Welcome Back
Welcome back to what will be an extremely busy Term Four for 2013 – the first time in our school life in Tasmania that we have had a Term 4 to work with! It is certainly going to be a fast and furious term, enriched by a range of exciting curricular and co-curricular learning experiences as well as our traditional events such as Gala Concert, Thanksgiving Liturgy and Leavers’ Ceremony, Grade 10 Leavers’ Dinner and Junior School Thanksgiving Liturgy.

It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?

Henry David Thoreau

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 12B
Tuesday October 22 – P&F Meeting, J/S, 7pm
Wednesday October 23 – Grade 7 day with St Mary’s College
Thursday October 24/Friday October 26 – Show Day Student Free Days

WEEK 13A
Monday October 28 – Junior School Sports Photo Day
Wednesday October 30, P&F Meeting, 7 pm Austins Ferry
Saturday November 2 – 2014 Grade 7 Orientation Day, 9 am

Diary Dates
Friday November 8 – Gala Concert at 7pm, St Mary’s College. Bookings at www.easybookings.com.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?”
I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Terry Blizzard for undertaking the role of Acting Principal in my absence. Thank you also to Mr Cameron Alexander and Mr Andrew Pinelli for their roles in running the campuses while I was in America. It was a great opportunity for me and my family to have some quality time together and I thank and congratulate all members of our community for what was a wonderful Term Three – it was great following the news from the College via The Star and SVC Twitter from afar!

Hamilton Wing Re-Development
I expect that by now Senior School students have informed their parents about the excitement of returning to school to find the Hamilton Wing surrounded by safety fences and filled with builders feverishly moving around the site demolishing existing structures in preparation for re-development work.

The Hamilton Wing is one of the original buildings of the Austins Ferry campus and whilst it has been renovated several times to meet the needs of students, rapidly evolving technology and changes to OH&S legislation have greatly transformed the requirements of a contemporary science, art or general classroom from the days when parents were at school!

The re-development will feature four stunning new science laboratories created, as well as transformed art facilities and two new general learning areas. The existing project space and ICT facilities will remain as part of the re-development but will be re-modelled in line with the College’s approach to best practice learning and teaching principles.

This is an exciting time for the College and will provide students with access to high quality learning and teaching spaces that will assist teachers in maximising learning outcomes for boys studying in science and arts’ based subjects. As the re-development work is occurring within the centre of the College there may be some disruptions to timetables and the College calendar. Such decisions will be based upon what is best for the boys, both in terms of student safety and in enabling builders to fast track building works to minimise disruptions to the 2014 academic year. Details of any changes in calendar dates will be mailed to parents as soon as they are confirmed.
Grade 10 Students
Things are certainly going to ‘hot up’ for the Grade 10 students, with only a couple of weeks left prior to the finishing of their learning time, exam preparation and the week of their final exams. Attached to the newsletter is the timetable for the week of exams. It is important to note that on two afternoons during the exam period, following the first exam, there will be an optional study afternoon.

Boys are more than welcome to stay at school to receive some assisted study time, but can also elect to go home if they feel that is a better place for them to study. As young adults, learning responsibility comes with this important time in their academic life and we acknowledge that boys like to prepare in different ways. We look for your assistance in this, but I must stress that there is a study option at the school on both Monday and Wednesday afternoons during the exam week.
Congratulations to our Sailors
In the Sport Section of The Star you will find a detailed report on the performance of our sailors who represented the College with great pride and considerable skill at the Inter-Dominion titles in Queensland during the term break. I was particularly pleased to learn of the exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship of our boys which was noted by several people in attendance. Thank you to staff member Mr Chris Thomson who accompanied the boys.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

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.

Please visit: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior/transport/

to view the Austins Ferry Traffic Management Plan.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our boys.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

Welcome back to all members of the College community for what promises to be a short, but actioned pack term 4. As Mr Messer has outlined there is much to anticipate this Term. I would particularly like to welcome three new members to our community – Kam-Ron Mallinson and Isaac Herbin-Duffin commencing in Grade Nine and Isaac O’Halloran commencing Grade Seven. We hope each boy enjoys his learning journey whilst at St Virgil’s.

In the upcoming weeks there are a number of events to be noted:

Please continue to read The Star for more details of each of these events.

- The College will be closed next Thursday October 24 (Hobart Show) and Friday October 25.

- The final round of Immunisations for Grade 7 and 9 students will take place next Tuesday October 22.

