FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSEY

“St Virgil’s College is committed to further strengthening the culture where striving for personal excellence in all endeavours is encouraged, supported and celebrated”.

Gala Concert
I hope you can join me tomorrow evening for the Gala Concert which is being held at the Nagle Centre, at St Mary’s College. This event showcases the work of the Arts Faculty from both campuses. Students and staff have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the concert which showcases work from our music (including
ensembles, bands and choral groups), drama and art departments. For many of our students this is the culmination of a year’s preparation and is a significant highlight in their year.

The concert is an excellent endorsement of the Arts Programme and highlights the College’s commitment to support boys in all areas of curricular and co-curricular endeavours. At times the efforts of our performing artists can seemingly be overshadowed by the breadth and profile of the College’s sport programme. This is more of a reflection that our boys love sport and experience success that is often reported extensively in the local media. The reality is that many of our talented arts students are also great sportsmen, academics and leaders of our social justice initiatives.

St Virgil’s College is committed to further strengthening the culture where striving for personal excellence in all endeavours is encouraged, supported and celebrated. This culture affirms the God given talents of all students, whilst challenging students to ‘have a go’, to move beyond what is comfortable and to reinforce that all activities are equally valued and celebrated by the College. The Gala Concert provides a wonderful stage for all our artists to shine and I strongly encourage all students and their families to come along and recognise and celebrate the rich tradition of performance at the College and to marvel at the talent of our boys.

Tickets are selling fast for the annual Gala Concert on Friday November 8 at the Nagle Centre at St Mary’s College, commencing at 7pm. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.easybookings.com.au - go to Universities/School link. If you require assistance with booking tickets online please contact the Front Office at either campus and the office staff will assist you with the booking. A limited number of tickets will be available for sale at the door.

College Leadership 2014
It gives me great pleasure to announce the College Captain and Vice-Captain for 2014

- Captain: Patrick Vout
- Vice Captain: Jonah Lilley

The College leadership team was extremely impressed with the quality of applicants for this year’s leadership positions. It is always pleasing to see boys put themselves forward to take up the challenge and responsibility of leadership, both in a formal role but also through their deeds around the College.

With the appointment of Patrick and Jonah the remaining student leadership positions now become available. Boys are encouraged to nominate for these positions with the first round of applications closing this Monday.
**Bailey King**

Yesterday over 200 boys and many staff joined with the King and Cashion families to celebrate the life of Bailey and to offer prayerful support for his journey into eternal life. The ceremony was a very fitting and moving tribute to such a wonderful young man. Whilst the boys were noticeably flat upon their return to the College yesterday, I know that they were also deeply moved by the ceremony and that their support for Bailey and his family was very much appreciated and admired.

I have been overwhelmed by the support the College has received from other schools, parents and members of the wider community. I have received countless emails and phone calls expressing this support and complimenting the College, and the boys in particular, for the mature, compassionate and prayerful manner in which they have responded to the sad passing of Bailey.

Thank you to all members of our community who have been so supportive of the College in its endeavours to keep you informed and up to date with the latest information. The pride that has been shown by many is indicative of the spirit and tradition that thrives here at St Virgil’s.

As outlined in last week's letters, a reminder that full support services are available to all members of the community. If your son shows any sign of being affected by the events of the last week, please contact the College Psychologist Ali Morse amorse@stvirgils.tas.edu.au who can arrange support. We also strongly encourage you to continue to talk and to encourage him to talk to you or other trusted adults in his life.

Whilst Wednesday was a sad event in the life of the College, we take great comfort as a Catholic community that Bailey has entered into eternal love, in the palm of his loving God and is now at peace. For his family the time's ahead will be challenging and so we ask that you continue to keep Bailey’s families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Web site**

The new College web site is up and operational and it is great to see the number of people who are beginning to use the new features. Some of the most popular features are the reporting of absentees, student absence, online purchasing at the Clothing Store, online enrolments, and the availability of a downloadable calendar for your smartphone, tablet or PC.

I would like to thank the Publicity Committee of the College for their hard work in getting the site to where it currently is and for their efforts in continually evaluating the site to identify future improvements. We hope to have the secure payment portal up and running in the next two weeks. The site further reinforces the College’s commitment to improve communications to further strengthen the home, school and community partnership which are integral in enhancing learning outcomes for boys.

