ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold.”

Blessed Edmund Rice

Welcome Back
Welcome to Term Two. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and reflective break over the Easter period. We look forward to a productive and busy term. At Austins Ferry we especially welcome Miss Bridie McEntee who will be replacing Mr Mark Smith who is on long service leave this term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 13A

Tuesday May 13 – NAPLAN Testing commences for Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

Wednesday May 14 – NAPLAN Testing

Thursday May 15 – NAPLAN Testing concludes

Friday May 16 – STCPSSA Football Commences

Junior School Disco – 5.30 pm - 8 pm

WEEK 14B

Monday May 19 – ICAs Computer Competition. Time and Space Evening, 7 pm

Tuesday May 13 – Junior School P&F Meeting 7pm. Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening, 7.30 pm, JPC.

Wednesday May 21 – Senior School P&F, 7.30 pm

Thursday May 22 – Senior School Cross Country, 11.30 am

Friday May 23 – STCPSSA Football
Edmund Rice Mass
On Friday the College will join with other members of the Edmund Rice Network, to celebrate the feast day of our founder Edmund Rice. The celebration of the Eucharist begins at 12 noon at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. This Mass, coordinated through our network, welcomes students from the other nine Tasmanian associate schools from Edmund Rice Education Network. The Christian Brothers in Tasmania originally founded eleven schools across the island. St Virgil’s College is the last full member of EREA our colleague schools share our story and have taken up the associate membership of the organisation.

The celebration of the Eucharist is a major part of being a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and provides us with a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. I would encourage, if at all possible, all parents and friends of the College to join us on Friday.

All students of St Virgil’s will be in attendance in formal uniform.

Enrolments
On both campuses we are moving into the final stages of the enrolment process. If you or someone you know is wanting to enrol in any grade at the College for 2015, we ask you to encourage them to lodge their enrolment form as soon as possible. This is especially important for siblings as in the past we have had a number of families assume because they have mentioned a sibling that we have automatically enrolled them. Each student must lodge a full enrolment application.

Hamilton Wing
During the break the final touches were put on the Hamilton Wing and all the learning spaces are now in full operation. During this term we will take the opportunity to officially bless and open the facility and details of this event will be published in upcoming editions of The Star.

Mother’s Day
I take the opportunity to wish all mothers and grandmothers in our community a very happy Mother’s Day. A reminder to our Junior School mums of our Mother’s Day Breakfast tomorrow morning at Patrick Street at 7.00am.

ANZAC Day
Every year our students participate in ANZAC Day Ceremonies and we are always very proud of our boys’ involvement and the manner in which they conduct themselves at these events. I have been gratified to receive numerous calls and emails from members of the community complimenting our boys upon the wonderful manner in which they represented the College and supported significant ANZAC Day commemorations around Hobart. Jonah Lilley presented a moving and poignant speech at the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph which was particularly well received by all in attendance.

In congratulating our boys upon the fine example of service they modelled, I would also like to thank Mr Alexander and Mr Pinelli who coordinated significant numbers of boys from both campuses to attend; a task made more challenging by the fact that ANZAC Day this year fell in the middle of school holidays.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
Welcome back to the commencement of a very chilly Term Two where I look at so many boys in shorts and wonder how they do it on these icy mornings! Term Two, while shorter than Term One, is no less busy. In the upcoming ten weeks the following events need to be noted:

Edmund Rice Network Mass - Friday May 9
- Normal Friday period 1 and 3 will take place.
- Boys will be transported to the Derwent Entertainment Centre from Austins Ferry. At the conclusion of Mass (approximately 1.30pm) buses will depart from the Derwent Entertainment Centre on the regular afternoon bus routes for boys to be transported home. A bus will be available for those who need to return to Austins Ferry.
- Bags are not to be brought to school on this day.
- Formal uniform must be worn.
- Please also note that this is a compulsory school day.

NAPLAN Testing
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week our Grade 7 & 9 students will undertake their NAPLAN testing. These national literacy and numeracy tests provide very important individual and school wide data. Please note that there are mandated times for the sitting of these exams so all attempts should be made to ensure normal school routines are adhered to. It is particularly important that the school is notified if there are any issues that may impact on the tests.

Other Events
On Thursday May 22 our annual Cross Country event will take place. The race will be held at Austins Ferry and all boys are expected to participate unless otherwise notified.
- Grade 10 Exams will be conducted in the week commencing June 16.
- During the next weeks boys will be issued with a Walkathon Form to assist in Fundraising for Half Way Day which will be conducted on Friday June 27. All funds raised go to assist the Mary Rice Day Care Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The last day of Term Two is Friday July 4.

