FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Importance of Learning

At a recent assembly I took the opportunity to speak to the students about the importance of their learning. At St Virgil’s College boys are presented with an amazing array of opportunities inside and outside the classroom as a part of the curricular and extra-curricular programmes available. At times it appears that some students lose focus on what is the core reason for attending the College.

The focus must always be on the learning and what happens inside and outside of our classrooms. Boys were encouraged to focus on the upcoming term and fully commit to learning. At the end of this term students will receive some structured...
feedback in their Mid-Year Reports. All students are encouraged to put in their best effort to maximise the learning opportunities available to them through being part of the St Virgil’s community.

Cross Country
In contrasting weather conditions students from both campuses have successfully competed in annual House Cross Country Carnivals. The junior boys experienced fine weather but had an extremely muddy and slushy course, whereas the secondary students ran through heavy rain on a significantly firmer track!

I congratulate all students for their wonderful participation and the amazing House spirit that was on display at both events. For the record well done to Doyle who won the Senior School Cup and Hessian who took out the Junior School Shield.

Half Way Day
Half Way Day marks the conclusion of half of our academic year. This year it will take place on Friday June 27 and will see the coming together of both the Patrick St and Austins Ferry campus students to celebrate this point of the year. The major focus of the day is our walkathon and sponsorship drive for the Mary Rice Centre in Africa.

We will focus more on the Mary Rice Centre in coming newsletters, however Half Way Day provides a wonderful opportunity for students to be involved in understanding the importance of the Centre, both to the students at the Centre and to students at St Virgil’s who have a deep emotional and spiritual connection with the children of Mary Rice.

The day provides an opportunity for not only students but parents also be part of this school community event. Half Way Day involves a community lunch and parents are warmly welcome to be a part of the lunch. A number of parents have already volunteered to support the day. If you are willing or able to help in any way please contact Mr Mark Waddington - mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Gala Dinner Auction
The Parents & Friends Association on both campuses are well and truly in motion for Term Two and the planning is well underway for the major event for the year. The bi-annual Gala Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday August 2 at the New Town Bay Rowing Centre. The evening provides an opportunity for all members of our community to come together in a causal environment to enjoy each other’s company. The P&F will provide more information in this publication in the weeks to come. I take the opportunity to warmly invite you all to be involved and put the event in your calendar to attend the event. All funds raised on the night will go to benefit all boys at both campuses.

Grade 10 Matters
As the year rapidly progresses and we move into the winter months a reminder to our Grade 10 students that they are approaching the half way mark of their final year at St Virgil’s College. A number of major events will take place for them in the coming months, the first one being the Grade 10 examination week. Exams will take place from June 16-19 and earlier this week each boy was given an exam booklet which will assist them in preparation for the core exams. Staff have also taken the opportunity to provide support in the areas of time management and study preparation in these exams and we look forward to the challenges that will present themselves over the upcoming weeks.

As we move through the Grade 10 year, significant opportunities will be provided to boys to start to explore their subjects and pathways for Grade 11 and 12 study. The natural progression from St Virgil’s College is a move to Guilford Young College and as a part of that partnership, next week our Grade 10 students will be provided with the opportunity to visit the Hobart campus and see the facilities and start to engage in conversations about potential pathways. This will be the first of a number of opportunities provided to Grade 10 boys and we will keep you informed of these through future publications of The Star.
GYC Grade 11 Enrolment 2015
Enrolments for Grade 11 2015 at Guilford Young College close on Friday June 20. I encourage all students to get their enrolment form in to secure an enrolment place for next year. Over the coming months GYC will run a number of events to help in the beginning for the transition for 2015. Details:

GYC, Hobart Campus visit
Date: Thursday June 5
Time: depart SVC 8.45am, return 11.15
Uniform: Formal

GYC Parent Information Evenings
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Location: GYC Hobart Campus
Time: 7.30pm
GYC Enrolments due - Friday June 20 (enrolments can be left at SVC office)

Message from St Mary’s College
I have attached a message from the Principal, Mr Tom Dorey inviting anyone who has a sister currently not at St Mary’s about the opportunities to join the Grade 11 programme in 2015. Parents of girls are reminded that the TCEC have reinforced that there are two Catholic educational pathways for girls entering Grade 11 – St Mary’s College and GYC.

