FROM THE PRINCIPAL
MR DAMIAN MESSER

“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full”

(John 10:10)

Bailey King Memorial Service
Yesterday morning students from the Senior school gathered with the family of Grade 10 student Bailey King, to honour and celebrate his life; a life taken far too early following his inspirational battle with leukaemia. Students gathered in the Quad and shared their grief and special memories in a moving ceremony at which a plaque was unveiled which will permanently honour Bailey, within the garden area on the grounds of the College.

It was particularly poignant that the ceremony was held on the last full day of
school for Bailey’s Grade 10 peers, ensuring that Bailey will be foremost in the thoughts of Grade 10 boys as they participate in leave taking rituals as well as ensuring he is always remembered as an integral member of the wonderful Class of 2013. I was particularly proud of our students and staff for their prayerful support of Bailey’s family, which was a profound and authentic expression of our identity as a Catholic school in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice. In participating in the memorial service in such a spiritual and whole hearted manner, our boys offered great comfort to Bailey’s family through demonstrating to them that he was greatly loved and respected and would always be remembered for his special presence within his family, as well as the rich contribution he made to his local community and to St Virgil’s College.

Farewelling our Grade 10s
It is always a time of mixed emotions when we gather as a community to farewell and honour the contributions that our departing Grade 10s have made to the rich history and traditions of the College. As the boys make the time honoured passage from student to old scholar, their efforts and achievements are celebrated at a range of College events. Whilst we are sad to be losing such wonderful young men from our school, we are also excited that they continuing to write the script of their lives as they transition from secondary school to further education, employment or training.

Events for this special week for our Grade 10s have included:

- Grade 10 Dinner – boys arrived by car, truck and even helicopter!
- Grade 10 Photo at the Junior School.
- OVA/Grade 10 Mass where boys were formally welcomed into the ranks of the OVA. It was fitting that this was celebrated as part of a Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral, reinforcing that it is God’s love, expressed through our Catholic faith and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, that unites past, current and future generations of St Virgil’s College students.
- Grade 10 assembly where our boys show their talent (and delight) in taking off the mannerisms of their teachers!
- ‘King of the Hill’ and shirt signing rituals.
- Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony which celebrates the contribution of Grade 10 students and celebrates the achievements and talents of all students in a broad range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

The Class of 2013 are to be commended upon the mature and responsible manner in which they have conducted themselves in all of these events. We will continue to pray for each boy that they will enjoy good health, strong friendships and loving family support as they seek to live a full and enriching life, a life which honours God’s love for us all: *I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.* (John 10:10). Good luck and God Bless boys!

Hamilton Wing Re-Development
Students and staff at the Austins Ferry campus have been amazed at the rate of works being undertaken as part of the re-development of the Hamilton Wing. Work is progressing to schedule and will be further accelerated when students depart the campus on Friday December 13. This timeline should ensure that when students return for the commencement of the 2014 academic year they will have access to four outstanding new science rooms and new art rooms. Whilst building works will not be fully completed until March, the impact of finishing works will be relatively minor, enabling students to make a smooth start to 2014 learning programmes.

Junior School Parents and Friends – Final Meeting for 2013
The Junior School P&F met for the final time on Tuesday to reflect upon a highly successful 2013 and to commence planning for 2014. The highlight of the meeting was official confirmation of the project to lay artificial grass on the area adjacent to the Grade 3 room and the covered amphitheatre. This will provide students with another wonderful play space which is considerably safer than the current concrete which provides little ‘give’ when students fall over. As many parents will attest it also speeds the demise of boys’ leather school shoes! Works should be completed in time for students return to school for the 2014 academic year.
Dates for the Remainder of 2013
Parents and students are reminded to check the College website for full details of upcoming events. Please see below details of events for students at the Senior and Junior campus.

Senior School December
Cricket Tour to Victoria                             December 2-4
P&F Meeting                                          December 4, 7.30 pm
Final Day for Students                                December 13
Grade 10 Report Collection                           December 16

Junior School - December
Grade 5 Band Concert                                  December 5
Southern Schools Grade 6 Leavers Mass                December 6
St Mary’s Social for Grades 5 and 6 boys             December 12
Volunteer Appreciation Evening                       December 12
End of Year Assembly                                  December 13
Junior School Picnic Day                              December 16
Thanksgiving Liturgy                                  December 18
(Please note change of date)

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition we are called to walk in partnership with those at the margins and so service is critical in defining who we are”

Running Right to the Line!
At our Awards Assembly this week I used an athletics analogy to highlight to the Grade 7to 9 students the importance of ‘breasting the tape’ in finishing off the year. There is still work to be completed for them and there is sometimes a tendency to switch off when the Grade 10 students finish. We would appreciate the support of parents in keeping their sons focused on their studies and helping them to understand that they are expected to work up until the end of the school year on Friday December 13.

