FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Simon studied at St Virgil’s before graduating from the University of Tasmania in 1996 with a combined degree of Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws, achieving Honours in Law. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford where he studied Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. In between he fitted in representing Australia at two Olympics! He is a wonderful exemplar of our academic and sporting traditions”

Grade 6 Canberra Trip
It has been great to be able to follow the progress of our Grade 6 students as they
journey through our Nation's capital. The twitter feed and ongoing photos and highlights online, have been a significant indication of the boys’ enjoyment of this rich and engaging educational experience which is a great part of our Grade 6 students final term at the Junior School.

A major highlight of the trip was the opportunity to visit the Australian Institute of Sport and meet with Old Virgilian Simon Hollingsworth, Executive Director of the Australian Sports Commission. Simon spoke of his experience as an elite athlete and the experience of competing at events such as the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and numerous State and National titles. He also explained to boys about his journey from St Virgil's to where he currently sits today as one of the highest leadership positions in Australian sport.

One of the key messages Simon spoke of was that he would not be where he was today if it was not for the education he received at St Virgil's College. We wish the boys well for the rest of the trip and look forward to hearing many more stories upon their return.

**Gala Concert**

The audience at our Gala Concert last Friday evening enjoyed a wonderful night of entertainment from our students in the Arts department. The concert showcased work from our music (including ensembles, bands and choral groups), drama and art departments and reinforced our rich tradition of artistic excellence at the College. The Gala Concert provided a wonderful stage for all our artists to share their talent and to tangibly highlight the hard work and expertise of our staff in supporting students to perform at such a high level. I have received many emails complimenting the boys and thanking the College for providing such an enjoyable night of entertainment.

My sincere thanks to all staff who contributed in many ways to the success of the evening. Special thanks also to the Junior School Parents and Friends for running the canteen on the night. I know many of you appreciated the warm drinks and treats on offer.

**Austins Ferry Fair**

Due in some part to the fine, albeit chilly weather, a fantastic Fair was held at the Austins Ferry campus on Monday evening with a huge crowd enjoying all that was on offer. The Fair is another tangible sign of the strength of our community and its shared commitment to band together to raise funds that will further enhance the learning resources and opportunities available to all current and future students of the College.

I sincerely thank the Fair Coordinator Mrs Julie Doran and her incredible team of hard working Parents and Friends for bringing the entire event together. Thank you also to Mrs Lynne Jones for her leadership of the P&F and to our own staff for their contributions to ensuring the evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone for your support of this event. Later in The Star, Lynne further recognises the efforts of our wonderful team of volunteers and staff.

**Grade 10 Examinations Next Week – Austins Ferry, Week 16B**

Next week will be an extremely busy one at the Austins Ferry campus with the Grade 10 students commencing their final examinations. These exams are an important culmination of the semester’s work and provide students with invaluable experience in preparing for and sitting formal examinations. I encourage students to take every opportunity to optimally prepare for exams and wish each student well for the exam week. I would remind Grade 7 to 9 students to be mindful that those exams are on and minimise noise around the exam hall.

On Friday all senior school students will gather for the last major House event for 2013 at the House Beach Bonanza Day held at Seven Mile Beach. Full details of the event will be in Mr Blizzards’ section of The Star. This will be the last opportunity for students to earn points towards the House Cup which will be presented to the winning House at the Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on Thursday November 28 at 7.30pm.
CCEL Meeting
Today I have travelled north to St Patrick’s College Launceston to meet with the Principal’s from across the State to look at the current educational issues impacting upon high quality Catholic educational delivery within our schools and to commence planning for the rest of 2013 and beyond. Major focus areas will be the new regulatory requirements that the Government have brought in around Teacher Performance and Development, as well as updates around the new funding model under the Gonski Review. These meetings are always beneficial and help the College remain up to date with the current trends in education and with any changes in the responsibilities that come with the receipt of government funding.

