a very competitive race.

By Tadhg Waddington, Grade 5 and Liam Watling, Grade 6
Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Friday August 9
Wednesday August 14
Thursday August 15
Friday August 16
B Cranny / A Excell
K Jackson / R Langshaw
L McGinness / J Armstrong
F Nuss / K Bridgland

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Last Friday we presented Awards for Academic Excellence and Commendable Academic Effort for Semester 1 2013. Recognition of academic achievement and effort is an integral part of building and sustaining a strong academic culture at the College. The Academic Excellence awards are given to the top ten students in each year level based upon their strand ratings and overall grades as reported in each subject. Commendable Effort awards are presented to students who show sustained excellence in their Application and Attitude to Learning across all subjects. The winners were:

Grade 7 Academic Excellence
Harry Blizzard
Andrew Bourke
Jack Fagan
Lachlan Gadomski
Spencer Hall
Samuel Hills
Alexander Kingsley
Riley Oakley
Joshua Woodward
Felix Yeomans

Grade 7 Commendable Achievement Award
James Bealey
Harry Burgess
Joseph Colrain
Zac Dodge
Benjamin Donnelly
Kaya Geale
Nelson Goram-Aitken
Luke Haas
Lucas Horton
Jarrod Hunter
Tyler Morris
Joshua Nus
Edward Okey
Julian Pangrazzi
Aiden Van Staden

Grade 8 Academic Excellence
Nicholas Ashlin
Abhiram Baireddygar
Liam Cooke
James Gobby
James Graham
Ainsleigh Gray
Alec Hastie
Andrew Kang
Thomas Maksimovic
Aidan Sullivan

Grade 8 Commendable Achievement Award
George Bickers
Jaxen Bone
Joshua Crane
Nicholas Hayden
Austin Keeling
William Lincoln
Toby Peppin
Brad Percy
Thomas Pitt
Solomon Roach
Reece Williams
Grade 9 Academic Excellence
Lewis Arnold
Matthew Barker
Cody Felmingham
Daniel Groom
Matthew Hall
Kobe Kemp
Jonah Lilley
Gabriel Miles
Nicholas Palmer
Patrick Vout

Grade 9 Commendable Achievement Award
Jakub Cis
Liam Clark
Alexander Colavecchio
Matthew Cure
Bailey Elmer
Phillip Gardner
Jakob Hughes
Harrison Parker
Oliver Riseley
Konrad Wojtowicz
Caiden Workman

Grade 10 Academic Excellence
Will Aggenbach
Davis Allie
Harrison Banks
Nathan Beattie
Dominic Bobrowski
Sean Colrain
Ryan Goldsworthy
Jonty Killick
William Ogle
Jordan Sutton

Grade 10 Commendable Achievement Award
Jacob Arkley
Liam Bennett
Jacob Despard
Liam Grace
Nelson Hilary
Nicholas Monks
Nathan Percey
Jordan Plunkett
Carlos Poulson
Sebastian Roach
Isaac Salter
Benjamin Smith

Brain Bees
On Tuesday August 6 Dominic Bobrowski, Will Aggenbach, Harrison Banks and Joe Gauden competed in the State Final of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge at the Menzies Centre and Medical School in Hobart. The competition was very tough and the boys, despite a good effort, were unable to take out the prizes on the day. However, the day was a highly valuable experience. In addition to the neuroscience quiz, the boys were treated to presentations from Scientists currently conducting neurological research in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease, respiratory disease and mental illness. They also had the opportunity to tour the laboratories and visit the medical school to conduct some neurology experiments. Overall it was a wonderful learning experience.
Outstanding Student Work

Cult of The Shadow Mark

Miss Lucy Dalton

My name is Jaree-Ra, but my closest brothers and sisters call me Jare. Ever since I was a child, I have worked for the Cult of The Shadow Mark. A secret group of assassins with sanctuaries all over the world, we hunt down and kill people in the way we are ordered. This could be from pushing them off a cliff, staging a car accident or even shoving a machete through their thick skull. We are payed in solid gold for each contract. The reason for my work for the cult is I was born under the shadow mark, a cluster of stars that appear rarely in places throughout the world. I have gained powers from learning the way of the shadow mark to help in my day-to-day assassinations. Today, is my final contract. I am then free to leave the cult of the Shadow Mark. Today, is the day, that I murder John F. Kennedy.

"Any idea who hired us?" Asked Oswald, my partner.
"No idea. But the pay will set us up for a lifetime." I replied, equipping my belt with the bullets for my rifle.
"I sure hope so. There is too much blood on my hand."
"And for that, the brothers and sisters thank you. Speaking of which, here comes our ride now."
A helicopter flew down and landed next to the partners. Three hooded figures gave us our identities, and departed as soon as they arrived. We began the walk into Texas. It was 11:00.

The crowd had already gathered. We went and sat on the Grassy Knoll and observed the area. Our picnic basket sat beside us, concealing our weapons.
"I'll set up back there" I said as I pointed out the fence around the car park.
"Yeah, good spot. I'm gonna take the window at the Book Depository." Oswald commented.
"Alright, let's get to it then. Good luck."
"You too."
It was 12:15pm.