- Next Wednesday October 23 is the St Mary’s Social Day. All grade levels are involved. A letter with the details has been distributed to the boys.

- Co-Curricular photos are scheduled for Wednesday October 30.

- The College Fair scheduled for November II is a compulsory school event. Boys will be dismissed at 12.30pm on the day and are to return in readiness for a 5.00pm commencement.

- There will be two more Free Dress Days in support of the Fair – Tuesday October 22 and Tuesday October 29. (see below for more details).

- House Beach Bonanza Day is scheduled for Friday November 22.

Austins Ferry Fair – Plain Clothes Days
As indicated in previous editions of The Star, there will be three Free Dress Days that will provide opportunities for the boys and families to support the College Fair. Thank you to all boys who supported the first free dress day this week. Details of the next two days are:

Dates and details of donation required are:
Tuesday October 22  Books/DVD/Computer Games
Tuesday October 29  Lucky Bag
Studies indicate that the one quality all successful people have is persistence. They're willing to spend more time accomplishing a task and to persevere in the face of many difficult odds. There's a very positive relationship between people's ability to accomplish any task and the time they're willing to spend on it”

(James Joyce)

Welcome Back
After a relaxing two week break, we welcome back all the boys to what is going to be a very busy term with lots of wonderful curricular and co-curricular experiences packed in. We also welcome back Mrs Messer after her long service leave.

Term 4 Uniform
As we are coming into the warmer months, boys can start wearing their Summer Uniform from the commencement of Term 4. All families are reminded that the full and correct wearing of the uniform is an important part of being a student at St Virgil's. Some boys have been a little lax in their compliance in regards to their uniform items often not being worn like caps and jumpers. All boys will need to ensure that they have their bucket hats each day this term for outside play. If you have uniform needs, please contact Mrs Leon in the Office. A reminder that all Uniform items can now be ordered via the new College website and can be collected from the school office.

NAPLAN Results
This week, boys in Grade 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results for the assessment undertaken in May this year. NAPLAN forms one part of the assessment regime for boys at the Junior School. The staff will now analyse the data that we receive as a result of these assessments to inform planning for 2014 and beyond. If you have any questions about your son’s report, please do not hesitate to contact your son’s classroom teacher.

ICAS Maths Assessment
Last term, all boys from Grade 3 to 6 participated in the annual ICAS Mathematics assessment. This was a decision made by the Junior School Leadership team to track not only the boys’ progress but to also track implementation of the Australian Curriculum. All boys are to be commended for their efforts in this assessment, especially those boys listed below who achieved a credit or distinction – a total of 16% of the boys who participated.

Credit Award:
Grade 3: Sahib Singh
Grade 4: Oscar Boyer, Harry Fisher, Joseph Fractalossi, Luke Johnson, Connor McLeod, Joe McShane, Tom Rasmussen
Grade 5: Jordan Baker, James Bourke, Aaron Cusson, Joshua Harvey, Hayden Nuss, Edward Staley
Grade 6: Jordan Kiley, Kerem Turhal
Distinction Award:
Grade 4: Callum Parssey, Joe Powell, Riley Ringrose
Grade 5: Liam Wilson
Grade 6: Alexander Fracalossi, Nicholas O’Connell, Liam Watling

ICT Update - Apple TVs
During the holidays Apple TVs were installed into all classrooms at the Junior School thanks to the generosity of the Junior School P & F. The Apple TVs will make connecting each boy’s iPad for display easier, more reliable and will provide a higher quality display. Thanks again to the P & F for purchasing these important educational devices and also the College’s ICT Team for installing them.

NBN Connected
The final hook up of the NBN to the Junior School campus was completed during the early part of the holidays. This has certainly meant a more reliable connection to the internet for the boys since the commencement of Term 4. Thank you to Mr Lawler and the College’s ICT team for making this happen.

Calendar Update
As everyone’s calendars start to get very busy at this time of the year, below are some reminders of significant dates for the Junior School. Specific details for these events will be shared closer to the actual event.

October
Grade 4 Camp
October 21 – October 23

November
JSSATIS Athletics Carnival
November 8
St Virgil’s Gala Concert
November 8
Grade 6 Excursion to Canberra
November 11 – November 14
Primary school Triathlon
November 21
2014 Orientation Day
November 29

December
Grade 5 Band concert
December 4
Volunteer appreciation evening
December 12
End of year assembly
December 13
Thanksgiving Liturgy
December 18 (Please note change of date)

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

Picking Up and Dropping Off Children
In the interest of student safety and respect for our neighbours, parents are reminded to take great care at these times and to follow traffic and parking signs. A reminder that U-turns are not permitted in Patrick St and that parents should not use
the Cathedral car park or the Parish car park above the tennis court. With building works commenced at the Cathedral it is vital that access to the car park is available throughout the day.

