FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 7A

Tuesday March 19 – New Beginnings Programme 4
Tuesday March 19 – SATIS Swimming Carnival – HAC
Parents and Friends AGM – 7.30 pm, Austins Ferry
Wednesday March 20 – New Beginnings Programme 4 – Day 2
Thursday March 21 – STCPSSA Swimming Carnival – HAC

WEEK 8B

Wednesday March 27 – Easter Liturgy
Wednesday March 27 – JSSATIS Swimming Carnival – HAC
Good Friday – March 29
Easter Sunday – March 31
Easter Monday Public Holiday – April 1
Easter Tuesday Public Holiday – April 2
to be understood as to understand;  
For it is in giving that we receive; 
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; 
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

**New Pope**

As a Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition we rejoice in the knowledge that our prayers have been answered with the appointment today of a new leader of our Church; Pope Francis I. Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, the leader of a large urban Archdiocese in Latin America, was elected the 266th pope and took the name Francis. He is the first Pope in history to come from the Western Hemisphere and the first non-European to be elected in almost 1,300 years.

Pope Francis has taken his name in recognition of St Francis of Assisi and many see this as an act of great humility and respect. Francis is the patron of Italy and his name is viewed as a sign of his commitment to reach out to the poor. At home in Argentina Pope Francis is known for catching the bus and visiting the poor, whilst living in a simple apartment and cooking his own meals. To many in Buenos Aires, he is known simply as “Father Jorge”.

As a College community we give thanks for the appointment of Pope Francis I and inspired by our own motto, ‘By deeds not words’, look forward with great enthusiasm to his leadership in faith and to his outreach to the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised within our world.

**Catholic Curriculum**

As part of what we do every day in offering Catholic education for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition, it is important from time to time that we consider the need to address explicitly the Catholic curriculum. This curriculum is the fabric by which we work and draws together the importance of St Virgil’s College as a Catholic school. All members of our community must take the time to consider their connection and the importance of the uniqueness of St Virgil’s. Without this important overlay we are merely just another school educating students.

Late last week Mr Blizzard and I, joined with educational leaders from across the State for two days to explore the importance of Catholic curriculum and will spend time revisiting it with staff and student groups.

**Enrolments**

Although the year has only just commenced, the College is busy planning for the enrolment of students for 2014. This happens on three levels - our entrance points of Grade 3 and Grade 7, general Grade 3 to 10 enrolments and the transition enrolment to Grade 11 of our current students to Guilford Young College. A majority of our enrolments occur through reminders that you and other members of the community give about timelines and deadlines and recommendations you have about our College. Listed below are the timelines for the entrance enrolments for the three main points of Grade 3, Grade 7 and Grade II.

- **Grade 3** Enrolments due by June 21
- **Grade 7** Enrolments due by April 19
- **Grade II** Enrolments due (to Guilford Young College) by June 21

Enrolments at other grade levels can occur as required and the College encourages you to be in touch with the relevant campus to which application will be made.
Junior School Open Day
The Junior School will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday April 10. Tours can be arranged on request. Please call the Junior School on 62342440 to arrange a visit.

Staffing
Earlier this week we farewelled our Workplace, Health and Safety Officer, Mr Simon Natoli who has accepted a position in Launceston with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office. Simon has been with us for the last three years working on our documentation in this area. We wish him well with his future endeavours.

Simon’s role, which is shared with St Mary’s College, will be filled by our current Business Manager, Mr Jim Taylor and will commence on April 8. Mr Taylor has been replaced as Business Manager by Mrs Narelle Green who will begin her new role on Wednesday April 3. The College takes the opportunity to welcome Mrs Green to our community and we look forward to working with her.

Relationships with our Boys
As a part of our ongoing commitment to support parents in their relationship with their boys, the College is offering a number of important evenings in April. Listed below are three significant opportunities for you to be involved with your son at the appropriate grade level and I encourage you to respond to the invitations that will be sent to you soon.

