FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

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R U OK? Day
I would like to commend the Prefect group for initiating the St Virgil’s College ‘R U OK? Day’ to be held next Thursday September 26. ‘R U OK? Day’ is a National day of action dedicated to reminding people to check in with family and friends and to ask them “are you ok?” The Prefects have prepared a presentation that will be conducted during the morning Pastoral Care sessions by the Peer Support Leaders encouraging boys to check in with their mates and ask them “how are you travelling?”
At last week’s Prefect assembly I spoke about the need for all in our community to check in on each other and to care for one another and that it was wrong for any boy to be unhappy because of the way he is being treated at school. I also spoke about the critical need for respect to be shown towards others, ourselves and our environment. Finally I ask the question of all the boys “what kind of St Virgil’s gentleman do you want to be?”

As a reminder the College Pastoral Care Network for the Senior school is outlined below which shows the options available to students at times when they need support of any kind. The Network of Pastoral Care is administered primarily by the Head of House and includes: Subject Teachers, Pastoral Care Teachers, Heads of House (who administer and direct the care of students), College Psychologist, House Teams, Deputy Principal, Welfare Team, Student Services Team and Principal.

**NAPLAN**
The long awaited NAPLAN student reports have been delayed by a month after ACARA spotted an error in one of the printed documents. Individual student reports were due to be sent out to schools this week but will now not arrive until October 13 - after the holidays. ACARA has stressed that there were no issues with NAPLAN results for students or schools. The error was only with the background sheet on which the individual student data was printed. We look forward to reviewing the College results when they arrive to further inform our learning and teaching practices.

**College Website**
Last Thursday we launched the College’s new web site and it has been pleasing to see a number of parents use it to communicate with the College. Please take the time to visit the site and utilise some of the functions inherent within it. Some functions that could make life easier for parents include:

- Notifying student absence via email;
- Ordering clothing from the Uniform Shop;
- Find out the latest news from the College – for example our Grand Final football win yesterday;
- Access twitter via the website;
- Contact the College using the contact form – it could be information about an injury to your son or a request for school work for an ill student;
- Download dates from the website straight to your phone or tablet calendar; and
- Enjoy searching through the photo albums.

Please take the time to visit the new site at [www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au) As ever we would greatly appreciate your feedback which can be made through the site – ‘contact us’.
**National Boys Choir**

Next Thursday September 26 and Friday September 27, we have the privilege of hosting the National Boys Choir of Australia (NBC) as they visit Hobart. This much acclaimed choir travel the nation performing and Thursday evening St Mary’s Cathedral will host their performance of Benjamin Britten’s “The Golden Vanity”.

The NBC will be joined on stage at that concert by the St Virgil’s College Senior and Junior Boys Choirs. General admission tickets are available at the door with some of the proceeds going to the Cathedral project. Thank you to our host families for taking on billets. This experience can be a very rich one for students and is reciprocated when we too travel – for example the cricket tour to Victoria in Term 4.

Please consider coming along and supporting our Choir and enjoying a great night of music.

**Choices**

It was my privilege to attend the Junior Football finals at North Hobart oval on Sunday where many of our students featured. It was wonderful to see their commitment to team work and team spirit as they represented their individual clubs. I would like to congratulate all those who celebrated in victory and importantly, congratulate all of those boys who were so gracious in defeat.

As always, it is a parental decision, however I must express my disappointment that so many of these boys were absent from school on the Monday after the game. Much can be learned from fulfilling commitments in all aspects of life.

**Staff**

Congratulations to two of our staff members who achieved sporting accolades during the week. Liam Scott was named in the Victory League Soccer Team of the Year and will play in the Tasmanian team that is taking on the Melbourne Victory’s Development Squad at the Kingston Twin Oval on Sunday September 29. Jamie Di Ilenno won the Best and Fairest Award for the Hobart Football Club, the second time he has achieved this feat.

**Old Scholar News**

Congratulations to Jake Doran, 2012 College Captain, who has been elected School Captain of Guilford Young College, Barrack St Campus. This is great recognition for Jake’s all round leadership capabilities and the skills he acquired as a student leader at St Virgil’s. Well done Jake!