**Mobile Phones**
I have reminded boys this week of the College’s guidelines in regards to mobile phones. Whilst acknowledging that many (most) boys have and may need a mobile phone, 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 and totally unnecessary.

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 from the front office. For repeat offenders we will ask that parents collect the phone so as to highlight our commitment to this policy. We apologise for any inconvenience but we feel it is important to make a stand on this for the sake of the learning environment for the boys.

The school/community partnership is critical in maximising educational outcomes for our boys so please feel free to contact me if you have any queries at all. I can be contacted by phone at the College or by email at tblizzard@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**CAMPUS MINISTER**

**BR PETER FLINT**

I read a lot, especially in the field of Cosmology and Astronomy. I have favourite web sites I visit: National Catholic Reporter, Sojourners, Eureka Street, Mecator and others. I can recommend all of them. Every now and then some real gems turn up that I would like to share.

Two that turned up over the holiday break are especially 'Br Peterworth sharing'.

Mercator had a great Youtube video for those engrossed with Facebook and other social media. The link to the article:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7dLU6fk9QY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7dLU6fk9QY)

Spiderman 2 received this review in the National Catholic Reporter.
Under the Noise, 'Amazing Spider-Man 2' Explores Complex Themes
"Despite the prolonged sequences of expected, though not always predictable, conflict, there are very human moments from an adolescent perspective that explore themes of family, father-son relationships, virtue, character, love, sacrifice, courage, loneliness, emotional pain, sorrow, grief, and, above all, hope. The larger social and ethical issue of genetic engineering remains dominant."


If you wish to explorer, I offer the following links:
www.ncronline.org
www.sojo.net
www.eurekastreet.com.au
www.mercatornet.com

I would welcome any conversation around the above, or related matters, but I have not seen Spiderman 2. The review also says it is VERY loud.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest walk out.”

Walter Winchell

**ANZAC Day – Hobart Commemorations**

Once again, the boys from St Virgil's College marched proudly as part of this year's ANZAC Day March in Hobart. The boys proudly carried a variety of banners interspersed throughout the whole of the march. Congratulations and thank you to all the boys and their parents for encouraging the boys in this important commemorative activity.

**Family Life Night**

These important sessions will be held tonight commencing at 6.30pm for boys and their families in Grades 4 & 6. The Grade 4 presentation will be held in the classroom and is scheduled to conclude by around 7.30pm. The Grade 6 presentation will be held in the Hall and is scheduled to conclude by around 8.00pm. These sessions are an important opportunity for boys and their families to spend time together and to focus on topics that are sometimes a little 'tricky' to discuss. All boys in Grades 4 & 6 are encouraged to attend with at least one parent.

**P & F Association**

The P & F Association have organised a number of activities that coincide with the commencement with the start of Term 2. Today the boys purchased from a vast array of gifts at the Mother's Day Stall. Tomorrow morning will be the annual Mother's Day breakfast hosted by the P & F and commencing at 7.30am.

Next Friday, May 16, will be the P & F Disco. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help. Details went home with the boys this week.

Grades 3 & 4: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Grades 5 & 6: 6.30pm – 7.45pm
There will be a sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm. Thank you in advance for your support of these activities.

Assembly
Our first assembly for Term 2 will be held next Friday May 16, in the Hall commencing at 9.00am. The assembly will be held in the morning due to Grades 5 & 6 participating in the Football Competition. Grade 4 will be leading us in the assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle and Caritas Cup
Congratulations to the Mini Vinnies boys and Mrs Chambers for their organisation of various activities to support our fundraising efforts for Caritas. One of these activities was the Easter Egg raffle and the guessing competition. Congratulations to Max Giuliani who guessed closest with 257. Thanks to everyone’s generosity there was 20 Easter egg prizes given away.

The Caritas Cup is an annual event that the Junior School boys participate in as a culmination to Lent and Holy Week. The boys join in a range of different activities devised by the Aussie Sports Leaders and Mrs Chambers. Congratulations to Dwyer House who were the victors this year.

Also, as part of our fundraising for Caritas, the boys brought in their Project Compassion boxes with over $800 being raised and sent to Caritas. This will go along with other funds collected by our Mini Vinnies group. Congratulations to all the boys for their efforts in fundraising for those in our community who have great needs.