Grade 7
Mother and Son Night Wednesday April 10

Grade 9/10
Father and Son Event
Time & Space Night 1 Tuesday April 9
Time & Space Night 2 Thursday April 11
Time & Space Camp Friday April 12 to Sunday April 14
Time & Space Dinner Monday April 15

Grade 4 and 6
Family Life Night Wednesday April 10

Community Lunch
On Friday April 12 at 12 noon the St Virgil’s College Community is hosting its second annual ‘Luncheon with the Stars’ at Blundstone Arena. This year the luncheon will feature new North Melbourne Football Club CEO Carl Dilena and Kangaroos Key Forward – Drew Petrie, a graduate from a fellow EREA school. I encourage all members of the community to consider getting a table together and making this a great celebration of our closely knit community. A flyer for the luncheon can be downloaded at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/old/

Scholarships
Each year thanks to the foresight and generosity of old scholars and friends of the College, a number of scholarships are made available to current and past students of the College. Details of each scholarship is outlined below:

Estate of the late Barry William and Mary Jeanette Woods Scholarship
Applications are invited for the Estate of the late Barry William and Mary Jeanette Woods Scholarship.

The Scholarship provides for payment of half the annual school fee for two students selected from Grade 7 and/or 8 and two students from Grade 5 and/or 6. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending St Virgil’s College.

There are four such scholarships provided each year. Written applications are invited by April 5 2013.
GL Curtis Scholarships for Old Virgilians
Applications are invited for the GL Curtis Scholarship for first year university students.

The GL Curtis Scholarship provides a sum of $1,000 to an Old Virgilian beginning university studies. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending university in the first year and is to be used for the purchase of essential texts or materials, the payment of university charges or the establishment costs necessary to provide university accommodation (country or interstate students).

Further information on these Scholarships is attached to this newsletter.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“At St Virgil’s College the students’ right to feel safe and comfortable is our utmost priority”.

I would like to compliment our student leaders for the role they have played in supporting Grade 7 students at their outdoor education camp. They have taken up the challenge of leading the junior boys very seriously and have been great role models. One of the activities they undertake in the evening is a ‘getting to know you’ style game, where a group of about ten boys give their name and share something special about themselves with the leader. The senior boy is then ‘put under the spotlight’, having to recount the names and details of each boy. Plenty of laughter and cheering follows. They have also proven to be outstanding barbecue chefs, which I am sure for some parents comes as a bit of a surprise! My thanks to all the young men for their efforts.

Reminders
It is timely also to remind parents and students about some of our protocols at the College that are in place for very valid reasons.
1. We acknowledge that many (most) boys have and may need a mobile phone, but for very good educational reasons we have a policy that forbids their use during school hours. The distraction that phones cause to the learning of many boys is significant. We have a policy of confiscating any phone that is being used in class requiring boys to collect them at the end of the day. It is interesting to see how many boys are recorded as repeat offenders with this and clearly not getting the message. For the sake of the teaching and learning process we will be advising these boys that they are on notice and that at the next offence we will ask that parents collect the

Diaries
Our new diaries have arrived and all boys should now have a fully operational student diary complete with cover! We apologise for the inconvenience but as I previously stated this problem has been beyond our control. To assist us at school, could I ask parents to spend some time assisting their sons with re-focussing on using the diary correctly, checking specifically for homework written in daily, due dates for tasks, notes from teachers checked and signed, and a parent signature at the end of each week.

“If you want to make good use of your time, you’ve got to know what’s most important and then give it all you’ve got”. Lee Iacocca

Engaging Adolescents
In May, Centacare will be conducting a series of workshops titled, ‘Engaging Adolescents’. To receive more information about the course please refer to the flyer attached to this newsletter or contact Diana on 6278 1660, or e-mail your enquiry to centacare.hobart@aohtas.org.au
phone from the front office. The answer to this is to keep phones stored away in the lockers.

2. ‘Hands Off’ At St Virgil’s College the students’ right to feel safe and comfortable is our utmost priority. To cater for the wellbeing of the young men in our care some important strategies are implemented. One of these strategies is the ‘Hands Off’ rule. Put simply, ‘Hands Off’ is a school rule that prohibits unwelcome, or overly rough physical contact or play between students. It is well known that boys are very hands on and often communicate through touch. A simple push to the shoulder without a word spoken can constitute an entire sentence - “how was your weekend / did you win footy?” It is important therefore to acknowledge these traits amongst boys and allow this form of behaviour to be nurtured correctly. We acknowledge that some forms of physical contact between boys are healthy and admirable traits.