Hamilton Re-Development
Many in attendance at the Fair would have seen the significant progress that is being made on the Hamilton Wing re-development project. We are currently on target to take over a majority of the new building for the start of the 2014 academic year. I again thank the boys for the way they have respected the building site and the boundaries around it. I look forward to the continued progress of this important project for the College and look forward to touring these facilities with students and parents in 2014. Further updates will be provided by The Star, via twitter @svctas and via the College website.

Grade 9 Service Learning Day
On Wednesday of this week all our Grade 9s took the opportunity to be involved in the Service Learning programme. Groups went out to a number of service providers and engaged in invaluable volunteer work with organisations such as St Vincent de Paul, the Bridgewater Community garden, Second Byte and Foodbank. A number of students also undertook significant conservation work on our own site at Austins Ferry.

The boys spent their half-day providing volunteer support at each of these organisations and the feedback from the organisations has been extremely positive and all were pleased with the support that our students provided. I am sure that the students gained as much from the experience as did the providers. We look forward to the next Grade 9 Service Day which will happen on Wednesday December 11. Thank you to the service organisations for providing students with the opportunity to come on site and to the staff for their support of the students.

Upcoming Dates

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Communications – Web site and Twitter
As has been highlighted in recent weeks, 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. Many parents are using it for the reporting of student absence, online purchasing at the Clothing Store, online enrolments and checking on important calendar dates. This week it has also been used to notify parents about the cancellation of sport due to wet weather and to provide up to date reports and photos from the fantastic Grade 6 Canberra trip.
Details of the Canberra trip and sport cancellations have been communicated via the College's twitter feed, which is a very effective and timely technology. Parents can easily sign up to the feed @svctas and follow news from the College. There is no requirement to ever tweet, so for many users it is much like getting regular text messages – as well as an easy way to get the latest Ashes scores to your smartphone or tablet! As with all emerging technologies our children are perhaps the best teachers in how to best utilise this easy and effective communication medium!

The Fun of the Fair!

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“HBB Day is always a fun day and one of the last opportunities for them to gain vital House points for the House Cup”.

House Beach Bonanza Day
Next Friday all students will be heading to Seven Mile Beach to participate in the annual House Beach Bonanza Day (HBB Day). As the boys know, this event is one

Grade 10 Leaving Procedures

Last week Mr Messer sent a letter to all parents of Grade 10 students reminding them of the College's high expectation in regards to students' finals days at the College.

Parents and students are reminded of the following line from Mr Messer’s letter:

Ideally, parties on the night of the Thanksgiving Service, especially larger parties, would be better avoided all together and held over to the following weekend at the earliest.

It is worth noting advice provided by the Police in regards to parties to emphasise this point:

People who host parties frequently underestimate the stress of doing so, especially if larger numbers than expected turn up. The combination of over exuberance and alcohol can lead to many situations where person and property may be at risk.

Parents are also reminded of the serious legal repercussions associated with hosting a party where alcohol is present. The brochure sent to parents from Tasmania Police clearly sets out these responsibilities.

We look forward to sharing this important stage of your son’s education with him and encourage you to again discuss Mr Messer’s letter with your son.
of the last opportunities for them to gain vital House points for the House Cup, and as the points are so close, it could possibly determine the winner. The day is designed so all boys are involved in a number of enjoyable team challenges. The following arrangements have been outlined to the students:

Uniform
Students should wear a House coloured shirt and board shorts to school. As this is a House event appropriate coloured clothing is encouraged. If possible, they should also bring an alternative bag to the school bag. A hat, towel and sunscreen are vital. Boys need to make sure they have a change of dry clothes as they cannot travel on the bus in their wet bathers.

Lunch
BYO Food and drinks – there will be no other options available.