**St Therese’s Fair**

Well done to our highly talented musicians, ked by Mr Williamson, who represented the College with distinction at the St Therese’s Fair last Sunday.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Terry Blizzard
Cyber Smart Parent Session
Thursday September 26, Junior School Hall, Patrick St Hobart, 7.00 pm-8.30 pm
On Thursday September 26, parents will have the opportunity to participate in an engaging and highly educational Cyber Safety Awareness Programme. The session promises to be an excellent night and is timely given the introduction of the College’s iPad programme in 2013. In preparation for the evening a range of resources should be downloaded at: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/whbts
If you have any questions about the evening or would like information emailed, please contact the Director of Information Services, Mr Richard Lawler rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

"R U OK Day"
Today the College held the annual “R U Ok Day”. The R U OK Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to encouraging all people to regularly and meaningfully ask “are you ok” to support anyone struggling with life. The annual R U OK Day is a national day of action in September, dedicated to reminding people to regularly check in with family and friends.

An initiative of the Student Leaders, the day’s focus fits perfectly with the College values of Community, Justice and Respect. The day focused on an extended Pastoral Care time during which the Grade 10 students ran some activities on strengthening the relationships between all the boys, and allowing for conversations where boys discussed how best to recognise signs that someone may be having some difficulties and how to best assist them.

Footy Colours Day
Another initiative of the Student Leaders is the organisation of Footy Colours Day, to be held on the final day of Term Three, Friday September 27. This day allows boys to wear some footy (any code) colours, such as a jumper/scarf or other supporter attire, whilst at school. Boy must travel to and from school in their normal Uniform, and can change when at school.

The day raises funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation, especially important for our community as we have two students currently holding their own fight against cancer. As a fundraiser any boy wearing footy colours on the day is asked for a gold coin donation, whilst the Student Leaders are also planning a number of footy themed activities and fundraisers for the boys.

Austins Ferry Fair – Plain Clothes Days
The Parents and Friends association has commenced their planning for this year’s Fair. Already the parent assistance form asking for assistance on the day has been sent out, and should have been returned by all boys. The fair is the annual major fundraiser for the association; which has been able to provide funds for many

Austins Ferry Traffic Management Plan
Last year the Austins Ferry Traffic Management Plan was put in place to assist with the safe and effective arrival and departure of all boys. Although this has generally worked very well, at times some members of the community who may not regularly visit the site have been caught unawares of these plans. As a reminder to all traffic is one way:

- Between 8.00 am and 9.00 am - entry via South gate/exit via North gate only
- Between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm - entry via North gate/exit via South gate only
Parking is also restricted due to the parking needs of buses and hence incorrectly parked cars may not be able to leave the property until two way traffic flow recommences.


Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our boys.
projects that assist all boys. This is a great opportunity for families to provide meaningful assistance to the Parents and Friends Association in a one off manner, with a fairly small time commitment. It is also a wonderful chance to become involved in the wider College community and meet many other families. I encourage all families to consider how they may be of assistance and offer their help, as without that help the workload gets left to a small number of helpers.

Early in Term Four there will be three ‘Free Dress Days’ that will provide opportunities for the boys and families to support the Fair. The Dress Days will be on the first three Wednesdays of the term, with boys either providing a donation or bringing specific items for some of the stalls. Details will be advertised closer to the days.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“The last World Youth Day was eloquent testimony to the fact that basic presentation of the Christian message attracts and inspires young people. And it's very important that the Church be present in those very new forms of media because they are also the point of contact for many young people. 

(ARCHBISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS)

Assembly
Last week, Grade 4 led the Junior School assembly. A thought provoking liturgy was shared followed by some fantastic work, especially on iPads. The weekly thinking challenge was also solved with a number of boys taking up the challenge to create a paper aeroplane to hit a target.

Tournament of the Minds
Last Saturday, two teams of boys travelled to Launceston to compete in this year’s Tournament of the Minds. The teams of boys performed very well on the day in both the planned and spontaneous presentations. A big thank you to Mrs Ogle and Mr Nisbet who have been guiding the boys in the challenge. Thank you also to all the parents of the boys who have supported them so well throughout this year’s challenge.

Chess Club
A number of boys have been taking up the opportunity to participate in chess club during lunch times on a Tuesday with Mellissa Harvey guiding them. Next week, four grade 6 boys will be testing their skills against other students in a chess tournament at Princess Street Primary school. Good luck boys – we look forward to seeing how well your strategies ply out in the tournament.
STCPSSA Cross Country
A very enthusiastic group of boys will travel to the Rokeby Police Academy to compete in the STCPSSA Cross country tomorrow. Good luck to all the boys – we look forward to hearing about some great results to report next week.

