ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“May the faith, lessons, values and exemplars of St Virgil’s guide and sustain our boys throughout their ongoing educational journey”.

Student Accident
On Monday evening one of our Grade 8 students, Jordan Bryant was unfortunately hit by a car while riding his bike. He is currently in the Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Jordan spent some time in an induced coma, but is now out of the coma and responding well to questions.

The extent of his injuries are significant. He has multiple fractures to his spine and neck, a punctured lung, fractured skull, broken arm and ligament damage to one of his legs. A positive sign at this stage is that Jordan still has feeling in both his hands.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note: House Beach Bonanza Day has been cancelled due to wet and cold weather conditions.

WEEK 17A
Monday November 25 – Grade 10 Leaver’s Dinner, 7.30 pm
Tuesday November 26 – Grade 10 Leavers and OVA Mass, 11.30 am St Mary’s Cathedral
JS P&F Meeting, 7pm
Thursday November 28 – Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony, DEC, 7.30 pm
Friday November 29 – Junior School New Student Orientation Day

WEEK 18B
Monday December 2-Wednesday December 4 – Victorian Cricket Trip
Thursday December 5 – Grade 5 Instrumental Concert

For the most up to date list of calendar events go to www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au – and download the days straight to your smartphone or tablet!
and feet but has a long and challenging way to go on his road to recovery. As ever I ask at this time that you remember Jordan and his family in your prayers and all others who have been affected by Jordan’s accident. We give thanks for the wonderful medical practitioners who have provided Jordan with exceptional levels of care and for the strength of our community which will continue to provide Jordan with prayerful and practical support during his long road to recovery.

Reporting
As we move towards the end of 2013, staff at both campuses are in final stages of preparation for the writing of the final reports. I encourage all students to continue to be actively involved in their studies and committing to doing that ‘bit extra’ to stay on top of their work load Reports will be given out according to the following timeframes:

Grade 3 to 6 Students will take home on Friday December 13.
Grade 7 to 9 Posted home on Friday December 13.
Grade 10 Students to collect from Austins Ferry Front Office on Monday December 16.

I wish all the students the best for the rest of the academic year and hope their report is reflective of the hard work they have put in throughout the year.

Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony
Next Thursday November 28, the annual Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony is being held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre at 7.30pm. This is a compulsory event for all Austins Ferry students. Students are to attend in full formal College uniform. Students from the Junior School and 2014 Grade 7 students are warmly invited to attend with their parents – for many Grade 6 students this is a wonderful transition experience. All secondary students will be dismissed from the DEC next Thursday at 12.30pm after the completion of a full practice. Further details regarding arrangements for the day are outlined in Mr Blizzard’s report.

Final Preparations – Help Required
As has been the custom, the Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony concludes with a supper for the Grade 10 students and their families. This takes quite an amount of preparation and we ask if any Grade 9 parents can be of assistance for the setting up, serving of food, and clean up afterwards that they please contact Mrs Monica Nugent – mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au Your reward will only be 12 months away when the hospitality you provide is reciprocated!

Board of Management
On Tuesday the Board of Management met as part of their annual schedule of meetings. The key areas for discussion were the progress on the Hamilton re-development project, finalising the budget for 2014, setting of fees for 2014, and the review and reflection upon the Strategic Goals for 2013. This will enable the Board to identify the strategic imperatives for 2014 that will contribute to enhancing the educational offerings provided to boys in the future.

Discussion was also held to update current policies identified for review, including risk management, workplace health and safety and an update of the College Sunsmart policy to bring it into line with the most recent medical findings and recommendations. I again take the opportunity to thank the Board of Management for their continued support of the activities at the college.

We look forward to the coming week and the rite of passage for your young men as they make the transition from secondary to senior secondary education. May the faith, lessons, values and exemplars of St Virgil’s guide and sustain our boys throughout their ongoing educational journey.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.
Damian Messer
“This week in the Welfare session with Grade 8 students we commenced a unit that posed the question; “what does it mean to be a good man”?

At this time of year the College is a very busy and vibrant place and I would encourage parents and students to take note of dates and details throughout this edition of The Star. In particular I would ask Grade 10 parents and students to take note of the details outlined by Mr Alexander. The final week for Grade 10 is a wonderful time of very special experiences which create very special memories and I would encourage all boys to embrace them in the manner they are intended. We are members of St Virgil’s right through to the end (and beyond as members of the Old Virgilians), and our standards do not alter. To lower our standards is to sell our boys short!

Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony Reminders
Next Thursday November 28 will be an early finish day as we prepare for the Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony. All boys will be transported to the Derwent Entertainment Centre for rehearsal before being dismissed at 12.30pm. Buses will then depart from the DEC to transfer boys’ home in a similar fashion to Athletics Day. As we look forward to this truly wonderful occasion I would like to remind everyone that this is a whole school event and that all boys, Grade 7 to 10 are expected to attend. The ceremony commences at 7.00pm and should conclude between 9.00pm – 9.30pm.

