FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Halfway Day

Halfway Day is fast approaching and I would like to thank those who have already volunteered to support us next Friday. There are still plenty of spaces available and I encourage you to contact either Mr Mark Waddington - mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or Susan Roberts to express your interest and support. Students will have lunch at 12.30pm so help is required from
approximately 10.30am to 1.00pm.

From a student perspective, the day is well and truly under way and each boy has been encouraged to get moving on gathering sponsorship for our ongoing support of the Mary Rice Centre. A sponsorship card has been distributed and hopefully is in a prominent place in your household. Later this week students will be given the opportunity to select which activity they will be doing in the afternoon.

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Archbishop’s Visit
Today we were delighted to have His Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous visit both campuses. His Grace spent time meeting with students and staff and seeing many of the learning opportunities available to students on both campuses. His visit is part of his schedule of visiting all Catholic schools in Tasmania. His Grace is the Patron of the College and we greatly enjoyed his visit and look forward to him being a regular visitor to both campuses in the future.

Building Committee
Over the past three years many of the members of our Building Committee have had sons finish their journey at St Virgil’s. As a result, the numbers on this committee have begun to dwindle and I would like anyone who is interested in joining the Building Committee to submit an Expression of Interest to me.

The Building Committee meets approximately six times a year under the guidance of Chair, Mr Chris Wright. In line with sound governance principles for the College, Chris then formally reports to the Board about the progress in the areas of building, grounds, maintenance and capital projects. The committee look at the current, medium and long term plans for the building and maintenance of both campuses and are about to embark on the vital task of updating the Building Master Plan to ensure it reflects the College’s educational programmes and aspirations. I invite anyone who is interested to please be in touch.

Industrial Action
If you have been following recent media you will be aware of possible industrial action that could impact upon the Catholic educational sector. As an attachment to this newsletter the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Patricia Hindmarsh has produced a memo for parents to read, which clearly articulates the position of the TCEO. I encourage you to read the Director’s communication which can be found at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/download/newsletters/attachments/Memo%20from%20the%20Director%20-%20Industrial%20Action-1.pdf?a53d69

Grade 10 Student Free Day
The Grade 10 cohort this week have just completed their Semester One exams and as a result tomorrow will be a student free day for Grade 10 students only. Whilst I congratulate the boys on the way they have approached exams this week, I would also remind them that it is back to business as usual on Monday!

JSSATIS Cross Country
The staff of our Junior School today took charge of the organisation of the JSSATIS Cross Country Carnival at Rokeby. I would like to thank all staff for their work on this event, as well as thanking the students from Grade 10 who volunteered as Support Marshalls. The Junior School division of the Parents & Friends also provided a kiosk for those who attended, providing much need warm coffee, snacks and lunches for all who were present.
Old Virgilian’s Association Luncheon
On Tuesday June 24 the Old Virgilian’s Association have their bi-monthly luncheon at 12.30pm in the Joyce Performance Centre. The cost is $25 which includes your lunch and some beverages. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mr Rene Sluyters rsluyters@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or phone 0417565762.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“For me it comes down to just two words. He should have backbone and heart. Backbone is the ability to stand firm, endure, be true to his word and sometimes put himself last, especially under circumstances of great need…”

This week the College prepares for Half Way Day and the associated Walkathon. This is a major community event in the College year, and with the support of the Parents and Friends and the efforts of Staff a great day is anticipated.

Throughout the course of a student’s time at St Virgil’s they are often challenged in regards to the concept of moving from boyhood into manhood. This development is physical (as many parents and their pantries are no doubt finding), and also attitudinal. This change in attitude requires a move from seeing oneself as the centre of the universe to seeing oneself as a part of and contributor to the universe. The fundraising for the Mary Rice Centre, which is the key component of the Walkathon, challenges boys to look beyond themselves, to move out of their comfort zone and to think of others.

For some this is genuinely a challenge, but if we are to be true to our objectives of developing fine young men of faith and compassion for others we must offer these challenges. I think author of “Raising Boys” Steve Biddulph sums it up when he says "For me it comes down to just two words. He should have backbone and heart. Backbone is the ability to stand firm, endure, be true to his word and sometimes put himself last, especially under circumstances of great need...”
The boys are very aware of the impact on the lives of the students of the Mary Rice Centre that this fundraising has. They are also aware that simply going to Mum or Dad and asking for money for the Walkathon is missing the point. Their challenge is to move out of their comfort zones and explain the story of the Mary Rice Centre and why we are fundraising.

We would ask for support from parents by encouraging boys to take up the challenge and look beyond themselves. Boys are reminded that all monies raised need to be returned promptly to the appropriate Pastoral Care Teacher on the Monday following the Walkathon.

