FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“The common theme at all these gatherings was a sense of spirit and connectedness to the story of St Virgil’s College”

Archbishop Julian Porteous
College Captain Davis Allie and Vice-Captain Will Ogle were among a group of students from Catholic schools who enjoyed the great honour of being amongst the first in Hobart to meet the new Archbishop in his debut public appearance since being appointed. We welcome His Grace and look forward to his active involvement in our College.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 5A

Tuesday August 20 – Athletics Training, 7 am DAC
Tuesday August 20 – Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
Tuesday August 20 – P&F Meeting, 7pm, J/S
Thursday August 22 – Athletics Training, 7 am DAC

WEEK 6B

Tuesday August 20 – Athletics Training, 7 am, DAC
Tuesday August 20 – Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
Tuesday August 20 – P&F, 7pm, J/S
Thursday August 22 – Athletics Training, 7am, DAC

Diary Dates

Thursday September 5 to Saturday September 7 – SVC/SMC Joint Production of Jesus Christ Superstar
Tickets www.easybookings.com.au
Sunday September 8 - Junior School Fair, Patrick St campus, 11 am
Sunday September 22 - SVC Community Race Day, 11 am
Community
The past weekend provided a wonderful example of the quality, depth and breadth of the St Virgil's College community, a community that extends well beyond the teaching and learning programmes that operate each Monday to Friday during term time.

On Friday night we had the privilege of hearing our College Stage Band under the guidance of Director of Music, Mr Jeremy Williamson. An added highlight was an extraordinary solo performance by Nick Matchin who performed a song that he wrote and composed. This was followed by a performance from Matthew Ives and his Big Band which included Old Virgilians Nick Nugent, Ben Price and Alex Bannister, as well as a number of our own music department staff members.

On Saturday night the classes of 1963, 1973 and 1983 gathered to reminisce over dinner at the Junior School campus. Old scholars in attendance came from far and wide highlighting their strong connection to the College. I am sure many stories and events were shared and were in no way embellished!

To cap off the community weekend the Classes of 2003 and 2008 gathered at Austins Ferry on Sunday to share lunch, have a tour of their old stamping ground and once again expand on stories from their 'glory days'! For these groups who spent all their time at Austins Ferry, the connection to St Virgil's is as strong and meaningful as it is for old scholars who attended the Barrack St campus. The common theme at all these gatherings was a sense of spirit and connectedness to the story of St Virgil's College.

A Visit from Africa
On Thursday this week we welcomed Br Amandi Mboya and Br Gerald Mgalula who visited the College and spent time with students at both campuses, discussing their ministries in Africa. Br Gerald is the Director of the Mary Rice Centre in Nairobi, a school for disabled students from the Kibera slums.

The Brothers took the opportunity to speak to all Junior School students as well as the Grade 7 and 8 students and a range of student leaders about life at the Centre, and in particular, the day to day challenges that the students at the Mary Rice Centre and other schools and communities face. St Virgil's College is the main sponsor of the Mary Rice Centre and the visit afforded students with a unique opportunity to hear first-hand about the importance of our fundraising and the impact our efforts make on the lives of all involved in the school.

A hands-on Principal! Br Gerald cooking lunch for students and staff of the Mary Rice Centre
Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education Week provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the significance of Catholic education, to celebrate our faith and to pay tribute to those who help to make our students and all in our school communities flourish. The theme for this week has been ‘A Time for Giving Thanks’ for all that we have and all that we do.

2014 Enrolment Vacancies
The College is experiencing strong enrolment growth at all grade levels. This is a testament to the quality of teaching and learning programmes presented by staff and the broad range of opportunities available for boys. As a result of this growth we have ‘spikes’ in certain levels that provide the College with an opportunity to add extra numbers in some grade levels. In 2014 the College has vacancies for the following Grade levels – Grade 3, 6, 9 and 10.

Should you wish to consider enrolment or are aware of families considering enrolment then please contact the College Registrar Mrs Monica Nugent (mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) as a matter of urgency.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Mr Terry Blizzard

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

“The ‘Ordinary World’ is the place where people often feel most comfortable, but it is also a place where they feel their dreams can be drained out of them. While the ordinary world may be a great place to rest, it is a stifling place to live your dreams”.