General Outline of the Day
• Students travel to school as normal with the exception of those who have returned notes to their Pastoral Care Teacher outlining other arrangements.
• At 8.40am students gather on the Basketball Courts and line up in Pastoral Care groups. PC Teachers will mark the rolls at this time.
• Buses depart at approx. 9.00am.
• Buses arrive at the car park at Seven Mile Beach, near Pines Resort, at approximately 9.40am.
• Activities commence around 10.00am.
• Boys will rotate through activities such as Rafting, Beach Flags, Ramp Building, Run Swim Run, Beach Sports and a free swim. Appropriately qualified Life Saving staff will be present.
• Lunch and clean-up will take place from 1.30pm to 2.00pm.
• Announcement of results 2.00pm.
• Dismissal to buses in grade groups at around 2.10pm. There will also be buses returning to Austins Ferry.
• Buses will go on reverse route, similar to Athletics Day. Students are to travel on normal bus straight to home.

Mt Carmel Social
A reminder that tomorrow evening (November 15) the Mt Carmel Grade 7 and 8 Social will take place in the College Hall. Tickets by now should have been collected from reception and must be presented at the door for entry. The Social will begin at 7pm and conclude at 9pm. It is important to note that normal College requirements for respectful behaviour will be expected.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Writing, to me, is simply thinking through my fingers”

Isaac Asimov

Gala Concert
The Junior School Bands featuring Grade 5 and Grade 6 boys performed exceptionally during this year’s Gala Concert. The Junior School choir is also to be commended for their efforts on the night and also when they joined with the Senior School Choir. Well done to the boys who also contributed to the slideshow of work produced during the year. Special thank you
and congratulations to all the staff who have worked with the boys during the year- their hard work and expertise was well and truly on show during the boys great performances last Friday night.

Grade 6 Excursion to Canberra
The Grade 6 boys have had a very busy, enjoyable and tiring time in Canberra. As you read this week’s edition of The Star, we are probably making the journey back to Hobart. A lot has been packed in to the four days which started when we took off from Hobart Airport at 6.00am on Monday morning. The boys have spent time with Member for Dennison, Andrew Wilkie, visited the new and old Parliament Houses, AIS, National Zoo, CSIRO, National Gallery, the War Memorial and Questacon. The boys also enjoyed a bike ride along Lake Burley Griffin and a swim in one of the AIS Pools. A highlight was certainly when Old Virgillian Simon Hollingworth, (ex-Olympian and now Executive Director of the Australian Sports Commission) stopped in at the AIS for a visit and talk with the boys. We hope Twitter followers have enjoyed our regular updates from our time away.

Questacon visit
Whilst Grade 6 was in Canberra, the Junior School were visited by the Questacon Road Show. The boys from Grade 3 to 5 enjoyed the practical and hands on nature of the show, especially seeing science come to life in our Junior School Hall.

JSSATIS Athletics
Unfortunately, Hobart’s fickle spring weather forced the postponement of the athletics last week. This meant the carnival was re-scheduled to Monday of this week but with Grade 6 travelling to Canberra a number of last minute replacements were added to the team. We will publish some results next week along with results from the STCPSSA Athletics which will be held on Friday.

Green Thumbs
Please note the ‘Green Thumb’ students will be selling produce from their vegetable garden on Friday November 15. We will be selling spinach, silver beet, peas, kale and radishes. Selling will commence after the school assembly.
Mrs Gina Graves

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.

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.

Remembrance Day
On Monday Mr Birthisel’s Grade 4 boys had the honour of running the Junior Schools Remembrance Day Service. In the lead up to Remembrance Day, Grade 4 boys made 130 Poppies by hand to hand out to all in attendance. The service was held in the amphitheatre and the boys, who spoke, spoke with pride and clear voices. There were also two boys dressed in military clothing who at the beginning of the service walked the flags into the amphitheatre. All the boys should be
congratulated for their efforts in making this service run in a smooth, dignified and respectful manner befitting this important occasion.