Photos
Most parents will have received school photographs this week. In addition to these photos the school were provided with the group photos which are currently on display in the Junior School Office. These photos are priced and available for ordering if parents missed the initial order. Please see Michelle for more details.

Calendar Update
Parents and guardians are reminded to subscribe to the College’s online calendar. The great advantage of this is that if there are necessary changes to dates these changes can be made immediately. Please check the calendar at: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below:

May
Mother’s Day Stall May 8
Mother’s Day Breakfast May 9
Edmund Rice Network Mass @ DEC May 9
Mother’s Day May 11
NAPLAN Testing for Grade 3 & 5 May 13 – 15
Assembly led by Grade 4 May 16
P & F Disco May 16
ICAS Computer Assessment May 19
P & F Association meeting May 20
Hobart Eisteddfod May 22

Junior School Sport
A number of sports commence over the next week. Good luck to boys who have taken up the challenge of representing the College in soccer, water polo and football. Thank you to parents who have taken up roles as coaches and managers – your
assistance and expertise is greatly appreciated. We look forward to reading match reports from games in coming editions of The Star.

Junior School Canteen

Friday May 9  
Wednesday May 14  
Thursday May 15  
Friday May 16  

K Borsboom  
J Armstrong / J Whitton  
R & I. Langshaw  

NO CANTEEN

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MISS HEIDI GREGG

Music

Mr Jeremy Williamson

Music Ensemble Rehearsal Times and Travel Arrangements – from April 7 onwards

Students please take note of the following changes to rehearsal times. Note there will not be a school bus running for music rehearsals from this week.

Monday – Senior Band – 3.15pm – 4.15pm – students can catch an X4 bus into town at 4.20pm or be picked up by parents

Tuesday – Grade 7 Band – 8.20am -9.00am – students can catch the X1 from bus mall at 7.50am or be dropped to school by parents.

Thursday – Senior Choir – 3.15pm-4.15pm – students can catch an X4 bus into town at 4.20pm or be picked up by parents

Friday – Big Band – 8.20am -9.10am- students can catch the X1 from the bus mall at 7.50am or be dropped to school by parents.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Pathway Planning

In the last edition of The Star I included a number of websites and information in regards to Pathway Planning. As with all aspects of a holistic education, it is best when parents and the College are working together with our boys to ensure they are giving themselves the chance at the brightest future possible.

SPORT

Congratulations to Gobindraj Gill who was voted Most Valuable Player for the Tasmanian Hockey team at the Australian Under 15 Boys Hockey titles.

SSATIS Basketball Grand Final

SVC Gold 79 Defeated SVC Blue 18

Top Scorers: Jackson Lewis 33  
Will Peppint17

Water Polo

The season starts on Friday May 16 at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Training for all teams is held on Tuesday mornings at the Hobart Aquatic Centre from 6.30 am. A bus is provided for all students to Austins Ferry.

All enquiries to Miss Imogen Gray – igray@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

AFL 9s Grand Final Action
For parents the most important resources for you are listed below and I strongly encourage you to read them and make time to speak to your son about his thoughts on his pathway plan.

- Parents Talking Career Choices – attached to this addition of The Star

### Time and Space Grade 8 ‘Father & Son’ Stepping Up Night

As has been advertised the Grade 8 ‘Father & Son’ Stepping Up Night will be held on Tuesday May 20, in the Joyce Performance Centre. It is important to note that this we understand families come in all forms and this is an evening for the boys and their significant male mentor, whoever that may be. More information was mailed home last week but is also available on the College website ([www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au)) Boys were also been provided with an individual invitation that they are asked to give to the male mentor with whom they wish to attend.

Registrations are now open and can be done through:

**Email:** svc.dads@timespace.com.au


### ANZAC Day

During the Holidays a large number of boys from both the Senior and Junior schools gave of their time to represent the College at ANZAC Day Commemorations. In recent years we have had a very strong relationship with the RSL of Hobart for whom we have not only carried school banners in the Hobart March but also assisted with a number of jobs. This year in particular the College had the honour of having a student speak at the Hobart Dawn service. College Vice-Captain, Jonah Lilley, had the privilege of the task and did so with great distinction. Jonah spoke of the mateship shown of diggers past and present and most importantly finished with a message for his peers on the lessons they should take from their example.