These were the first words presented to our Grade 9s recently in a Welfare session in which we commenced looking at Heroes. The unit will ask the boys to strive for their own greatness, not to be held back by their friends or societies image of what they can be. It is unfortunate in our modern society that often the people held up for public adulation are not the best role models, a fact that was raised by Barack Obama in a recent speech. The Grade 9 boys will be asked in future lessons to look at some not so well known heroes, who have achieved wonderful things after overcoming great adversity.

However this week, I have had the pleasure of realising, that our boys do not need to look too far for wonderful role models. Twice I have been inspired by boys at our College who have made special efforts out of concern for their peers. I am

The Mary Rice Centre
As highlighted in other sections of The Star, the College through its fundraising efforts makes a significant contribution to the operation of the Mary Rice Centre.

Students greatly appreciated the visit today of Br Amandi Mboya and Br Gerald Mgalula and were amazed to learn that:

- The fundraising efforts of St Virgil’s covers the operational costs of the Centre for one year.
- The Mary Rice Centre provides a meal each day for every student – for some children this may be the only meal they get each day.
- Students at the Mary Rice Centre acquire skills that may enable them to live independently or to access future vocational training.
- The Mary Rice Centre has no dedicated student toilet/bathroom facility. This is the next priority for the centre.
- The Centre has been moved four times in six years and still is negotiating its lease.
regularly amazed at the efforts of many boys who continue to persist with their studies despite many obstacles. Our society often derides the ‘youth of today’ when in fact they should be celebrated. We shouldn’t feel as if we must look outside of our own backyard to see success, as if our boys should be more like others. Our College is full of boys who succeed in many ways every day and are continually role models for each other. As a school we are trying to make an effort to affirm them on a more regular basis and remind them of their success, I encourage all families to do the same, our boys deserve it.

**House Athletics Carnival**

One of the highlights of the College’s year is the House Athletics Carnival. This year’s carnival is only a few weeks away, being held on Friday August 30 at the Domain Athletics Centre. My fondest memories of these days have not been the best athletic performances, but rather the great House spirit shown through passionate cheering and chanting, or those students who have competed knowing they will not be competitive, but eager to earn their House extra points. Two incidents from recent years stand out for me; a boy coming last by over 100 meters in a 400m race, who only competed because no one else in his House would run and a boy on crutches, competing in a heat of the 100m sprint.

All boys are encouraged to enter into the day in this spirit, first by ensuring they attend and then through participating in every event to the best of their ability.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**

“Many people mistakenly think a new technology cancels out an old one.”

*Judith Martin*

**Assembly**

This week Grade 4/5 will be leading our assembly which will commence at 2:30pm in the Hall. All parents and friends are invited to join us on Friday afternoon.

**P & F Disco ~ Tomorrow, Friday August 16**

Got your dancing shoes ready? Tomorrow evening the P & F Disco in the Junior School Hall will be the place to be! Commencing at 5.00 for Grade 3 & 4 boys (costing $5) with a sausage sizzle at 6.00 before the serious dancing happens with the Grades 5 and 6 students from SVC and St Mary’s College. Thank you to those parents, in advance, who have offered to assist with supervision during the disco or to ‘man’ the tongs for the sausage sizzle. We are all looking forward to a great night!

**Feast of the Assumption ~ Holy Day of Obligation**

Today, the boys joined with the students from St Mary’s College in the Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are very few Holy Days of Obligation left on the Australian Church calendar so today, for Catholics, is a significant day. Thanks to Mrs Chambers for working with the staff from SMC in preparing the liturgy for this significant day.

**ICAS Maths Assessment**

On Tuesday of this week, all boys completed the ICAS Maths assessment. The staff decided to get all boys to complete this activity so that data could be gathered to:

- track their progress;
- act as a point of comparison to NAPLA results; and
- track the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Maths.