“It is not widely known that St Mary’s College in addition to Guilford Young College is an entry point for senior secondary studies in the Catholic education sector. St Mary’s College provides an all girls’ College environment at Senior Secondary level in which to pursue excellence in all areas. The College is currently welcoming enquiries for 2015 enrolments from students in our Catholic Year 10 Colleges”.

Parents and Year 10 students are advised that the closing date for enrolment applications for entry to Year 11 (or Year 12) at St Mary’s in 2015 is Friday 27 June 2014.
You are warmly invited to contact our Enrolment Officer, Tammy Carlton, for further information about the College. Information about the range of subjects and their flexible delivery arrangements, a tour of the College and Enrolment Applications is readily available.

A limited number of scholarships are available on merit and fee assistance is available on a needs basis. Tammy can be contacted as follows: (T): 6108 2560 or (E): enrol@smc.tas.edu.au

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“In his book Jim Stynes discusses his attempts to inspire young people to “move out of their ordinary world” and take up the heroes journey to do ‘great things’.”

Grade 9 Heroes Journey
In the Grade 9 Welfare period the boys are currently undertaking a unit called “the Heroes Journey”. This unit is inspired by a book written by Jim Stynes who among many famous sporting feats started the Reach Foundation aimed at helping to engage young people in their world. In his book Stynes discusses his attempts to inspire young people to “move out of their ordinary world” and take up the heroes journey to do ‘great things’.

We have shared the amazing stories of ordinary people who have done extraordinary things and challenged the boys to consider how they can take their step in the Heroes Journey. Parents may want to ask their sons to outline some of the stories they have heard.

Staying on Top of Work
We are at that time of year when the demands of work and assessment are building up on some boys, particularly if they struggle with their time management. Below are some home strategies that may help to ease the stress, particularly on those boys who tend to leave things until the last minute:
- There is never a time when there is no homework to be done!
- Re-read and/or re-write class notes in an organised way in things such as planners, organisers, note taking cards etc.
- Summarise the things learnt that day into dot points.
- Do a little bit on projects each night to save the rush at the end.

Study is something that should be done regularly because it is surprising how quickly we forget things! I have outlined the following to the boys on a number of occasions:
- A good part of what a person forgets takes place within 20 minutes of initially learning it.
- Within one hour a student forgets nearly half of what was originally learned.
- After 24 hours, almost two-thirds of the previous learned material is forgotten.
Further studies show that **re-learning** material (studying) is crucial in retaining information and suggest that after five repetitions (of study activities) we can retain 95% of what we learnt. This information is particularly important to the Grade 10s at the moment.

As always I encourage parents to contact the College if their son is struggling with his studies in any way. We are all in this for the sake of our boys.

**Behaviour and Academic Outcomes**

Mr Messer spoke recently to all boys about the importance of focussing on their learning. Research in boys’ education is very clear when it outlines a correlation between behavioural problems and learning outcomes. The evidence suggests that one problem may lead to another; in other words for some boys behavioural difficulties lead to learning difficulties, while for others learning difficulties lead to behaviour problems. Of even greater concern for me is when this poor behaviour impacts on the learning of others. The research clearly shows that when a boy is getting the same messages at home as he is at school the opportunity for change is increased significantly.

Behaviour and academic outcomes is not just a school issue. Dealing with poor behaviour is a shared responsibility between school and home and as always we appreciate the support we receive from parents in our endeavours.

I have included below a ten steps homework guide for students that may also be of benefit for parents. Please discuss this with your sons.

1. Check your diary.
2. Decide which tasks are most urgent. *(Are all the due dates in your diary?)*
3. Complete set homework tasks. *(Do them in order of priority.)*
4. Work on long-term projects and assignments. *(Don’t leave these until the night before.)*
5. Write long-term projects in your diary each day so you don’t forget.
6. Revise for tests and other assessments. *(Everything you are taught will be assessed in some way.)*
7. Read any handouts and place them in appropriate folders.
8. Proof read your written work.
9. Let your parents know when you need more paper, pens, equipment etc.
10. Clean out your schoolbag when you finish homework, then pack it ready for school the next day.