Late Start
Please also note that on Friday November 29 the College will have a late start, commencing at 10.00am. The Canteen will be open at 9.30am for those boys who purchase breakfast and for lunch orders. A classroom will be made available for those boys who arrive early. The day will conclude at the normal finishing time.

Formal Uniform Day
Next Wednesday November 27 will be a formal uniform day for all students at Austins Ferry.

Grade Eight Welfare Period
This week in the Welfare session with Grade 8 students we commenced a unit that posed the question; “what does it mean to be a good man”? This simple, but profound question, discusses what it means to commence the journey from being a Grade 8 boy towards becoming a man. A part of this unit asks boys to consider what they think are the characteristics of a good man and also to identify a man they know or know of who exemplifies the characteristics they outlined. There is no doubt that boys need male role models throughout their lives.

Many fathers, uncles or grandfathers are perfect role models for their sons even though they may never know it. Boys often take on the mannerisms, beliefs, values and thoughts of these important men in later life – but often not until into their mid-twenties.

We should never underestimate the influence we have on our these boys as they develop their identities as men. I encourage you to engage with your son and continue this conversation at home.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Life is like the river, sometimes it sweeps you gently along and sometimes the rapids come out of nowhere”.

Emma Smith

Grade 6 Excursion to Canberra

Boys from St Virgil’s College recently undertook an education tour of the National capital. The boys were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programmes with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing finding of $150 per student under the Parliament and Civics Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
JSSATIS and STCPSSA ATHLETICS
Unfortunately due to inclement weather the JSSATIS Athletics event was postponed and went ahead on the back-up day, resulting in our Grade 6 boys unable to participate because of their trip to Canberra. However, all other Athletics Team members in Grade 3, 4 and 5 were able to participate. On the day the Collins boys, Will and Sam, had a couple of wins in the Grade 5 Vortex and High Jump respectively. In the absence of the Grade 6 boys Will also participated in the Grade 6 Vortex and placed 3rd.

Last Friday, the STCPSSA Athletics Carnival went ahead as planned. The Grade 6 athletes turned up despite being very tired after only arriving home the night before from their trip. Some performances that should be noted would be the Grade 5 boys winning their circular relay in convincing style. Sam Collins was triumphant in the Grade 5 Long Jump, High Jump, 100m, Tyler Penwright in the 400m, Liam Roach in the 800m and Will Collins in the Vortex. Liam Duffy and Sam Cornelius won their divisions of their respective 100m events as well. Some very tired Grade 6 boys placed second in their Circular Relay.

All boys in the team are to be congratulated for their efforts and performances on the day and the way in which they represented their school.

Jo Messer / Luke Fitzpatrick

MOVEMBER
We are more than half way through Movember, formerly known as November. Junior School staff are tackling Men’s Health head on by growing their Mos to support Prostate Cancer Research and educate those affected by depression and anxiety. **Thank you to all those people who have already donated to our cause.** We are also on track to achieve our goal of $1000, however, 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](http://MOTEAM.CO/SVC-JUNIOR-MOS) Please support an individual member of the staff or the whole team.

Primary School Triathlon
It will be a quiet day at the Junior School today as over 90 boys compete in the primary school Triathlon Challenge – good luck to all the boys. We pray for a good day and not too cold water conditions! We look forward to sharing some great results with you in next week’s edition of The Star.

Christmas Cards
Thanks to some great parent helpers, the boys will be bringing home their Christmas Cards tomorrow, Friday November 22. The boys, but especially Ms Stary, are to be congratulated on the great quality of their work – everyone should be quite proud of their efforts. We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Jacinta at Focal Printing for printing and then donating the actual card – thank you. We are hoping for many re-orders of these beautifully made cards. Remember, 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
Recently, every boy should have brought home a letter for parents detailing many of the upcoming calendar events. These letters were specific for each Grade. All upcoming dates are on the College website [www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au) and can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet calendar. A summary of more significant events is listed on the following page.
November
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

(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.
Congratulations Liam Roach

Liam Roach has been boxing for the past eleven months with Bellerive PCYC. He has had two fights and one exhibition match in that time. On Saturday November 9 2013, Liam Roach went to Kingston Sports Centre to compete in the Tasmanian Amateur Boxing Championships. He fought against Lachlan Gillam from Burnie. The fight took three lots of one minute rounds. Liam won a unanimous decision by the scorers and referees. He is now the Tasmanian Amateur Under 36kg Champion of Tasmania. Well done Liam!

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Wednesday November 27
Thursday November 28
Friday November 29

HELP NEEDED PLEASE
J Mooney / T Donohue

NO CANTEEN – ORIENTATION DAY

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
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade Ten Final Week
As we head towards the final week for Grade 10, I have included an overview of some of the organisational issues that boys need to keep in mind:

Monday - Dinner
Day (Sports Uniform) - Boys dismissed at 12.30pm (student leaders, and any boy involved in the dinner or assembly on Tuesday to remain for the whole day).

Buses for 12.30 dismissal: 1 bus travelling Main Road to the city, one bus travelling to Granton/Brighton, New Norfolk boys to catch service that runs past the College
Evening (Formal Uniform) – arrivals from 6.30pm, dinner commences 7.00pm, parents invite into ER Hall 9.45pm, concludes 10.10pm.