Unfortunately, we will have to wait about 2 months to receive the results, but we are sure it will be worthwhile.
Special visitors
Today, the Junior School was visited by Br Gerard Mgalula (Director of Mary Rice Centre) and Br Amandi Mboya from the Ruben Centre. We were most fortunate that the Brothers were able to fit a visit to the Junior School in their busy schedule. The Brothers spoke to all the boys about their work in Africa before going on a tour of the Junior School Campus to see the boys at work. St Virgil’s College is a major sponsor of the Mary Rice Centre and the boys were left in no doubt that our efforts in fundraising on Half Way Day make a huge difference to the lives of students at the Centre.

iPad Parent Information Session
This week, the Junior School hosted a most informative session for parents and carers about how to effectively manage the use of iPads. The boys have been given very powerful devices that can be used for so many wonderful things. It was fantastic to have in excess of 40 parents attend the session so that they can be informed about, and assisted with, strategies to help manage these devices. It is interesting to read, via Twitter this perspective of students today “students are not addicted to their device, they are addicted to connecting”. Whether you agree or disagree with this proposition, it is certainly an interesting way of looking at how our boys might be interacting with their devices.
Thinking Activity
The weekly thinking activity has certainly ignited the imagination of the Junior School boys with some very clever solutions to last week’s problem of constructing a tower out of newspaper. Liam Duffy (Grade 3) was judged to have the best design. Well done Liam! I wonder how the boys will solve this week’s task of creating a mini-helicopter to assist them whilst on a spy mission? We will all have to wait for next week’s edition of the Star to see how this is solved!

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.

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

Lost Property
Has your son lost any articles of clothing? We have found many items of unnamed clothing which may belong to your son.
1 school cap, 1 size 12 polo top, 1 size 14 polo top, 1 size 8 grey school jumper, 1 size 10 grey school jumper, 2 size 16 grey school jumpers, 2 size 10 track pants, 2 size 12 track pants, 2 size 14 track pants, 1 size 8 spray jacket and 1 size 12 polar fleece.
These items are being held in the Front Office.

Parent Information
The National Child Oral Health Survey is here!
Your school has kindly 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!**

**Junior School Sport**

**Basketball**

8/08/2013

Grade 5&6

**SVC Green 26 defeated Dominic Gold 5**

An excellent team effort by the boys in their first game.

Player of the Week: Tye Johnson awarded for consistent team play.

**SVC Blue 23 defeated SHC Kings 21**

The boys had a very good first game. They all worked well together and all contributed to the wonderful win.

Player of the Week: Christopher McGuiness-Terry awarded for a wonderful first game and giving 100% for the whole game.

13/08/2013

Grade 3&4

**SVC Blue 11 lost to SHC 45**

Sacred Heart College had a lot more experienced players but SVC worked hard for the whole game and improved throughout the match.

Player of the Week: Jack Williams awarded for great hustling in defence.

**Canteen**

**Mrs Olga Leon**

Friday August 16

Wednesday August 21

Thursday August 22

Friday August 23

F Nuss / k Bridgland

F Kline / D Banks

J Mooney / T Donohue

M Barrow-Thompson / J. Geale

**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**

**MISS HEIDI GREGG**

**Grade 8 Literacy Rap!**

**Miss Lucy Dalton**

**Being Healthy!**

Apples are good for you, chocolate is not
It tastes amazing, but makes your liver rot
We all love Macca’s and KFC
It’s better to eat something that grows on a tree!
Bananas, mangos and coconuts too
They are all really good for you!

A moment on the lips is a lifetime on the hips
So don’t eat chips, have something with pips!
Don’t have takeaway, make it yourself
Because all that food is bad for your health
Make sure to exercise as often as you can
Jogging, rowing and eating All-Bran!

Eat A Pumpkin!
Harry Crosby, Dominic Rheinberger and George Rutherford

VET Hospitality
Mrs Julia Denniss
Students in VET Hospitality had the opportunity to participate in a fantastic Thai Masterclass. The Chef and her assistants are in Australia to promote Thai Cuisine and Thailand as a destination. The boys learnt how to prepare and cook two authentic Thai dishes. It was a wonderful opportunity for the VET Hospitality students and they made some sumptuous food!