Service Awards
At that Assembly we took the opportunity to announce the Service Awards for 2013. As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition we are called to walk in partnership with those at the margins and so service is critical in defining who we are.
The young men acknowledged at the assembly have shown a commitment to justice and serving the community over and beyond what is normally expected and are exemplars of our motto ‘Deeds not Words’.

We are enormously proud of the young men listed below who were recipients of the Service Awards.

Carlos Poulson        Nicholas Piscioneri        Jacob Despard
Liam Bennett          Jacob Riley               Peter Standen
Wesley Hauler         Jacob Wilson             Will Ogle
Mitchell Salter       Will Aggenbach           Chauncey Cooper
Nathan Beattie        Joseph Gauden             Luke Roe

**Late Start**
A reminder that tomorrow (Friday) is a late start day for all boys from Grade 7 to 9. School will commence at 10.00am and run as normal from there. Rooms and supervision will be available for those boys who arrive early.

Please note the following bus times for Friday morning’s late start:

- 8.45am Blackmans Bay via Kingston, St Mary’s College (9.15am approx) then via Brooker Hwy
- 9.00am Lauderdale via Lindisfarne, Goodwood Fire Station (9.40am approx)
- 9.00am Camelot Park via Eastlands
- 9.05am New Norfolk (Warner Ave), New Norfolk Central 9.25am
- 9.10am City (Reserve Bank) via Argyle St, Main Rd
- 9.10am City (Elizabeth St cnr Bathurst St) via Augusta Rd, Kalang Ave, Barossa Rd, Tolosa St, Main Rd
- 9.30am Glenorchy Bus Station Stop C, via Main Rd
- 9.30am Bagdad United Service Station via Brighton Primary School (Jubilee St interchange).

**Hats and UV**
This week we have had days where the UV index has been in the vicinity of 10 to 11 which is classified as extreme. It is essential that all boys have hats available and wear them at lunch time and during outdoor activities. While there is only two weeks to go I would ask parents to ensure their son has the appropriate hat available. A reminder that the daily UV Index can be sourced from the College website – bottom right corner.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**

“Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity”.

Deborah Meier

**’Movember’**
We are nearly at the end of ‘Movember’ and we are still on track to achieve our goal of raising $1000. We would still really 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
Today, boys at the Junior School Campus were able to come to school in plain clothes in exchange for making a financial contribution to the ‘Movember’ cause. 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. Please support an individual member of the staff or the whole team.

**OVA / Grade 10 Mass**

It was certainly a privilege for the boys from the Junior School to join with Old Virgilians and Grade 10 boys to celebrate Mass during the Grade 10s last week at the College. There was a sense of pride and connection with the Class of 2013 from the Junior School boys as they participated in the Mass and especially during the final hymn, the St Virgil’s Anthem.

**Orientation Day**

Tomorrow will be a very busy day for all at the Junior School campus. We will be welcoming nearly 50 new boys in readiness for 2014 and at the same time giving the Grade 6 boys the opportunity to have a further taste of life at secondary school. We look forward to sharing with you photos and commentary of the day in next week’s edition of The Star.

**Christmas Cards**

The Christmas Cards produced by the boys this year are exceptional and were sent home to parents last Friday. Thank you to the many parents who have not only paid for theirs but have also placed orders for more! The boys, but also 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.

**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 29  NO CANTEEN – ORIENTATION DAY
Wednesday December 4  Karen Borsboom
Thursday December 5  HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Friday December 6  Frances Terry / Colleen Stanford

*We desperately require canteen assistance on Thursday please. Hours from 11.00am – 1.10pm.*
JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Mrs Jo Messer
Schools Triathlon Challenge
Last Thursday November 21, our brave triathletes lined up for the annual Schools Triathlon Challenge at Bellerive Beach. Last year we were reaching for the sunscreen, and this year, the thermals as the rain persisted throughout the day! Fortunately we had plenty of cover to keep us as dry as possible. We fielded a record number of entrants, 93 in all across the Individual and Team events.