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact the Director of Development, Mr Mark Waddington mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**Austins Ferry Fair**

The Austins Ferry Fair will be held next Monday and it is always exciting to see the amount of work that goes into the final preparations. The entrance foyer of the Administration building has been full with Parents & Friends representatives busily preparing for Monday's event. I encourage all members of our community to spread the word to help ensure the event will be a great success. It is always worth noting that all funds raised by the Parents & Friends Association go directly into supporting projects that benefit all students at the College.

The Fair commences at 5 pm on the Austins Ferry campus and concludes at 8pm - 195 Main Road Austins Ferry. It would be great to see all members of the College community, senior and junior school, join together to make this a night to remember!
Visitors to the Austins Ferry Campus
This week we had a visit at the College from Director of the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office Dr Trish Hindmarsh, Minister Mr Nick McKim, and Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission Chairman, Mr Greg McNamara. The visit is part of the tri-annual meeting cycle for the Minister and the Director and the Austins Ferry History Centre was provided as the venue for their meeting. The visitors also were able to view the College in action and were very impressed by the energy and endeavour of students in all learning areas.

Tomorrow the College is hosting the Southern Region EREA Deputy Principals’ meeting. The Southern region has the seven EREA schools from Victoria and Tasmania and as part of their annual meeting schedule, each school takes it in turns to host a meeting. We look forward to hosting each school leader and to further strengthening our links with other schools who share our traditions and our commitment to follow the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Upcoming Dates

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In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

This time of year is a particularly busy one for the St Virgil’s College community and there are a number of upcoming events to be aware of. Of particular note are:

College Fair - Monday November 11
This is an annual event conducted by the Parents and Friends Association and is a major community event and fundraiser for the College. It is an expectation that all boys will be in attendance at this important function. As we have said on a number of occasions, when boys enrol at St Virgil’s they commit to the whole package – they cannot be selective. It is this ‘other dimension’ that defines schools such as ours.

We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group as the Parents and Friends and I would encourage all to show their appreciation for their work by attending the Fair. The following details need to be noted:

- Classes will conclude at 12.30pm on the day of the Fair and the normal bus routes will then be conducted.
- Sports Uniform to be worn to school in the morning on the day of the Fair.
- Boys return to school at 5pm in readiness for their choir performance.
  Please note that Formal Uniform is to be worn to the Fair.

Mt Carmel Social
A letter was sent home inviting Grade 7 and 8 boys to the Mt Carmel College social on Friday November 15. This letter had a return slip accompanying it for boys wishing to attend. Could I please ask that any boy intending on going return this form so that ticket numbers can be finalised and distributed. Please note that boys will not be admitted on the night without a ticket.

Hats
The weather is now warming up and attention needs to turn to being ‘sunsmart’. The student diary outlines the requirements in regards to the wearing of hats in Term Four stating “the College bucket hat or cap must be worn at all times during outdoor activities during First and Fourth terms”. Could I please ask for parent support with reminding boys of their responsibilities in regards to the wearing of hats. As parents will appreciate, this really isn’t a rule that we should have to battle to enforce – it is just sensible. Please note that replacement hats are available at the College Uniform shop and can easily be ordered online at www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Grade 10 iPads
A reminder that students must confirm their intention in regards to purchasing their College iPad by Monday November 11. Parents with any questions in regards to the purchase programme should contact the Front Office.

College Psychologist
Ali Morse

This week we farewelled Bailey King at a moving and prayerful service which celebrated his short but inspirational life.

We are mindful that many boys and their families struggling with the challenge of illness and the loss of loved ones.

We encourage you to continue to talk with your children and trust that the following documents might be useful for parents at this time.

- Charter for the Bereaved
- Ways to take Care of Yourself
- Children Affected by Death of a Child
- Especially for Teens

All documents are available at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/

If you have any concerns about how your son is coping with the loss of family or friends, please do not hesitate to contact the College Psychologist Ali Morse – amorse@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or via phone 6249 6555 who will utilise our resources to best support your son at such times.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious”.

Albert Einstein

Grade 6 Excursion to Canberra
Next Monday, all of Grade 6 will head off, very early, from Hobart airport for their excursion to Canberra. The boys are certainly looking forward to it. Keep an eye out on Twitter (@svctas) for regular updates with a longer story and photos in future editions of The Star.

MOVEMBER
This Movember, formerly known as November, Junior School staff are tackling Men’s Health head on! Throughout the month of November, Mr Pinelli, Mr Waugh, Mr Bithisel and Mr Fitzpatrick are growing their ‘Mos’ to support Prostate Cancer Research and educate those affected by depression and anxiety. With a target of $1000 at the end of the month, we would appreciate any support through coin donations, set up in the Junior School Office, or via the following website link HTTP://MOTEAM.CO/SVC-JUNIOR-MOS

Please support an individual member of the staff or the whole team.