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:

- 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
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

MR JAMES DALTON

Athletics
Training has 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.

Students will be 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

Grade 7/8 Football
Round 1
SVC Saints 11.6.72 defeated SVC Blue 9.4.58
Goals: Bickers, Patterson 2, Goran-Nelson, Coles, Richmond, Burgess, Mazengarb, Clark 1
Best: Harry Richmond, Jack Mazengarb, Braydon Patterson, George Bickers, Fraser Turner,

Grade 7&8 Water Polo
SVC Blue
Last Friday night SVC Blue had an excellent win coming against New Town with the final score 15-3. Everyone on the team played really well. We are looking forward to facing off against SVC Gold on Friday night.
By Callum Polanowski and Brodie Sinclair

SVC Gold
On Friday night SVC Gold played Dominic. We got off to a good start scoring two unanswered goals. Then Dominic scored and the half time score was SVC 5-2. In the second half we broke away with some quick scoring by the boys, great goalkeeping by Ben, and good defence that helped to keep us in attack. The final score was SVC 14 to Dominic 5. Special thanks to Justin McMullen and Adam Aitken for coaching whilst our coach was in Hawaii. By Joseph McMullen
MIRROR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
Lough Derg, Ireland.
Year 7 St Virgil’s student Alex Kingsley has just returned from Ireland, where he represented Australia, and came second in the Masters division at the Mirror World Championships, 2013. Alex and his helm Ken Barnes were the only boat from Tasmania at the ‘Worlds’. They are current State Champions, and placed fourth overall in the last Australian Nationals. In the lead-up to the World Championships, Alex competed in the Irish Nationals to acclimatise to local conditions. Both events were hosted by the Lough Derg Yacht Club in Dromineer, County Tipperary.

During the official opening ceremony, Alex was honoured to be selected to raise the flag for the Australian team. The weather was highly changeable, with winds often reaching 30 knots. There were countless capsizes, broken masts and holed boats amongst the fleet of 93 boats. Of the Australian team, Ken and Alex were the only boat not to capsize at all. Alex would like to acknowledge that without the support he received, this incredible experience would not have been possible. Alex thanks St Virgil’s College, Premier Lara Giddings, Member for Denison Scott Bacon, MLC Adriana Taylor, Glenorchy City Council and Montrose Bay Yacht Club for their generous support. Alex is hoping to represent Australia again at the next Mirror World Championships in Theewaterskloof, South Africa in 2015 with his sister Mahalia.

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 8.30am to 9.30 am
Thursday 2.00pm to 3.30 pm
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 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 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
School Production

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Tim Rice

September 5 - 7, 2013 at 7.30 pm
Joyce Performance Centre
Tickets at www.easybookings.com.au

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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

The Senior School link to ordering the book is:
The Junior School link is:

College Contact: Jackie Geale
St Virgil's College
Phone: 0418450050 | Email: jackiegeale@bigpond.com

St Virgil's Old Scholars Football Club
The Old Scholars come off a bye this week hoping to finish the season in a positive manner against old foe Hutchins. Game commences at 2pm at Queenborough Oval.
http://www.sportingpulse.com/comp_info.cgi?c=1-3900-0-252860-0&pool=1&round=0&a=ROUND

Preparation for first Reconciliation at St Therese's in Moonah Lutana
Please contact Fr Peter at St Therese’s in Moonah Lutana (phone 6272 1442) if you would like your child to be part of the First Reconciliation (First Confession) preparation process beginning soon. Any Catholic child who belongs to the Moonah Lutana parish and is at least seven years of age is most welcome.

Sacraments of Initiation for Children
This process, consisting of the Rite of Reconciliation and the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will commence shortly. If you feel that your child is ready for these Sacraments, please contact Liz Horne at St Mary’s Cathedral Office for the application form. The process is for children of families belonging to the Cathedral Parish and ideally the children should be Grade 3 or higher as of 2014. Applications for this year will close Monday September 30 – applications to cathedraloffice@bigpond.com or 6234 4463.

- 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
- SVC-Dirt Devils Poster

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.