All boys represented the College with a great deal of pride and enthusiasm. There were many sets of blue lips at the end of the swim legs as many braved the icy waters in just their bathers. Conditions for both the cyclists and runners were treacherous. Fortunately we didn't have any mishaps. It was hard to judge place getters given the conditions but all participants are to be congratulated for their fine efforts on the day and for parents and support crews for turning up to lend their invaluable support.

Alec Spencer leading the pack at the Junior School Triathlon

SPORT

Mr James Dalton
Director of Sport

Grade 7&8 Cricket – ‘Hurricane's Cup’

SVC Blue 3-106 (18 overs) defeated New Town HS Blue 7-38

Blue: Austin Keeling 35 no, Declan Waddington 17 no and 1/1, Keegan Oates 13 no, Reece Williams 3/4, Harry Burgess 2/9

Next Week’s Game:
SVC Blue v Friends Red at Bell St
SVC Green v New Town HS Yellow 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
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

iPad Collection for Grade 3 to 9 Boys
By now, you should have received a letter in the mail, outlining procedures for the collection of your son’s iPad at the end of this year. It is important to recognise that, collectively, the iPads are a significant asset of the College and, as such, need to be stored securely over the summer break to ensure that they are ready to be used as an educational tool upon returning next year.

Please note that we expect iPads, covers, chargers and sync cables to be returned at the time of collection. It would be advisable for you to ensure that your son has backed up his iPad before he hands it in – instructions were in the letter that was sent home. Aside from Grade 6, students will receive the same iPad back at the start of next year. For Grade 6 students, the iPad you used this year will be re-used at the Junior School and you will receive a new iPad, along with all other Grade 7 students in 2014.

Boys found all sorts of ways to get to the Grade 10 Dinner!
SPORT

Sailing
Br Peter Flint

This week saw last races of the Term 4 Nutgrove Series in Team Racing. For the last round, some different arrangements were tried by St Virgil’s College.

Tuesday night saw the B Division sailors heading out without their experienced A Division lads as crew. They were on their own as regards experience! I was hoping that most of the boats would return to the shore, more or less the right way up, with most of the boys still on board. Well not only did they all return, along with the boats, but they sailed very well. They did not win, but they were very competitive. What was a surprising improvement was they were well on the line at the start, and even won two of the starts. It was an encouraging evening on the beach!

The A Teams had their final sail on Wednesday night. We knew we would be missing two helms so the race was set up as a two on two. It turned out to be quite a competition for ‘Bragging Rights’. Nobody was sure who won, but it was great to watch. These boys will be a force in the future. Harry Dwyer sailed under difficulties as we were missing a crew member; thankfully at the last minute a St Mary’s girl stepped in to help out. He did well though.

Blake Nicholson and Oliver Hamilton

Harry Dwyer

You can keep up with sailing events and news by sending your email to pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au The current sailing website is about to be replaced by a much improved one within the College Sports Site. The old one will be kept up to date until the last minute.
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
Thursday 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

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

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Canteen helpers are required for 2014 to support the operation of the canteen which helps each boys at the Senior campus. To download the volunteer letter please go to http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/
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: ____________
Parish of Moonah
The Moonah Catholic parish is inviting people to a Blue Christmas Mass of Hope at Midnight on Christmas Eve. The invitation is especially extended to those who have experienced loss, grief or disconnection from the sentiments of those around them at Christmas. Sometimes people can feel broken, and the cheer of the Christmas celebrations can seem out of step with their own life. As the letter says, this Blue Christmas Mass is aimed at reflecting on the hope that Christ’s birth brings to the world no matter what is happening in our lives at present.

To download an invite please go to: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/

Brother Sean McManus
on behalf of the Moonah Parish Liturgy Committee


- 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
- Basketball Tasmania Skills session flyer
- Grief and Bereavement files

Please follow St Virgil’s on Twitter - @ svctas

Tweet of the Week

St Virgil's College @svctas 26 November

Well done to Board Chair Dr Natalie Brown upon receiving an Office of Learning & Teaching Award http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/teachers-schooled-by-tassies-top-trio/story-fnj4f7kl-I226768228ll?sv=e60f5de94047ce9368e38972ed460a88#.UpSfP4Wfkcg.twitter ... via @themercurycomau
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