No doubt as parents and guardians you are finding that adolescent boys have loads of energy and staff are aware of the need to allow some leniency in this regard so that boys can physically communicate with each other. This is not what ‘Hands Off’ is about. What it does mean is that unwanted or intimidating physical contact will not be tolerated in any form. So as to reinforce the importance of this rule certain consequences have been put in place. Failure of students to comply with this rule will result in warnings, parent contact and ultimately more serious consequences. I hope you are able to support us in this by talking to your sons about the need for such strategies.

CAMPUSS MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

Quite some years ago, I found myself walking up a long driveway of the place where I did my initial Brother training at Lower Plenty. The walk turned into quite a reflective journey as I thought about all that had happened over the then 37 years of being Brother. As each fencepost passed I reflected upon what happened that year. There were the high points and the low points; where I had grown and where I had stuffed up. When I reached the end, I had to admit I was happy with who I was and where I was.

The Labyrinth at the College offers a similar potential to those who walk it. It can offer the opportunity for a meditative journey as it circles, turns, and goes to unexpected places. It offers a journey. What you make of the journey is up to you - a personal journey, a family journey, a future journey, or just a quiet walk in solitude among the Australian bushes that mark the route. Being close to creation is to be close to the Creator.

A labyrinth has one entrance and one exit. There is only one path through and there are no route decisions to be made. Stay on the path and you reach the end. A maze has many decisions to be made on the way with many dead-ends. St Virgil’s Labyrinth is probably the biggest in Australia and quite unique with its borders of Australian flora. It is visible on Google Earth if you look for St Virgil’s.

Most of the Grade 7s have visited the Labyrinth. Not surprisingly, a group of Grade 7s do not approach a Labyrinth with a quiet reflective walk in mind! But they walked it. Maybe they will one day return!

The Labyrinth is available any time, and if you need some assistance or guidance see Br Peter. If you are coming onto the property during school time, please register at the Front Office.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Education must provide the opportunities for self-fulfillment. It can, at best, provide a rich and challenging environment for the individual to explore, in his own way.”

(Noam Chomsky)

House Swimming Carnival
The boys eagerly travelled to Glenorchy Pool last Thursday to participate in the annual House Swimming Carnival. There was a great spirit around the pool as the boys launched into their cheering routine. It was also very pleasing to see so many boys enter into the different events on offer. After fierce competition during the day, Dwyer came out victorious taking out the House Trophy for 2013. The House Swimming Carnival also acted as selection trials for the upcoming inter-school carnivals.

Dwyer Vice Captain, James Shepherd and Captain Jacob King receiving the House Swimming shield from Mr Pinelli

Congratulations to the following boys who will be representing the College at the STCPSSA and JSSATIS carnivals:

Grade 6 - Liam Watling, Tom Messer, Jacob King, Zach Hills, Shae Burnett
Grade 5 - Tadhg Waddington, Jordan Baker, Liam Roach, Lachlan Borsboom, Reserve: Josh Harvey
Grade 4 - Harry Fisher, Ryan Borsboom, Matthew Noble, Max Newett, Sam Smith, Riley Ringrose
Grade 3 - Harry Williams, Edward Johnson, Sahib Singh, Hamish Menzie, Liam Duffy
Junior School Swimming Programme
The Junior School swimming programme commenced this week with the boys travelling to Clarence Aquatic Centre each day to undertake the programme. This is an integral part of the Sport Programme at the Junior School as the programme develops each boy’s knowledge of water safety in addition to stroke correction, for the advanced swimmers, and the development of some basic lifesaving skills.

Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews have been taking place this week. These interviews are part of the College’s reporting process to parents. Whilst interviews are not compulsory, all parents were strongly encouraged to take up the opportunity to discuss their son’s progress with his teacher. Parent-Teacher interviews provide a good indication of how your son is progressing at this stage of the year and is also a great opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership to optimise learning outcomes for your son in 2013.