Parents and Friends – Junior School Golf Day
In Term 3 our P&F have undertook a massive amount of work, in particular the highly successful Sunday Fair. The P&F are mindful of the burden this places upon many within the community and so have decided to make their Golf Day a biennial event. Therefore the event listed on the calendar for Sunday October 20 will not be held. A date for the 2014 event will be in the 2014 calendar.

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Wednesday October 23 Rachel Fisher / Help Needed
Thursday October 24 HOBART SHOW DAY
Friday October 25 STUDENT FREE DAY

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Basketball
Good luck to the Grade 5/6 team that this weekend plays in the Southern Tasmanian Basketball competition at Kingborough Sports Centre. A full report will feature in next week’s edition of The Star.

SPORT

Sailing
Br Peter Flint

Inter Dominion Team Racing Championships, Moreton Bay 2013

Recently six boys from SVC and an old scholar from GYC were one of three open teams selected to represent Australia against three open New Zealand teams as well as two Australian all-girl teams, at the 2013 Inter-Dominion team racing championships organised by the Royal Queensland Yachting Squadron and sailed on the waters of Moreton Bay Queensland.

The team consisted of Johnny Cooper (Team Captain and Helm), Tommy Cooper (Vice Captain and helm) Angus Price (helm) and Blake Nicholson, Joshua Eggins, Harry Dwyer and Jack Kennedy as crew. Their selection to the Australian team was as a result...
of having won the State titles and then placing third in the National championships. This result was achieved as a result of the considerable talent that the boys possess, and the enormous amount of hard work that they put into sailing all through the cold Tasmanian winter.

The team was accompanied by old scholar and Coach Ollie Nicholas and fathers Brendan Dwyer, John Kennedy and Darren Eggins. Mr Chris Thomson, himself an experienced sailor was the teacher in charge of the team.

Racing on day one was held in initially ideal conditions and the SVC team were holding their own. As expected, St Joseph’s College from South Australia and the Kiwi teams were the ones to beat. During the day, the breeze gradually built and the heavier Kiwi teams began to dominate. When the wind speed reached 25 knots, the race officer called the event off for the day. The boys all slept well that night - after eating everything in sight.

Day two began with a light and variable breeze. The SVC team started the day well winning most of their races including races against two of the Kiwi teams but still not able to beat the third one and St Joseph’s.

Day three and the competitors were again greeted with light winds that delayed racing. When eventually racing began, SVC had a day of mixed fortune, but managed to beat the third New Zealand Team. On an international level, the team results were too close to call and the regatta finished with no clear winner and we had to wait for the presentation dinner to find out who had won.

That night, the teams were all in attendance and St Josephs (Australia) were announced clear and very deserved winners. Kerikeri (NZ) were second, Westlakes Boys High school (NZ) Third, Mahurangi College (NZ) fourth, SVC fifth, The Friends school sixth, Moreton Bay College seventh and Fahan School Eighth.

The results were very close with SVC losing equal fourth spot to Mahurangi on a count back and third placed Westlakes was only one point in front of SVC. Australia emerged as the winners of the Trans-Tasman Teams Racing Challenge Trophy and so the Aussies teams celebrated vociferously with the Kiwis accepting defeat graciously.

All in all, the event was very successful and our predominantly young team gained much valuable experience from the regatta. Well done boys on your racing skills and exceptional behaviour in representing the College and Australian sailing. I would like to thank Mr James Dalton and the school for the considerable support shown to the team during the campaign. I would also like to thank the parents for getting the boys to training and for their help with fundraising, especially Suzi.
Kennedy who co-ordinated our transport and found and then organised the magnificent accommodation that was the envy of all the other teams. We eagerly look forward to the 2014 racing season!

Brendan Dwyer
Team Manager

Gymnastics
Congratulations to Grade 8 student Drew Aggenbach who competed in Brisbane during the holidays. Drew graded for National Level 7 which means he now qualifies for Nationals in Sydney next year. Drew competed against gymnasts from across Australia and NZ and came 18th out of 45 in his level. Well done Drew!