**Change in Bus Route- Route 363AM City to St Virgil's College**

**Mr Simon Orlowski, Director of Transport**

**Change of Departure Point**

Metro Tasmania has been experiencing some issues with congestion on its Macquarie Street stop outside St David’s Cathedral, which is the current departure point for Route 363 in the morning. Because this stop is heavily used dwelling on this stop waiting for its departure time is restricting access for other services, which causes congestion back along the street. In order to reduce congestion on the Macquarie Street stop and also make for a safer boarding location for your students, effective Monday May 26 the following change will take place:

**ROUTE 363 AM: HOBART CITY to ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE via Argyle St & Brooker Hwy**

This service will now commence from Elizabeth St Bus Mall Stop B at 8.02am, then travel via Collins St to Argyle St then as per the current route. It will no longer depart from Macquarie St outside St David’s Cathedral. The timetable remains unchanged.

Bus Stop B is on the southern side of the Bus Mall, outside the Westpac Bank. Notice of the change will also be placed on the Metro Tasmania website.
BR PETER FLINT

From the Last Post to Pentecost and Reveille?

The Last Post died into the cold dark morning at the Hobart Cenotaph and I looked around at the composition of the crowd present and compared it to those at the Easter ceremonies. The Gallipoli myth is alive and well. The Christian Myth ??

Daily, as a Campus Minister, I am both humbled and affirmed by teenage boys who often share some of the most secret places of their lives with me. Most have their sacred places for healing and reflecting. (They’d say it differently.) Most are prayerful and often find their prayer in their music and their physicality. Inwardly I weep over the ever increasing chasm between Institutional religion and the people, young and old, who are part of my world.

David Tacey describes my experience well: “The spirit may still be present in the church, but it is tragically entombed in dogma and lost to an archaic theological language that has little impact on the contemporary imagination.”

My own Congregation calls me: “consciously to choose ways to widen my experience and understanding of God’s presence and activity.” Our last General Chapter also invited me to “into the unfolding mystery of my quest for God.”

Those who walked with me sit on my bookshelf in their well-used and annotated books. Ched Myers opened Mark’s Gospel to me and showed me a Jesus who got my feet and theology walking together. Stephen Hawking and Diarmuid O’Murchu have helped to de-anthropomorphise my image of God. Michael Morwood spoke a lot of sense and gave me good guidelines for speaking of the Kingdom to others. David Tacey put words to my struggling thoughts and helped me find the courage to express them.

I may also be called to leave those familiar shores of traditional beliefs and practices as my experience and understanding of God’s presence widens. I may journey past horizons that I knew, beyond the margins of what many would call Catholic, or even Christian. It may place me with those who are also at or beyond the margins of institutional church.

Are religious Orders also called to make this journey to the margins of institutional orthodoxy and beyond – to respond to the hunger for meaning in our society?

It is a rather scary to leave familiar shores – to leave the surety of held beliefs to become one who lives with questions more than answers. Yet as I’ve journeyed in faith, new dimensions have evolved. Maybe something like the disciples walking to Emmaus; their initial faith in Jesus was inadequate, then …..

I have a sense of setting out upon the deep - I find it a scary journey– I need company.

I’m not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know! But I feel my spirit called Like a stirring deep within Restless ’till I live again Beyond the fears that close me in!
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Sometimes, it is not enough to do our best; we must do what is required.”

Sir Winston Churchill

Enrolment 2015
Interviews have commenced for all those families who have applied for a position at the Junior School Campus for 2015. Applications are still open, so if you know of anyone interested in making an application, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

P & F Association
Footy Family Fun Night – Mark it on the Calendar
Please mark on your calendars Friday June 13 when the P & F will be hosting this year’s family footy fun night in the Junior School Hall. The night features the Carlton v Hawthorn game on the big screen – Mrs Messer’s team v Mr Fitz! Everyone is most welcome. Further details will be sent home with students.

STCPSSA Footy Round Robin
Our three teams in this round robin have hit the ground running with fantastic results from the first two rounds. A lot of positive feedback has been received about the great skills and sportsmanship being displayed. Well done boys and their coaches.

Woodwork
This week, Grade 3 travelled out to the Senior School for their rotation of woodwork. There was great excitement and anticipation, especially upon arrival at the Campus. After introductions to all the workshop staff and instructions about safety, the boys commenced their work on creating a bottle opener. We look forward to seeing the results.

Grade 5 States of Matter Dry Ice Experiment
Grade 5 boys greatly enjoyed conducting experiments with dry ice this week as part of the States of Matter Unit in Science.
Hobart Eisteddfod
Last week, the Junior School Choir participated in the Hobart Eisteddfod. The boys performed wonderfully against some very talented competition. The adjudicator was most impressed with the boys’ efforts as highlighted in her performance review comments and was also quite pleased to see a large group of boys in a choir. The boys should be very proud of their efforts and are to be congratulated along with Mrs Norton. Well done Mrs Norton and the choir boys.