Aussie Sport Leaders
Earlier this year, the Aussie Sport leaders were commissioned into their roles. This week they were formally presented with their caps and whistles. The Aussie Sports leaders do a fantastic job in helping to ensure games played during morning tea and lunch happen fairly with any disputes being sorted out very quickly. Special thanks to parent, Mark Kreune (father of Luke in Grade 5) who generously helped out in supplying hats in the colours of the House Teams.

Aussie Sport Leaders for 2013. Absent: Carl Excel

Assembly: Friday March 15
This Friday, Grade 4 will be leading our prayer liturgy at Assembly. The boys are very keenly getting ready for this with Mr Birthisel. Due to the swimming programme running at the moment, Assembly will commence at 9.00am on Friday morning.

Mini-Vinnies
Annually, the Junior School Mini-Vinnies boys organise an Easter egg raffle as part of their fundraising drive. They rely very much on the generous donations from families so that yummy baskets of eggs can be raffled off just prior to Easter. We are
urgently seeking donations of eggs for this most worthy cause. Please bring in your eggs as soon as possible so that the prizes can be made up.

Junior School Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Please note that the Junior School Canteen will not operate during the school swimming programme – March 12 to March 22.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Futsal
February 22 2013
Under 10
SVC Blue 2 lost to SVC Green 3
2-3
Player of the week: Harvey Barnhoorn for best on court.

1 March 2012
Under 9
SVC 4 defeated Albuera Seagulls 0
4-0
With high fives and smiles all-round the boys got their first win on the board. Some great defensive work all around the court helped the goalkeepers keep a clean sheet. Through great teamwork the boys were able to get some good shots on goal and put their goalkeepers under pressure. Great team work was shown by Will L.
Player of the week: Adam for great defence.

Under 10
SVC Blue 2 lost to Speed Demons 6
Player of the week: Max Marsh for best on court.

Under 11
SVC Blue II defeated The Whippets 1
An excellent game of teamwork resulting in an impressive win against The Whippets.
Player of the week: James B for setting up some fantastic goals.

SVC Gold 1 lost to Eastern Explosion 7
Goal scorer: Noah King
Player of the week: Jamal Mitchell for giving 100% effort.

8 March 2013
Under 9
SVC I lost to Mini Mad Dogs 6
With the name Mini Mad Dogs we were unsure what to expect. The game started very evenly with play going from end to end. The Dogs got a couple of soft goals and skipped out to a 6-0 half-time lead. With a change of tactics at half-time Alex and Dylan came out all inspired and earned the encouragement and best player awards for great teamwork and defensive play. Great second half boys.
Player of the week: Dylan for great teamwork.
Under 11
SVC Green 7 defeated The Whippets 2
Goal Scorers: Felix Kinghorn-Lewis 3, Samuel Cornelius 2, Hayden Nuss 1, Tadhg Waddington 1
Player of the week: Liam Wilson and Tadhg Waddington.
Encouragement Award: Joel Hickey and Felix Kinghorn-Lewis

Flippa Ball

15 February 2013
Grade 3/4 Gold 3 lost to Montagu Bay 1 8
The boys are continuing to improve their skills with several mastering one-handed throwing. A great effort by all.
Player of the week: Jack Dalton (Taroona).
Encouragement award: Nicholas Whitton.

Grade 3/4 Blue 16 defeated Dominic 1 2
SVC Blue played a great team game on Friday night beating Dominic 1, 16-2. Liam Duffy led the way with five first-half goals and Max Newett with four in the second half. Blair Donohue and Campbell Hills both did a great job in goals. A Great effort by all the boys.
Player of the week: Max Newett for a great team game and six goals.
Encouragement award: Riley Ringrose.

Grade 5/6 7 defeated Dominic 3
SVC started well scoring the first goal. However, Dominic countered with three. The half-time score was one to three. SVC came out strongly in the second half scoring six unanswered goals. The SVC defence was strong with Liam Gerathy stopping many Dominic shots.
Player of the week: Liam G for great saves in goal.