National Boys Choir of Australia Hobart Tour
The visit to Hobart of the National Boys Choir is fast approaching. Thank you to those families who have generously offered to billet our visitors. The Junior School Choir will be working with the National Boys choir next Thursday – a real treat for the boys.

Bon Voyage
We wish our favourite art teacher, Ms Jan Stary an enjoyable and safe trip to Italy as she commences a period of leave which extends into next term. We are most fortunate, though, to have Clare Graham and Bridget Jenkins from the Senior School to replace Jan whilst she is on leave. This will mean that art lessons will continue in Jan’s absence. We look forward to hearing about Jan’s travels when she returns in Week 2 of next term.

Cyber Safety Presentation
Thursday September 26 at 7.00pm

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. See https://tellagami.com/gami/A0W5EW/ for more information!

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Friday September 20  F Nuss / K Bridgland
Wednesday September 25  K Richards / Coryn Barry - Murphy
Thursday September 26  J Mooney / T Donohue
Friday September 27  M Barrow-Thompson / HELP NEEDED

STJFL Football
Well done to Lachie Gadomski, Ben Donnelly and Josh Pride who won the Under 13 Grand Final for Kingborough Tigers. Lachie and Ben were also named in best players on the day.

ALL-SCHOOLS GYMKHANA
Deloraine Showgrounds, Sunday Sept. 29 2013
Commencing at 8.30am
For further information Contact: Jane Becker 6497 2154
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MISS HEIDI GREGG

Literacy
Miss Lucy Dalton
Leading Teacher English

Grade 8 students have been engaged in Slam Poetry on a range of topical and controversial issues. Other students have completed other poems from different writing genres. The quality of student work has been excellent.

Spring Poem
By Nick Haydon, Grade 8 Literacy

Spring is here!
Everybody, give a cheer.
Winter has disappeared.
And summer will soon appear.

The cold weather has passed on.
The warm weather is catching on.
Trees begin to blossom.
I find that amazingly awesome.
Spring brings clear days.
As well as lots of backyard cricket to play.
Winter days were full of dark and dismal.
Many would call it quite abysmal.

Now we can look to the bright side of the year.
But we feel sincere for those suffering cold on the northern hemisphere.
Spring gives us a happier outlook on our day.
No longer do we look at the weather with dismay.

Spring is what makes me happy.
I just feel that little bit more chatty.
Days begin to get longer.
Just like I’m starting to get stronger.

SPORT

Sailing
Br Peter Flint

Provisional Boat Licence Course
This course is being run at Austins Ferry Yacht Club on October 2. (First Wednesday of school holidays.)
Young people 12 – 17 years can gain this licence.
Bookings are made through MAST on 6235 8888

Br Peter can be contacted at: pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au and on 0439 738327

Squash

Details of tomorrow’s Grand Finals at the Eastside Squash centre. Good luck to all players.

DIVISION 1
(GRAND FINAL)

Combined vs St Virgil’s 1

DIVISION 2
(3rd and 4th play-off)
Corpus Christi vs St Virgil’s 2

DIVISION 3
(5th and 6th play-off)
St Virgil’s 3 vs New Town Blue
St Virgil’s 4 finishes in 7th position

AFL Ambassador

Congratulations to Director of Sport Mr James Dalton who was selected as one of two AFL Tasmania Ambassadors for his contribution to junior football in the State. James will be presented with his award at a dinner at this Friday’s final at the MCG between Hawthorn and Geelong.
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
Thursday 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 am to 9.30 am

Please visit our new website – orders for all uniform items can now be placed online and collected from the Office of either campus.

Grade 10 Leavers' Tops
A reminder that final payments for Leavers’ Tops must be received by September 20. If payment is not received by this date an order cannot be placed. Tops will be distributed to leavers the day before Show day.
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer, Manager
Roster
Procedures for ordering lunch and the 2013 Summer Canteen Menu are available at www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au – Senior School/canteen. If you can assist with canteen duty please contact Carol at the College or email chilyer@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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End Of Term Three

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

National Boys Choir of Australia
Concert at
St Mary's Cathedral
Harrington Street, Hobart

Thursday 26 September 2013, 7.30pm

The programme will feature Benjamin Britten’s The Golden Vanity, a staged production to celebrate the centenary of Britten’s birth. Other works by Lorenzo Perosi, John Rutter, Malcolm John, Bob Chilcott and Jack Noble White plus a selection of Disney songs. The NBCA will be joined on stage by the St Virgil’s College Senior and Junior Choirs.