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

**November**
- STCPSSA Athletics Carnival
- Primary school Triathlon
- Movember – plain clothes day
- Grade 10 Thanksgiving Liturgy
- 2014 Junior School Orientation Day

**December**
- Grade 5 Band Concert
- Southern Schools Grade 6 Leavers’ Mass
- St Mary’s Social for Grades 5 and 6 boys
- Volunteer Appreciation Evening
- End of Year Assembly
- Junior School Picnic Day
- Thanksgiving Liturgy

November 15
November 21
November 28
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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

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Friday November 15
Wednesday November 20
Thursday November 21
Friday November 22

F Nuss
F Kline / D Banks
NO CANTEEN - TRIATHLON
M Barrow / K Gomes

The rockclimbing wall at the Fair was a huge hit – thanks and well done to the Outdoor Ed Team

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.
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

Grade 7&8 Cricket – ‘Hurricane’s Cup’

SVC Blue 4-104 (20 overs) defeated SVC Green 9-48

Blue: Declan Waddington 18 and 2/7, Luke Swinton 14, Kayde Applebee 10, Hudson Wakefield 8 (and 2 stumpings), Nicholas Haydon 3/6, Keegan Oates 2/8, Jack Anders 2/4

Green: Liam Triffitt 1/5, George Bickers 1/14, Calvin Coles 1/16

The Blue team were in early trouble thanks to some excellent spin bowling by Liam Triffitt, Joe Turmine and Jakob Rhodes. Solid batting performances from Declan Waddington, Luke Swinton, Kayde Applebee and Hudson Wakefield enabled the Blues to set a defendable total after 20 overs of high quality bowling.
In reply the Blue team bowled and fielded superbly led by skipper Nick Haydon and secret weapon Jack Anders. Zac Berry battled hard to be top scorer with 7. A good performance from both teams in a game played in great spirit befitting a clash between two Saint’s teams!

Next Week’s Game:
SVC Blue v Friend’s Blue at Bell St
SVC Green v Friend’s Red at SVC

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

Canteen Bus Competition
Students are encouraged to keep an eye out for the ‘Canteen Bus’ to win a great range of prizes.

Parents and Friends Association  
Mrs Lynne Jones, President  
Our Senior School Twilight Fair was held on Monday night and despite the gloomy skies and chilly weather, it was a wonderful success as our College community gathered to not only raise much needed funds for our boys, but also to celebrate the community of St Virgil’s College.

Events such as this require a lot of hard work, commitment and organisation, so I would like to thank the following people and groups for their support and assistance:

- Our P & F Executive Committee.
- Damian Messer, Mark Waddington, Terry Blizzard, Narelle Green, Jane Allwright, Cindy Gangell and Kristy Harback.
- Our wonderful grounds staff and boys who helped with setting up and cleaning up.
- All our amazing Stall Coordinators and helpers.
- Our fantastic money counting team – Susan Roberts, Allison Aggenbach, Gaylene Ford and Fiona Attrill.
- All the very generous donors of goods and services.
- Our wonderful parents and friends of the College for their attendance and support of the Fair and Major Raffle.

I would like to especially highlight, and sincerely thank, the outstanding work and dedication of our Fair Co-ordinator, Julie Doran. Julie worked tirelessly over many weeks to organise all aspects of the Fair and ensured it was a wonderful school community event. Thank you seems so inadequate, Julie!

Our Major Raffle was also drawn at the Fair and we would like to thank our very generous prize donors – The Riley, North and Allie families.

Congratulations to our lucky winners -
1st prize  J Ward  
2nd prize  K Foss  
3rd prize  G Blackwell  
4th prize  D Aggenbach

Although we have not yet fully reconciled the finances of the evening, we will keep you informed of the final result over the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful Fair once again!!

- 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 Tasmanian Secondary School Teams Championship - Entry Form
- Athlete Development Hockey Program
- Basketball Tasmania Skills session flyer
- Grief and Bereavement files
- White Ribbon Day Invite

Please follow St Virgil’s on Twitter - @svctas

*The shadow cast at 11am during the Junior School Remembrance Service*
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