Grade 5/6 Flippa Ball drew with Dominic 3
The team played very well in a tough match against the taller Dominic 3 side. The team never gave up and fought from behind to draw level in the final moments of the match. Good play by all team members, with Joshua, Carl and Riley displaying great skills and team work. Goals were scored by Zac, Ronan, Carl and Lochlan. Carl Excel received the encouragement award for a great second half as goal keeper. Zac Hills received the Player of the Week award for excellent defence in the first half and great goal shooting in the second half.
DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY

MRS RENEE MACGREGOR

Our College motto, "deeds not words alone" has been a key focus for the Grade 7 ‘New Beginnings’, My Service Journey. Over the two day programme boys have made links between servant leadership and why as a member of a Catholic community in the Edmund Rice tradition, it is integral to what we do. Servant leadership begins with our interactions with others.

The first session of the programme highlights the parable of the Good Samaritan and the values of respect, hospitality and dignity. With this in mind students, set out into the community to be men of Deeds not Words alone. Groups have spent time at the Growth Centre in Bridgewater harvesting and cultivating vegetables for ‘Dining with Friends’, helping out with the re-location of the Foodbank and working at the St Vincent de Paul, Argyle Street warehouse sorting donations and re-stocking tinned food supplies.

Boys participating in My Spiritual Journey have visited the Barrack Street site where St Virgil’s College first commenced its life as a Catholic school. Br Sean McManus introduced boys to the campus which included spending time in the St Virgil’s Chapel and sharing the story of Blessed Edmund Rice. The afternoon was then spent at St Mary’s Cathedral where Mr Lawler, an Acolyte at the parish gave a tour of the Cathedral giving commentary of the sacred space.

The second day of the programme is based at the Austins Ferry campus where boys visit the Centenary History Centre and have an opportunity further explore the traditions of the College. The boys also spend time with our Campus Minister Br Peter Flint learning about life as a Christian Brother living within a community as well as tapping into his knowledge of our College community.

SPORT

Mr James Dalton

Director of Sport

Congratulations to Isaac Salter who has made the Australian Under 16 team after impressive performances at the National Championships in Perth. Isaac was the second highest run scorer at the carnival and bowled and fielded well. Isaac has been performing very well this season in school cricket and for his club Clarence in the TCA competition. Well done Isaac!

1st XI Cricket

SVC 4-168 defeated Hutchins 10/54.

Caleb Jewell 56, Isaac Salter 43, Liam Devlin 43, Declan Waddington 2/3, Jacob Arkley 2/5, Nathan Percey 2/17, Austin Keeling 1/12

On Wednesday afternoon, the First XI took on arch rivals Hutchins in what have traditionally tough contests. Fortunately for SVC this was not the case this year with a very comfortable victory achieved from a superb team effort. There has been a large number of players play in the team through this roster and it is a credit to all boys who have come into the team have performed very well and been led by the Grade 10s who have set a standard of how we play our cricket at St Virgil’s both in terms of tactics and technique but most importantly in regards to the highest standard of sportsmanship and behavior.
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

The New Beginnings Programme is into its final week and has been a great transition experience for all Grade 7 students. To see a cartoon of the Hessian House ‘Amazing Race’ experience around Hobart please visit: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior/term/

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Please note for all activities boys travel to and from school as normal, boys will be then transported to their location and return to school by the end of the school day.
Time and Space Programmes
Please save these dates! A reminder (and clarification) of the dates for the Time and Space Programmes for 2013 are:

Grade 9/10 Time and Space
Night 1 Tuesday 9 April
Night 2 Thursday 11 April
Camp Friday 12 April - Sunday 14 April
Dinner Monday 15 April
Final Night Wednesday 22 May

Grade 7 Mother and Son Night Wednesday 10 April
Grade 8 Stepping Up Night (Father and Son) Thursday 23 May

Grade 10 Work Experience
Work experience provides students with an invaluable experiential learning opportunity that provides them with insights into the nature of a business as well as the expectations of staff members working in an organisation. For many boys it will shape their future subject selections, study options and future workplace placements and job applications.

Boys undertake work experience in either Term 2 or 3 as part of their Grade 10 studies. Prior to commencing work experience they will have completed all training and administrative processes required for student work placements. Whilst the College has some work placement contacts it largely relies upon parents being able to use their networks to identify prospective host employers.