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

Our Budding Radio Stars
During the last week of Term 3 students Tom Wright and Blake Nicholson together with Mr Lawler featured on ABC Radio 936 speaking about how the College is managing iPads and other devices and keeping one step ahead of the boys as they try to find loopholes in our security! The boys provided some interesting perspectives and judging from the feedback from listeners it is a topic of great interest to many people. The boys presented themselves extremely well and were articulate and insightful in their responses.

The performance of our boys on the radio was timely given the excellent Cybersafety Presentation held at the Junior School on Thursday September 26. The night was well attended by Junior and Senior school parents and provided a range of practical tips for supporting boys growing up in an increasingly complex and technological world. Thank you to the Junior School P&F for identifying this important learning opportunity and for all parents who attended the night.
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.

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

Ordering on-Line
As noted earlier in The Star students at both campuses will be able to order lunches on-line which will save lining up time for students at the senior school. When the payment portal is available (November), parents will also be able to pay for lunches on line. This process will ensure that parents can monitor what boys are spending money on at the canteen as well as overcoming the challenge of finding loose change to give to boys as they hurry out to school in the morning!

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2013 Gala Concert

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8
7 PM
NAGLE CENTRE,
ST MARY’S COLLEGE

FEATURING
STAGE AND CONCERT BANDS
JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR
GRADE 5 AND 6 BANDS
ENSEMBLES, DRAMA
VISUAL ARTS

TICKETS
$15 ADULT
$10 CHILD
$40 FAMILY

Please join with members of the College community in celebrating the arts in an enchanting evening of music, drama and creative art.

Tickets are sure to sell fast and must be purchased prior to the event at:
http://www.easybookings.com.au
Parents and Friends Association  
Mrs Lynne Jones, President

Senior School Fair – Monday November 11 2013
A very big thank you to all parents who offered their assistance manning or coordinating stalls, and/or donating goods and prizes for the 2013 FAIR – the response has been fantastic! All those parents who so kindly offered their help or made donations will be contacted by Julie Doran or their Stall Coordinator, over the next few weeks.

All donated goods and prizes can be left at the School Office up until Friday November 8 - clearly marked or labeled “2013 Fair Donation”.

SENIOR SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE

ALL FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED RAFFLE BOOKS WHICH WERE BROUGHT HOME BY THEIR SONS, EITHER THE FINAL DAY OF LAST TERM OR THIS WEEK!

This year’s major raffle prize is a $1,000.00 PREPAID VISA DEBIT CARD!

This is a fantastic prize which I am sure all families could put to good use – Christmas shopping, holiday or back to School expenses! If you would like more raffle books to sell – please contact the Senior School Office.

SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

There will be three Free Dress Fair donation days in October for all Senior School students – the first one was a great success!

2nd FREE DRESS DAY for Book/DVD/Computer Game Donations  Wednesday October 23

3rd FREE DRESS DAY for Lucky Boxes Contents Donations (e.g. sealed bags of lollies or chocolates, hair accessories, toy cars, etc for girls and boys)  Tuesday October 29

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

John Wallis Foundation Memorial Lecture

One of Australia’s most prominent Catholics will deliver the John Wallis Memorial Lecture for 2013 at Guilford Young College on Thursday 24 October.

Fr Frank Brennan SJ, a robust advocate for a range of social justice issues, will deliver the lecture, Pope Francis and Australia’s Social Justice Agenda, on behalf of the John Wallis Foundation.

Fr Brennan, a Jesuit and a human rights lawyer, has been one of the Australian Catholic Church’s most prominent and influential public figures for many years, often sought by the media for comment on church and justice issues. Erudite and
thought-provoking, he is professor of law at Australian Catholic University and adjunct professor at the College of Law and the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, Australian National University.

**Details of the 2013 Lecture**

**Guilford Young College**, 94 Barrack Street, Hobart  
*(assembly area, near the tennis courts; parking available in the College grounds, off Patrick St)*

Thursday 24 October (Hobart Show holiday), 7 – 9pm

online bookings ([www.trybooking.com/60066](http://www.trybooking.com/60066) or tickets at the door

**Cost:** $15 adults; $10 concession/student

**Further information:** Penny Edman 0400 896 191 or penny_edman@yahoo.com.au

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**

Melbourne December 5-7, 2013. Limited places are available.  
**More information contact** Rachelle: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368

**Please see the full flyer attached to the newsletter**

**Newsletter Attachments – Available from website –** [www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au](http://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
- Canteen – Summer Menu 2013/2014
- Grade 10 Exam Timetable
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival Flyer
- Archbishop’s Statement on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2013
- 2013 Gala Concert Flyer

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**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.