Arrival for the Dinner needs to be in line with the College’s traffic management plan for afternoon arrivals, arriving by the northern gates (near Main Oval) and then departing through the main gates. It is essential that all vehicles arrive and depart in a safe manner. The dinner is a formal occasion and arrivals should be in-line with nature of the evening.

Tuesday – OVA Mass and Final Assembly
Formal Uniform for photo at Junior School at 10.30 am.
OVA Mass – 11.30am, St Mary’s Cathedral, parents are welcome to attend

Wednesday - Final Day on Campus
Formal Uniform
Students involved in the ‘King of the Hill’ football game will need to bring gear to change into for the match. The Day includes shirt signing, boys need to remember they cannot wear a ‘signed’ shirt home on this day.

Thursday – Thanksgiving and Award Ceremony
Day (Sports Uniform) – Practice for ceremony at DEC – 12.30pm dismissal, buses provided
Evening (Formal Uniform) – arrival by 6.30pm, commences 7.30pm

Please note: Formal Uniform requirements include polished black leather shoes, the Grade Ten tie and an appropriate black belt.
SPORT

Coyle – Clingeleffer Cup

St Virgil's 6/202 (Liam Devlin 84 not out, Jacksyn Mann 25, Henry Pritchard 23)
Defeated
St Patrick's College 10/99 (Liam Devlin 4/6 off 4.4 overs, George Cripps 2/15 off 6 overs)

On Tuesday the St Virgil's Grade 9 cricket team played a team from St Patrick's College, Launceston. In its second year the annual match is recognition of the College's shared Edmund Rice Traditions and recognises the long tradition of friendly sporting rivalry over many years. The Cup is named after Tim Coyle (SPC) and Sean Clingeleffer (SVC) who moved from school cricket into playing and coaching the State. Sean was an integral player in the inaugural Tasmanian Sheffield Shield winning team.

After winning the inaugural match in 2012, the St Virgil's boys were keen to retain the cup. Captain Liam Devlin started the day by winning the toss and elected to bat, and the team didn't look back. After a 50 run opening partnership between Jacksyn Mann and Henry Pritchard, the batsmen continued to build the total despite the slow outfield. Liam Devlin and Liam Tollard-Williams combined for largest partnership of the day, scoring quickly in the last ten overs, ensuring we posted an imposing total.

With confidence high the bowlers, backed up by a great team fielding effort, restricted the St Patrick's batsmen, never letting them challenge the required run rate. As the required rate increased wickets began to tumble, and an easy 100 run victory was secured. Liam Devlin was a deserving Man of the Match recipient, however all boys are to be congratulated on their performance and most importantly the manner in which they represented the College.

Schools Triathlon Challenge - Mr Justin Mahoney

Congratulations to all boys who participated in yesterday's Schools Triathlon Challenge at Bellerive Beach. There were over 850 participants in this year’s event – the most successful yet. I wish to applaud your exemplary behaviour, wonderful spirit and endorsement of the theme for the event – participation. Although all performances were fantastic, there were some particularly outstanding results on the day: Oscar Bannerman won the Grade 8 Individual event. Riley Oakley, Mitchell Gittus and Brady Hayden teamed up to win the Grade 7 Team event; Brayden Patterson, Oscar Bannerman and Henri Norton came second in the Grade 8 Teams event; Jack Fairhurst, Cambell Hooker and Jed Morgan won the Grade 9 Team event and Joshua Rice, Isaac Simaan and Jack Gallahar came third in the Grade 9 Team event. Thanks also to the many parents who came along for your support of the boys.
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 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.


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GALA CONCERT DVD FOR SALE - $20

Dear Parent/Student,

A high quality DVD of the Gala Concert will be produced and will be available for purchase. The DVD is professionally produced and includes all acts.

THE COST OF THE DVD IS $20.00
If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please complete the section below and return it to either the Senior or Junior School Office by Friday November 29 2013, with payment attached.

GALA CONCERT DVD ORDER FORM

Student: ___________________________ Grade _________

☐ I would like to purchase the Gala Concert DVD at $20.00 per copy

Number of copies required. _______

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

Please attach payment with this order.

MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐

CARD NO: __________________________

EXPIRY DATE: ________

NAME ON CARD: __________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: ______________________

PARENT SIGNATURE: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
St Virgil’s College
‘Come and Try Rowing Morning’

Under 13 Boys – 2014 Grade 7 boys are strongly encouraged to attend!

Saturday November 23 at 9am.

Venue: SVC/SMC/GYC Rowing Sheds, Marine Parade, New Town
(intersection of the Brooker at Risdon Rd Corner, behind the rugby grounds)

Contact: jmesser@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Mob: 0438077740

- 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
- Tasmanian Sports Camp Flyer

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Tweet of the Week -

18/11/2013 9:26 am
Its National Skin Cancer Action Week - We are warning Aussies to get #SunSmart this summer & get to know your...
[Link to Facebook post]
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