The announcer spoke over the microphone. He said that in ten minutes, the convoy would arrive. My rifle was cocked and ready, positioned on the corner of the fence. I looked down the scope and saw the underpass, and knew he was the best spot to take him out. Today I would murder a president. And tomorrow, I will be in any place but here. I hear the announcer introducing the president. I saw him coming down the road. Let's hope Oswald was ready. Looking down my scope to the underpass again, I saw a man drop to his knees, blood on his ear. What was Oswald doing?

The crowd had heard the shot through the commotion. Oswald would be compromised. I adjusted my scope, and took the kill shot, but not before Oswald let off another shot. Dammit! I thought to myself. I threw my rifle in the nearby gutter, breaking it into parts. I didn't care about my reward I just had to escape! I couldn't be caught, not now. I broke a cars window and hijacked it, and drove straight in the opposite direction of the parade. I can't believe Oswald had been caught.

It's been four days since the assassination of John F Kennedy. Oswald was shot three days ago. The cult has not contacted me. And some people who work at the book depository are searching for their stolen car. My last contract has failed. I may be free from the cult, but I have nothing to make it worth my while. I am heading to the Washington Cult Centre now. Looks like I'm not done yet.

By Liam Cooke
Year 8 Literacy
An African Reflection – The Mary Rice Centre
A highlight of the trip to Africa was the opportunity to visit the Mary Rice Centre, the major beneficiary of the College's fundraising efforts each year. In 2013 the College walkathon and other fundraising efforts support the Mary Rice Centre. It is humbling to consider that 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 Day Care Centre was established in February 2007 in Ngei 1 - lower - Langat a, adjacent to the Kibera slum with a mission to focus on the needs of physically and mentally challenged children. After a number of 'forced moves' the centre is currently located on land adjacent to the Charles Lwanga Primary on the outskirts of Kibera. The establishment of the Centre was the work of two Christian Brothers and is overseen by the inspirational and ever optimistic Br Russell Peters, former Principal of St Virgil's College. The identification of children with special needs who would benefit from the Mary Rice Centre was guided by one leading woman from the Kibera slum.

The Mary Rice Centre is a transitional day care centre where children with special abilities are offered an opportunity for social integration and rehabilitative care, experiences which are not available to them within their homes. Currently the Centre caters for up to 15 students.

After successful transition through programmes focussed upon self-care, social integration and creative skills, children are supported in accessing mainstream schools or vocational training centres through the provision of sponsorship support from generous and caring benefactors. A relative small amount of money in our terms can make a huge difference to the lives of students at the Centre.

To find out how to sponsor a student from the Mary Rice Centre please visit the Centre’s website [http://maryricekenya.com/]
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Guilford Young College Subject Selection
Please be aware that the deadline for GYC subject selection forms is Friday August 23, not this week as previously advertised.

Pathway Planning Opportunities
Over the next month there are a number of opportunities for all boys, but especially our Grade 9 and 10 students, to investigate possible career pathways. These include:

- Next Monday the Australian Defence Forces will speak to the Grade 9 and 10 groups
- The UTAS Open Days will be held on Sunday August 25. More information is available at www.utas.edu.au/open-day
- TasTAFE will also have an open day for those interested in moving to vocational education and training. Details are available by ringing 1300 655 307 or viewing the flyer attached to The Star.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

MR JAMES DALTON

Athletics
Training have commenced on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7 am at the Domain Athletics Centre with boys making a great start to the athletics season. The Training sessions provide the students the opportunity to train in the events that they choose with the selection trials following the SVC carnival on August 30. Whist we understand that many boys will have sport finals coming up, they are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the sessions per week.

Students will need to wear their Sports uniform to train in (tights/thermals) and will be transported to school at the conclusion of training. Boys are also encouraged to bring something to eat at the end of training. If any parents would like to assist with coaching, you are most welcome.

Students will need to be dropped off at bottom gate of Athletics centre as the main gate/entrance is undergoing council works.

Please contact Mr Dalton for any questions jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Hockey
Jack Welch of Grade 10 is representing Tasmania in the National Under 16 State Hockey Championships being held at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre from Sunday August 11. Well done and best wishes Jack.

Football
1st XVII v St Patrick's College, Launceston
The 1st XVIII travelled to Launceston to take on St Patrick’s on Tuesday to relive the rivalry of spirited clashes from years gone by. And it lived up to all expectations! Slippery conditions required hard, but smart football and the St Virgil’s boys delivered.
The defensive attitude and discipline to the structures allowed the boys to increase their lead at every stage before a dominant last quarter culminated in an 80 point win. And when St Patrick’s tried to employ some less than favourable tactics the boys stood up honourably as a team.

Hayden and Dodge were stand out leaders, while Lockett was ‘Jobe Watson like’ in the stoppages. Mitch Palmer was selfless up forward while Webb was finished off with class. Cambell Hooker was a very solid defender while Jordan Walker was just plain solid. A great day was had by all.