Gala Concert
The bands and the choir have been busily practising for Friday’s Gala Concert which is on Friday evening, November 8, commencing at 7.00pm. All boys need to be in the Junior School by 6.00pm in their formal uniform in readiness for the performance.

Christmas Cards
The boys, under the guidance of Ms Stary, are busily producing their images for this year’s Christmas Cards. These will be ready very soon so keep an eye out in your son’s bag. Packs of five cards will cost $5 (same price as last year)! Also, please consider if you would like to order additional cards to send out to family or friends.

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. (Please also regularly check the College website for all event details).

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

Grade 5 Band Concert
Volunteer Appreciation Evening
End of year Assembly
Thanksgiving Liturgy

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
Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Friday November 8       B Cranney / J Collins
Wednesday November 13    R Langshaw
Thursday November 14     K Read / L Strong
Friday November 15       F Nuss / K Bridgland

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Grade 10 Examinations

Please note below the Grade 10 exam schedule:

Monday – ENGLISH (am)
Tuesday – SCIENCE (am), HPE (pm)
Wednesday – HISTORY (am)
Thursday – RE (am), MATHS (pm)

The structure for the exam week will be as follows:

Monday November 18 and Wednesday November 20
8:40 am: Pastoral Care
9:00 am: Revision session
9:45 am: Break
10:00 am: Exam commences
12:00 pm: Exam concludes.

At this point, students are free to go home to study for their remaining exams. Those students who wish to remain at school and travel home on their normal bus will have a lunch break and then a supervised study session.

Tuesday November 19 and Thursday November 21
8:40 am: Pastoral Care
9:00 am: Revision session
9:45 am: Break
10:00 am: Exam commences
12:00 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm: Exam commences
3:10 pm: Conclusion of exam and dismissal.

SPORT

Mr James Dalton
Director of Sport

SVC/SMC/GYC Rowing

The club will be conducting a Rowing Registration Day at the SVC Junior School on Sunday November 17 between 12pm and 2pm.

Rowing Fees are $85 for U13s and $170 for U14s and above. The cost for the second member of a family to row is $85 and Coxes are free.

The Club is in need of the services of rowing coaches for this year’s season. To find out more please contact Jim Henry, Director of SVC/SMC/GYC Coaching on 0417349238.

‘A Shooting Star’ – James Freeman

James with his National and State shooting medals – Three gold, one silver and one bronze (nationals) and two gold medals at State Championships.
SPORT

2013 Sport Awards
The following senior sport awards were presented at today’s assembly. Congratulations to all winners and thank you for your contribution to the College’s sport programme.

Athletics
Junior Athlete Award
Most Points @ SATIS Carnival
Most Determined Athlete
Captain of Winning SATIS Team
Dusty Rankin
Dusty Rankin
Mitchell Salter
Mitchell Salter
Jacob Despard

SOCCER
Best & Fairest
Ryan Goldsworthy

RUGBY
Best & Fairest
Zach Mahmoud

TENNIS
Most Successful Player
Daniel Groom

CRICKET
Michael DiVenuto Trophy
Caleb Jewell

BADMINTON
Best & Fairest
Jonty Killick

ROWING
Scott Brennan Trophy
Will White

HOCKEY
Best & Fairest
Jack Welch

WATER POLO
The Whitehouse Perpetual Trophy
Joseph Gauden

BASKETBALL
Best & Fairest
Heath Thompson

SWIMMING
Most Successful Swimmer
Thomas Gauden

SAILING
Most Outstanding Sailor
Tommy Cooper

FOOTBALL
Best & Fairest
Jordan Hayden

Grade 7&8 Cricket – ‘Hurricane’s Cup’

SVC Blue 7-110 (20 overs) defeated Sacred Heart College 7-20
Harry Burgess 16, Keegan Oates I2, Nick Haydon 9 no, Austin Keeling 2/6, Reece Williams 2/3
Whilst on the scoreboard the win looked like a very easy one, it covered up a poor batting performance, with too many players being caught out playing rash shots. Greater focus will be needed next week when the team take on the strong SVC Green team. A great bowling effort saved the day with Austin and Recce setting the tone early, each knocking the stumps over twice!