Junior School Cross Country with St Mary’s
Our annual cross country at Tolosa Park is being held today. The boys will be chasing spots to represent St Virgil’s at the upcoming JSSATIS and STCPSSA cross country carnivals. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to assist in any aspect of the day. We look forward to sharing the results of the day in next week’s edition of The Star.

JSATIS Cross Country
Commencing this year, St Virgil’s College Junior School is the co-ordinating school for the JSSTIS Cross Country event. This is the first year of a three year cycle. The event will be held on June 19 at the Police Academy, Rokeby. We are asking all parents from the Junior School to mark this day in their calendar and to consider helping out on the day as a course marshal or some other role. The P & F will also be running a BBQ on the day.

Further details and a formal request for assistance will be coming home with the boys very soon.

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/June 2014
Assembly led by Grade 3                         May 30
MJR for Grade 6                                  June 2 & 3
ICAS Science Competition                        June 4
Queen’s Birthday long weekend                   June 9
Assembly led by Grade 6 C                       June 13
P & F Footy Fun Night                           June 13
ICAS Writing Competition                       June 16
ICAS Spelling Competition                      June 17
JSSATIS Cross Country hosted by SVC             June 19

Junior School Sport
Water Polo
The Grade 5&6 team battled stoically against a strong Princes St Primary School team going down 5-6 in a closely contested game. The team were weakened by a number of player withdrawals due to illness but showed glimpses of play that will stand them in good stead for the rest of the year. This week’s game is at 7.30pm against Hutchins. Training is on Tuesday mornings at 6.30 am for those who can attend.
Goals: Tadhg Waddington 4, Max Giuliani 1.
Player of the Week: Jordan Baker for great defence and team play.
Soccer

May 10

Under 11 Green

SVC Green 11 defeated Friends 3
Goals: Declan Cooke 3, Sebastian Brown 4, Liam O'Donnell 1, Joel Watling 1, Mitchell Hayers 1, Jack Andrews 1, Connor Pearcey 1, Hunter Cooke 2.

Player of the Week: Declan Cooke awarded for great team play.

May 17

Under 9 Blue

SVC Blue 3 lost to Immaculate Heart 4
Goals: Ethan Nattey 1, Charlie Banks 1 and Jack Pritchard 1.

Player of the Week: Michael Crouch awarded for great defensive play.
Encouragement Award: Bruno Gonzalez.

Under 11

SVC Green 11 defeated Hobart United 5

Player of the Week: Mitchell Hayers awarded for versatility.

May 24

Under 9 Blue

SVC Blue 1 lost to Cygnet 5
The lone goal scorer for this match was Ethan Nattey who was greatly assisted by his team mates.

Player of the Week: James Zeeman awarded for playing well all game.
Encouragement Award: James Robinson for great work in goals.

Under 11 Green

SVC 4 drew with West Hobart 4
This was a great spectator game, where the outcome of the game could have been decided by either team. A fitting end to a great game.
Goals: Hunter Cooke 2, Declan Cooke 1, and Joel Watling 1.

Player of the Week: Connor Pearcey awarded for great defending.

Junior School Canteen

Friday May 30 S Ashby / A Excell
Wednesday June 4 C Monks / R Smith
Thursday June 5 E Loveless / J Bourke
Friday June 6 F Nuss / R Fergusson
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Grade 7 Geography Excursion
On Friday the June 6 boys in Gr 7 A, D and E will participating in a Geography Excursion as part of their studies in the unit: Place & Liveability. Boys will need to wear their full sports uniform (including track pants) and spray jacket. They will also need to bring a water bottle and food for Morning Tea. The boys may also bring a smaller day pack for this excursion. We will return by the beginning of lunch so boys may still order from the canteen.

We will be departing at 8.45 am and returning at 12.30 pm. If you or your son have any questions concerning this excursion, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Tristan Cripps or Ms Maryanne Saxton-Hillier at the Senior School.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 10 GYC visits
In recent weeks I have written about the Pathway Planning that the Grade 10’s have been undertaking in the fortnightly Welfare Sessions. In coming weeks this will extend to visits to Guilford Young College, as they begin their process of enrolments for 2015. Although all boys may not transition to GYC, it is the preferred education pathway, where all our boys are reserved a space for enrolment. These visits are of great value to all boys, as the information delivered is not just GYC specific, it also covers general pathways information and the requirements of meeting the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), and gaining an Australian Tertiary Entrance Ranking (ATAR), therefore it is required that all boys attend.