**SVC:** 15:9:99  
**SPC:** 2:3:15

**Best** SVC: Hayden, Dodge, A. Lockett, L. Webb, M. Palmer, C. Hooker.  
**Goals:** L. Webb 3, Elmer, Despard 2, Wayman, Maple, Dodge, Gunther, Devlin, Salter, Walker, J. Webb 1.

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**Grade 7/8**  
The Grade 7/8 Competition will commence this Friday at 4 pm. Week 1 games are:

- **SVC Blue** v **SVC Saints** @ **Main Oval**
- **SVC Gold** v **MacKillop College** @ **TCA**

**Soccer**  
Full rosters will be available on Monday and will be placed on the College Website.

The Grade 7 team kicked off their season with a 4-1 loss to Hutchins. However, the real win was the insight our boys gained into each other’s individual strengths and weaknesses as they played together for the first time. There is clearly a broad
range of skills and talent in the team for Grade 10 coach James ‘Jimmy’ Ackerly to work with, and the boys are sure to excel over the next few weeks. A very promising season ahead!

**Basketball**

After a successful trip to Brisbane to compete in the EREA Tournament three weeks ago, training has resumed on Monday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm.

**Dr Ian Lillico**

**The Value of Sport for Boys**

Sport (done correctly) is a valuable way for your son to get life-skills that he may not get through other avenues. Sport should teach our sons:

- How to be a good winner;
- How to be a good loser;
- How everything improves through practice;
- How to give their best and work hard; and
- How to work towards his personal goals.

When picking a sport for your son - you should actually pick the coach! Coaches transform boys from isolated competitors into bonded teammates. Young boys often prefer to work alone, but the right coach can assist him to work with others towards a mutual goal. The coach should be a mentor to your son and teach him the skills of getting on with others and striving for excellence.

The wrong coach, however, can turn your son off sport forever. Coaches who put down boys or call them names when they do the wrong thing are to be avoided, as boys can be seriously affected by such negatives and often internalise these jibes.

One of the greatest things sport can teach our sons is how to fail or lose gracefully. Boys hate to fail or lose and a well-constructed team shares that sense of loss when a boy is bowled out at cricket or misses a goal in football. The loss becomes a communal one in a well-trained team and other team-mates share the sense of failure with boy - again though excellent team building by the coach. Dealing with loss or failure is a problem for males, generally, and if the boy is part of a good team this will help him throughout life.

A further advantage of sport is emotional expression where his sorrows, joys etc are refined through active participation. Close bonding should also occur between him and his team-mates and between him and his coach - giving him good peer and senior role models. With a good coach, boys become more trusting of adults and form closer associations with them. Boys often reminisce on their sporting teams later on in life as some of those bonds last a lifetime.
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2013 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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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

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

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 II (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 College Musical
Tickets are selling quickly for the 2013 St Virgil’s College and St Mary’s College Musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, with Saturday’s 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’.

![Jesus Christ Superstar poster](image-url)
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 by gold donation 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

2013 JUNIOR SCHOOL FAIR
102 Patrick Street, Hobart

Sunday September 8 2013
11am to 3.00 pm

Come and enjoy a great day of fun, food and friendship! Highlights include the ever popular chocolate wheel, rides, games, books, DVDs, wine tastings and a range of food delicacies to tempt all tastes.

Kids will love all the fun of the fair and especially the exciting zorba ball body suits, jumping castle, lucky jars, extreme makeovers, badge making, toys and art exhibition.

Please come along with all the family and spend a little – or a lot! All proceeds will go to the P&F for projects that benefit all students.
The Entertainment Guide
Mrs Jackie Geale

Last chance to purchase an Entertainment Guide!
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
St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club

The Old Scholars were outclassed by DOSA at the weekend losing by 62 points, all but putting to an end any chance of making the finals in 2013. 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

Social Justice Competition
Too many young people and their families struggle to live with dignity.

There is a Federal Election coming up. As a young person what advice would you give to politicians and candidates on how to improve the lives of young people in families experiencing difficult times?
The competition is open to Year 7 to Year 12 Students in Tasmania. Entries may be in a written or multimedia format and there are four $100 vouchers to be won. More information on the competition is available at http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/sites/TCJPC/TCJPC.html. Or email Margaret on tcjpc@aohtas.org.au Competition closes on 6 September 2013. Organised by the Tasmanian Catholic Justice and Peace Commission.

Learn About Yourself!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the USA, South America and Japan. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Catholic Education Week Mass
To mark the start of Catholic Education Week this Sunday at 10.30am, students attending Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral are asked to wear school uniform. Students are also requested to sit together.


- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
- Junior School iPad programme – FAQ Brochure
- TAS TAFE Open Day Flyer
- UTAS Open Day
- General Meeting Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council Saturday 17 August 2013 - St Patricks College

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

Principal Damian Messer, wife Jo (Assistant Head of Junior School) and children Tom and Meg enjoying their US adventure in New York.

Food Technology – Valhalla Ice Cream factory excursion

Kade Debnam at the GYC VET Hospitality ‘Masterclass’

App Review winners Marcus Turnbull and Alex Findlay (left) and Junior School Assembly

Grade 9 Outdoor Education at Forgotten Lake, Mt St Clair National Park

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