We greatly appreciated if you could talk to your son to identify areas of interest for work experience and prospective host employers that you know would provide your son with a positive and safe work experience placement. Please note that parents are not required to contact prospective host employers, this will be done by the College.

If you have any inquiries please contact Mrs Cindy Gangell on 6249 6555 (Monday – Thursday) or cgangell@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

iPads! iPads! iPads!
Well, iPads are well and truly here at St Virgil's College! We are certainly getting plenty of feedback from parents in regard to how iPads are being used in the classroom and how best to manage iPads at home. In the next edition of The Star, I hope to be able to announce some parent sessions that will be held in order to give you a run down on how to use, and manage, an iPad. Mr Andrew Pinelli has also created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) pamphlet which we will distribute to all parents. There is also the iLearn ebook on its way and should be published soon.

In the meantime, here are some important notes for you to be aware of, and some suggestions to help manage iPads at home.

- All iPads are covered by insurance. In the event of breakage, theft or loss, the iPad will be covered, but there is a $110 excess that is payable by parents.
- At home, iPads should be used in communal areas preferably, and there should be a communal space (such as the kitchen bench) for family members to charge devices overnight. Allowing students to keep iPads in their bedroom overnight should be avoided.
• Boys; show your parents what you've been doing during the day with your iPads. Parents, don’t be afraid to ask, and don’t assume if they’re having fun, it must be a game!
• Setting boundaries with iPad usage is not an issue of trust. It is recognition that boys are growing into young men, and that setting boundaries helps them manage themselves.
• It’s a great idea to set those boundaries with your son’s input. Agree upon what would be a fair amount of time to be using iPads. Agree upon what times of the day/weekend that the iPad should be put away. Find agreement on how many games (if any) would be okay to have on the iPad – and when game playing is okay.

These are just a few suggestions which will help make the iPad experience a pleasant one, both at school and at home. If you need further advice, please don't hesitate to contact me at rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

SPORT NEWS

Athletics
Congratulations to Grade 9 student Binyam Hagos who yesterday won the National Under 17 2000 metres Steeplechase title. In an amazing achievement Tasmania took out all the medals, with Bini leading the charge, leaving other runners from around the nation in his wake! A full report will feature in next week's edition of The Star.

Rowing
At the recent North West Regatta at Lake Barrington St Virgil’s finished third in both the Junior aggregate shield and Overall Shield. Well done to the following students who achieved placings in the keenly contested races:
• **Under 16 Single Scull – First** - Will White - Division 5
• **Under 15 Quad Scull – Division 2** - Nat Graham, Rob Kennedy, Jed Thompson, Oliver Riseley, cox Gilbert Riseley – Division 2
• **Under 15 Double Scull – First** - Rob Kennedy and Jed Thompson - Division 1
• **Under 15 Single Scull – First** - Nat Graham and Oliver Riseley – Division 2
• **Under 15 Single Scull – First** - Rob Kennedy - Division 1
• **Under 15 Single Scull – First** - Nat Graham - Division 2
• **Under 15 Single Scull – First** - Oliver Riseley – Division 5
• **Under 13 Single Scull – First** - Gilbert Riseley - Division 4
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

Blazers are now in stock.

2013 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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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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Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Lynne Jones, President

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday March 19 in the Staffroom at Austins Ferry commencing at 7.30 pm.

About the P&F
St Virgil’s College Parents & Friend operates over both the Senior & Junior Campuses of the College as one organisation. The Parents & Friends primary functions are, firstly, to represents interests of the parents of the College by providing a vital link between the College and its parent community; thus creating an avenue for information sharing with in the College. Secondly, it promotes the interests of the college by organising and assisting with social and College events and fundraising activities.

For the P & F to continue to carry out its primary functions it needs the ongoing support of the parents of the college. Parental involvement is paramount to the ongoing success of the P & F. The mainstay of the P & F is its Executive Committee and without that small group of parents then the P & F would cease to exist. Each year the P & F suffers a
natural attrition rate where parents who have sons in Grade 10 leave the College, along with their sons. Consequently, new parents are needed to replace them.