Specific details and important dates are:
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GYC Enrolments due - Friday June 20 (can be left at SVC office)
Later in the year all students will visit the Glenorchy campus for their pathways course information expo. Details will be published for this event and course selection deadlines closer to the date.

**SPORT**

**Grade 9&10 Football**

Mr Mark Beck

**The SVC Derby!**

Michael Gardner and Dale Kickett weren’t present for this one but their aggression and desire certainly was! Both teams played with an outstanding spirit and perhaps the highlight was a Carey/Jakovich like battle in the form of Hooker v Hooker. The young one took the honours.

After leading comfortably at half time, the 1st XVIII team, minus a few regulars, took the foot off the pedal and allowed Mr Canning’s troops to get back into it with some strong efforts from Wade Lockley and Harry Richmond. The 1st XVIII limped to the line much like Hawthorn in 1989, and similar to that game the runners up had an Ablett-like performer in Nathan Lovell.

**Final Score**

1st XVIII: 8: 5: 53  
2nd XVIII: 6: 1: 37

**Goals:**  
1st XVIII: J. Morgan 3, H. Pearce 3, B. Elmer 2, R. Hooker  
2nd XVIII: J. Morgan, R. Hooker, H. Pearce, H. Pritchard, B. Elmer, B. Pearce

**1st XVIII Best:**  
J. Morgan, R. Hooker, H. Pearce, H. Pritchard, B. Elmer, B. Pearce

**2nd XVIII Best:**  
W. Lockley, H. Richmond, N. Lovell

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*Grade 10 Cross Country Winner Bini Hagos*
FIT FOR LIFE NEWS
Mr Mark Beck

The colder weather has not dampened the efforts of students, staff and parents in Fit4Life. So much so that even the community bootcamps on a Wednesday afternoon have been outside at times due to the unavailability of the Edmund Rice Hall. If you would like to join these bootcamps email mbeck@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Top Right: Kieran Biggar giving his core a workout

Top Left: A couple of early morning posers!

Below: An intense circuit to start the day!
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

Next Meeting – Wednesday June 18 at 7.30 pm at Austins Ferry.

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.

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
The Parents and Friends Association Need Your Help!

Donations of Goods and Services are Gratefully Requested!

To make this night a successful fundraiser that will benefit all boys at the Senior and Junior school, the Parents and Friends Association need your help! The P&F need donations of good and services that can be used as part of the auctions on the night. Almost anything of value will make a great auction item! Some examples could include:

- Electrical goods still in their box!
- A weekend at your shack
- Hosting a dinner party
- Accommodation vouchers
- Tourism experiences
- New clothes items
- Hardware items
- Heating units
- Books
- Wine
- Trade services
- Dinner vouchers
- Sporting gear
- Hosting a fishing adventure
- Food gift baskets
- Car services
- Furniture
- Computer hardware

If you have any contacts at businesses that may be able to donate please do not hesitate to approach them – we can provide you with a donor letter. If you can assist with a donation, big or small please contact the Director of Development Mr Mark Waddington at mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

If you can donate an item please drop it in to the Front Office at either campus.

Past experience highlights that this is a great fun night with bargains for all and a great fundraiser for our boys – please put the date in your diary and start rounding up your friends. Ticket details will be in coming editions of The Star.

Thank you for your support.
Mission Australia Annual Youth Survey
Mission Australia are conducting their Annual Youth Survey for 2014. This survey is open for any young people 15 to 19 and is an important opportunity for young people to have their say.

The survey, previous reports and more information can be found here: https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/what-we-do-to-help-new/young-people/understanding-young-people/annual-youth-survey

Brighton Junior Football Club "The Robins Rave"
Junior Disco’s at the Brighton Football Clubrooms
Friday 13th June 2014
Friday 25th July 2014
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Ages 5 - 12yrs Only
$5.00 Entry
Nibbles and Refreshments Available at the Canteen
No Pass Outs
Parents & Guardians welcome to stay and PARTY!


- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Holyoake - Support for Young People affected by Alcohol / Drugs
- Canteen Race Day Fundraiser
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