SVC Green 4/125 defeated Clarence High 88
SVC travelled to Lindisfarne to play Clarence with a team of ten keen players ready to play their first actual game for the season after having a win in the previous round due to the other team forfeiting. Jarrod Kaye was given the task of captaining the team and elected to bat after winning the toss. He then opened the batting with Jackson Adams and they scored at a steady rate of around six runs per over. Jarrod retired after 20 balls for 29 runs. Jackson also retired scoring 19 runs. Most other batsmen made a start scoring moderate runs. Liam Triffett also made it through 20 balls for a score of 16. The team batted out the overs finishing with four wickets lost for a total of 125 runs.

A great start was made in defending the runs after Brad Percey took the first wicket of the match with his third ball. There was a steady progression of wickets thereafter leading to the opposing team being all out for 88 runs, although to their credit, they batted through to the 20th over. Jarrod Kaye had a day out finishing with four stumpings and a run out. Liam Triffett was the best of the bowlers with 3-9 off 4 overs. Jesse Round took 2-14 off 2 with Jakeb Rhodes and Brad Percey each
taking one wicket. It was a good game for a first hit out. The batting line up is good. Some work does need to be done on bowling consistently and anticipation of catches when fielding. Next week will see a big game between the two SVC teams. The game will be played in the afternoon prior to the fair. Both teams have their own strengths and weaknesses ensuring it should be an interesting game.

Next Week’s Game:
SVC Blue v SVC Green at SVC at 1.15 pm – prior to the College Fair.

Sailing
Br Peter Flint

‘Learn to Sail’
All current students and next year’s Grade 7 boys are invited to attend ‘Learn to Sail’ classes which are being conducted each Sunday morning at 9.30 am at the Austins Ferry Yacht Club. To register and to receive more details please email Br Peter Flint – pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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 2.00pm to 3.30 pm.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30am to 9.30 am

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

A reminder for all students to please return hire tops as soon as possible.

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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Monday  November 11  SCHOOL FAIR  Breakfast And recess only

Tuesday  November 12  Helen Cooper  Anna Brown

Wednesday  November 13  Sue Lockett  Janita Winthrop

Thursday  November 14  Maureen Lack  Dana Cetkovic

Friday  November 15  Cindy Gallahar  Susan Roberts

Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston
Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. To mark this important milestone in our school’s wonderful history, you are invited to attend our Mass and Luncheon.

Details:
75th Anniversary Mass – Wednesday November 13 2013 at 12pm - Sacred Heart Catholic School Hall
A Luncheon will follow at 1pm. RSVP – School Office – 6297 1313

All current and past members of the school community, including Sisters of St Joseph, clergy, staff, students, families, parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School are invited to attend and celebrate this important milestone.

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

GYC Art Exhibition
An invitation is extended to all interested people to attend the official opening of the annual Guilford Young College Art Exhibition, Bosco Centre, Glenorchy Campus, at 6:30pm on Wednesday November 13. In showcasing the examined work of the 2013 Art and Photography students from both campuses, the exhibition also represents students’ accumulated skill over the years of their education. Further information: Penny Edman 6238 4365.

Red Cross Oration
It’s an invitation to the Red Cross Oration which this year will be given by Dr Tadatoshi Akiba, the former Mayor of the City of Hiroshima. The topic will be “A Nuclear Weapons Free World – A Perfect Vision with a Deadline”. Tuesday November 12, 6pm at the Stanley Burbury Theatre. RSVP to Utas.events@utas.tas.edu.au
Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Lynne Jones, President

Senior School Fair – Monday November 11 2013
A very big thank you to all families who participated in our Free Dress Donation Days over the past three weeks – your response has been very generous and greatly assists us in organizing the Fair!! All donated goods and prizes can be left at the School Office up until Friday November 8 - clearly marked or labeled “Fair 2013 donation”.

SENIOR SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE

A REMINDER THAT ALL RAFFLE BOOKS (SOLD OR UNSOLD) AND MONIES ARE DUE BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY NEXT MONDAY NOVEMBER 4!

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! Tickets can still be purchased from the Front Office at Austins Ferry.

If there are any queries or concerns in relation to the Fair, please do not hesitate to contact either Julie Doran on 0417 584 180 or Lynne Jones on 0438 544 171.

Thank you to our wonderful School Community for supporting the P & F in making this year’s Fair and Raffle the best yet.


- 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
- 2013 Gala Concert Flyer
- 2013 Tasmanian Secondary School Teams Championship - Entry Form
- Athlete Development Hockey Program
- Basketball Tasmania Skills session flyer
- Grief and Bereavement files

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.

Additional photos can be accessed at: Svcpics.phanfare.com