I would ask all parents to give some thought and consideration to becoming an active member of the P & F in 2013. A Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers for 2013 is available below. The Nomination Form lists the various roles and capacities in which parents can serve the school community in the course of the year. Please feel free to put your name forward for any position, which might interest you. If you wish to discuss any matter pertaining to the P & F, please contact me on the following number: 0438 544 171 or by email: lynnejones@stgiles.org.au

Nomination forms are to be returned to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by Friday March 15, in an envelope addressed to: - Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association.

Sincerely

Lynne Jones
President

PROFILE OF ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (SENIOR CAMPUS):

The President is the chief executive and spokesperson of the Association. The President represents the Association at official functions, supports other office bearers and normally chairs the monthly meetings.

The Vice-President deputises for the President when necessary.

The Secretary provides secretarial support to the Association, including Agendas, Minutes and correspondence.

The Treasurer undertakes the receipting and banking of monies; the keeping of proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and presents an audited balance sheet (audit organised by the College) at the Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Members (2-4 nominees) to: - Provide support to the executive as required.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (JUNIOR SCHOOL):

The Junior School Vice-President - Chair of Junior School Executive - responsibility for the operation of the Parents & Friends Junior School. Liaises with the SVC President.

The Junior School Secretary provides secretarial support to the Association.

The Junior School Treasurer is required to keep proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and present an audited balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

The Junior School Executive Members (2-4) provide support to the Executive as required.

SUPPORTING OFFICE BEARERS:

PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES: - (Three Delegates - Two from Senior Campus, one from Junior Campus)
These delegates actively represent the Association at Meetings and at the Federation’s Annual Conference. The delegates are required to report and consult on Federation activities to the Association at its monthly meetings.

COORDINATORS OF VARIOUS STANDING COMMITTEES (Austins Ferry Campus):
Association Members are required to act as coordinators for the following:-

CATERING COORDINATOR – Normally calls on a network of helpers to assist when required.
FAIR COORDINATOR - To work with Executive and coordinate the Annual Fair.
NOMINATION FORM

I, ____________________________________________ wish to Nominate for the office of ____________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Seconded: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association
Parents and Friends Association – Term 1 and 2 Fundraiser – The Entertainment Guide
Mrs Jackie Geale

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College Contact: Jackie Geale
St Virgil's College

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FINAL CALL: World Youth Day Rio!
This is your last chance to join with an intimate group of young Tasmanian adults as we journey to Rio de Janeiro for the largest and most vibrant celebration of young people in the world! This is the most unique WYD experience yet with an opportunity to partake in mission whilst being hosted by a parish in an impoverished part of Santiago, Chile. Our pilgrimage departs July 13, 2013 and you must be aged 18 – 35 as at departure date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY MARCH 26. For all your information and to obtain an application pack go to: www.wydtas.org.au or contact Rachelle Smith at Catholic Youth Ministry on rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368

QUIZ NIGHT: WYD Fundraiser
Are you the smartest school in the south of the state? WYD13 pilgrims invite you to a Quiz Night raising funds for the Tassie WYD project (including supporting young people in Tasmania and Chile) on Friday April 12 at Sacred Heart College, New Town. Cost is $15pp and includes your first drink and nibbles. Get a table together, and we’ll find out who is the smartest and the bravest school of all! The most well represented school, parish or group will win a prize. Contact Catholic Youth Ministry to book your tickets today: 6208 6274 or 0400 045 368 or rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au

Donations: If you are able to assist with donations of prizes for the evening (there will be a Quiz held in the South on Fri and in the North on Sat) we would love to hear from you. We need prizes for tables, individuals, and for auction. Please contact Catholic Youth Ministry as above. Thank you!


- Edmodo Flyer
- 2013 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- 2013 Scholarship Information
- SVC Community ‘Luncheon with the Stars’ Flyer
- Centacare ‘Engaging Adolescents’ Workshops
- OAMPS Tasmanian Schools Sailing Regatta and Youth Championships
- Gemma Sisia, (School of St Judes in Tanzania), Leadership seminar
- Ignite – Call for papers and conference details – Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc.
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.