General Admission – tickets at the door
Adults: $15 Concession $10

Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Cathedral Restoration Fund
Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Lynne Jones, President

2013 Senior School Fair
Monday November 11

The Senior School Fair is the major fundraiser for the Parents and Friends Association every year; all money raised at this year’s fair will go towards school projects to benefit all our boys. In order for our Fair to be a success, we will once again be calling on the school community for assistance. We would like to urge all parents to answer our call to offer assistance and goods for the 2013 FAIR.

A list of Fair Stalls and opportunities to volunteer for coordinator and helper roles will be included in next week's The Star. If there are any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Julie Doran on 0417 584 180 or Lynne Jones on 0438 544 171.

SENIOR SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE

This year we will again be running a Major Raffle. Details of our fantastic prizes will be announced soon!!!

A Raffle Ticket Book will be sent home to all Senior School families very soon. The Raffle will be drawn at the Fair.

Please see below a form for families should they wish to kindly offer to donate additional prizes for the raffle, or the chocolate wheel.

Please complete and return to: Lynne Jones, P & F President via the School office, or call her on 0438 544 171 or email lynnejones@stgiles.org.au

Student Name ____________________________ Grade/PC ____________

I/We are able to donate the following items for the Chocolate Wheel or Raffle (please circle your preference)
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Parent(s) Name: __________________________________________

Contact Numbers: (H)__________________ (W)__________________ (M)__________________

Email: __________________________________________
St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club
The Reserves had a strong win against DOSA to qualify for the Grand Final against Richmond. The game commences at 11.45 am at the North Hobart Oval. Please get along and support our mighty Saints!

St Virgil’s Old Scholars Cricket Club
The St Virgil’s Old Scholars Cricket club have two sides which play in the Southern Cricket Association. Last year the club had quite a successful season with both sides making the finals and the club winning the 20/20 association competition and reaching the semi-finals of the Statewide comp. Games are on synthetic pitches and are of 50 overs duration and our home ground is at St Virgil’s College Austins Ferry. Having two sides means the club can cater for the serious and not so serious player so there is room for all.

The club has recruited several St Virgil’s/Guilford Young boys over the last couple of years and we are eager to add more to our ranks this coming season. Age is no barrier so if there are any Dads out there interested we would love to see you come along as well.

Training commences on Sunday, September 15 at the TCA indoor nets between 11:30am and 12:30pm and will also be held at the same time on Sunday September 22. After the first two Sundays training will switch to Wednesdays at the TCA indoor nets from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm.

There are no upfront subs to pay but there is a $15 game day cost to cover umpire fees and the cost of the new ball. For all newcomers this year who are 18 or under the club will give you a free playing top. If you are interested please contact the President Craig Jones on 0417 304 901.

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 – St Mary’s Cathedral Parish
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.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation – St John’s and St Monica’s
Parents and carers, if you are a parishioner of St John’s or St Monica’s, Glenorchy and think that your child may be ready to celebrate First Reconciliation you are invited to an information session. These will be held in St John’s Presbytery, Bowden Street at 2.00pm. and repeated at 7.00pm on Wednesday September 18 2013. (Please choose whichever is most convenient for you to attend.) Preparation sessions for parents and their children will commence on the weekend October 19/20. To register your interest or for further information contact St John’s parish office (6272 6363) during office hours or Jo (6273 1990).
Newsletter Attachments – Available from website – www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au – Front page (right)

- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
- Junior School iPad programme – FAQ Brochure
- IPad Information Session – Parent Notes
- Clarence Aquatic Centre School Holiday Programme
- Saver Plus School Programme Flyer
- PAUSE program - Parenting Adolescents with Understanding, Sensitivity & Engagement Flyer
- Hobart YMCA School Holiday Programme Flyer
- Hobart City School Holiday Programmes
- Maritime Museum School Holiday Programme

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.