These final inspirational words are included below:

*To honour the ANZAC legacy, we must put others before ourselves, much like the ANZACs, and use our talents for the greater good of mankind. The men and women who have fought for our country, in battles of yesteryear and today, are our heroes, the bravest of the brave. I thank them on behalf of my generation, for without them we may not enjoy the freedoms and prosperity that we sometimes take for granted today.*

*We remember them this dawn.*

All of the boys and Jonah in particularly are congratulated on the manner in which they represented the College, but most importantly for the way in which they honoured those who have served our country.

### AFL 9’s – Lunchtime House Roster

Throughout the first term the Grade 10 House leaders have run a lunchtime House AFL 9’s roster. AFL 9’s is a shortened non-contact form of the game that encourages participation above competition. The House based roster saw teams comprised from boys across all grade groups. On Wednesday the roster concluded between two teams from Joyce House. After a stirring rendition of the National Anthem from a number of our Grade 10’s the game was played in great spirits, Congratulations to the Jedistas team who won the final convincingly.

Starting next week, the lunchtime competition will move indoors (to avoid the rain and cold!) for a Pastoral Care based 3 on 3 Basketball Competition.
SPORT

Rowing Club Presentation Night

**ROWING CLUB**
**Presentation Night**

**Venue:** Guilford Young College
Barrack Street, Hobart

**Date:** Friday May 23 2014

**Time:** 6.30 for 7.00pm
A two course meal will be served

RSVP to Jo Messer via email: jmesser@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or text 0438077740 by Monday May 19 2014

**Cost:** $25 per adult, $20 per student
Beverages will be available for purchase.

**SILENT AUCTION**
We have had a number of items on donated that will be on display for you to bid on.
All proceeds will go directly back to the club
All Families and Supporters Welcome
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer

The Winter Menu has commenced. The Menu is available on the website or students can obtain a copy at the Office or the Canteen.

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Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30 am Thursday 2.00 to 3.30 pm

Walk Sock for both Senior and Junior School
All sizes of Grey shorts are in stock at both shops
Football socks are now in stock and are available for $12.
ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs Susan Roberts,
President

Entertainment Book
The P&F will again be selling the popular Entertainment Book in Term 1. In 2014 the Entertainment Book will be available from the Front Office of both campuses. The cost of the book this year is $65, with $13 from each book sold going to the P&F. Please support the boys of St Virgil’s College when buying the book.

This year you are able to purchase the exciting new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, that brings the benefits of the Entertainment Book to your smartphone. No more ‘leaving your book at home’ or missing out on new additions to the guide. It’s all there in the palm of your hand.

The Entertainment™ Digital Membership allows you to search the Entertainment offers on your Android or Apple phone, rather than flicking through the Book, and you can even redeem the offers by simply showing your phone…no Card or Voucher is needed.

You can search for businesses near to you, discovering quickly and easily where to use your Membership.
Most of the businesses that appear in the Digital Membership include updated menus and lots of pictures.
You can easily share where they have been, and where you bought their Membership from on social media and via email earning more money for the school
And just like the Entertainment™ Book, immediate families can share one Digital Membership.

Pre-order your book NOW and receive 6 Bonus Vouchers which can be used immediately.

Just choose the campus you would like to support and click on the link below which will take you straight in to the school’s booking page. It’s too easy.

Junior School Link

Senior School Link

For all enquiries please contact Jackie Geale - jackiegeale@bigpond.com
Introducing the 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Book and the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership!

As part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations we are excited to announce that this year you now have a choice!

- The traditional **Entertainment™ Book Membership** that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers,
  
  **-OR-**

- The new **Entertainment™ Digital Membership** that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!


Take a look at some of the many valuable offers available with the NEW 2014 | 2015 Tasmania Entertainment™ Membership that will be released on 8 April 2014:
Guilford Young College Open Day

**Wednesday 14 May**! You are invited to visit Tasmania’s only senior secondary Catholic co-educational College on a normal school day. Tours of the Glenorchy and the Hobart Campuses will be held at 10am, 11am, midday and 1pm. To book a tour, please contact Mrs Rose Stevens on 6238 4367 or email her on rstevens@gyc.tas.edu.au. We look forward to welcoming you!

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**Guilford Young College**

**OPEN DAY for PARENTS next Wednesday 14 MAY**

Tours of Hobart & Glenorchy Campuses

**BOOK A TOUR 6238 4367**

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**Australian Air Force Cadets**

Are you between 13 and 15 years of age? Would you like to go camping, take part in ceremonial parades, visit active military bases and learn about life in the Royal Australian Air Force?

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- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- PAUSE-Parenting Adolescents with Understanding Sensitivity & Engagement Workshop
- Bears of Hope Grief Workshop
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