**Upcoming Events**

On Monday we welcome back the Brainstorm Theatre Company to perform for the Grade 7, 8 and 9 students. Through performance they will address the issue of Cyber bullying touching on:

**WHO IS** responsible?

**WHAT** drives cyber bullies to send that nasty message, post that hurtful comment or embarrassing photo on Facebook or Snapchat?

**WHY** are some people more likely to be a target and why is it hard for victims to be assertive or resilient?

**WHERE** can they go if or when they are being cyber bullied?

**HOW** can we stop cyber bullying from happening?

This topic will then be followed up in the Welfare sessions in following weeks.

**CAMPUS MINISTER**

**BR PETER FLINT**

Each morning, each Pastoral Care (PC) Group is invited into the Chapel for a short prayer/reflection session. I encourage staff to develop their own programme for the session, although I always have a session “in reserve”.

Early this week Mr Cripps brought his PC Group in and had a YouTube video that he had been sent. It was perfect. If ever Jesus’ iPad is found, this well be on it. Pope Francis would give it the thumbs up too!

I invite you to have a look.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOuiq1Nv_sM
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“The tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach.”

Benjamin Mays

P & F Association
Footy Family Fun Night
Last Friday, the P & F hosted this year’s family footy fun night in the Junior School Hall where an enthusiastic audience was once again able to watch Hawthorn defeat Carlton. Everyone present had a very enjoyable time watching the footy with the boys loving the opportunity to test out their own skills during the breaks. Thank you to the P&F, staff and everyone involved in the organisation and running of such an enjoyable social evening.

2014 Junior School Fair
Preliminary discussions were had at this week’s monthly P & F meeting in regards to this year’s Junior School Fair to be held on Sunday September 14 (please mark this date on your calendar). As is tradition, all boys are expected to be in attendance and to assist with their class/grade stall. Any suggestions are welcome in regards to possible stalls. Please direct any suggestions to P & F President, Mark Waddington, via email mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Half Way Day
The Junior School efforts for the half way day walk-a-thon were officially launched last Friday at our assembly. Mr Waddington, who visited Africa and the Mary Rice Centre last year, spoke to the boys about the life that the students live, who attend the Centre. He was able to recount first hand experiences from his visit to give our students a genuine understanding of how their efforts can have an exponentially positive effect for the students and families at the Centre. The boys were challenged to strive to do the best they can in their fundraising for half way day which is next Friday June 27.

STCPSSA Football Round Robin
This Friday will be the last day of competition for our boys in the STCPSSA Football Round Robin. A special thank you to Mr Waugh and the dads who have coached the boys so successfully this year. Our three teams have each played five rounds and between them have only suffered the one loss – a great effort by everyone. The boys are also to be commended for the great sportsmanship and display of skills each week. The three teams will compete in their own round robin on half way day whilst we are at the Senior School Campus.

Semester Reports
The staff are working very hard compiling the end of Semester reports for 2014. The reports will look a little different this year due to the integration of new software across the College. The staff have adapted to this extremely well and are embracing some of the new capabilities that it affords. The boys will be bringing their reports home during Week 19 (beginning June 23). Parents will have the opportunity to request an interview with their son’s teacher during Week 20 (beginning June 30). This interview is optional if requested by either parents or your son’s teacher. Further details very soon.
Enrolment 2015
Interviews are well and truly underway for 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.

JSATIS Cross Country
Today, St Virgil's College Junior School hosted the JSATIS Cross Country. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. Also to the Senior School staff and Grade 10 students who are also helping out. We wish the boys well as they compete today and look forward to sharing results with you via Twitter @svctas and in next week's Newsletter.

Music Department Concert
Information has been sent home with Grade 5 and 6 boys detailing a special concert to coincide with the end of the Semester. The concert will be held on the boys’ normal Band day, Wednesday July 2. The boys along with the Music Department staff and tutors have been working very hard in their Band or General Music lessons to be ready for the performance. Please consider giving up a small amount of time on this day to support your sons and the Music department as they perform.

End of Semester Assembly
Our end of Semester Assembly this year will be held in the Joyce Performance Centre at the Austins Ferry Campus on Friday July 4. All parents and friends are welcome to attend as we highlight the boys’ efforts and achievements during the first semester of 2014. A formal invitation will be coming home with the boys very soon which will also ask for approximate numbers of those attending. Please note the change of venue from that previously advised.

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:

June/July
JSATIS Cross Country hosted by SVC June 19
All Schools Cross Country ~ Symmons Plains June 25
Half Way Day at Austins Ferry Campus June 27
Music Department concert in Junior School Hall July 2
End of Semester Assembly at Austins Ferry Campus July 4
Last day of Term 2 July 4
First day of Term 3 for boys July 22
Grade 4 Excursion
Mr Tim Birthisel
On Wednesday Grade 4 went for a big walk to the National Forest Learning Centre on Melville St for their unit on Biological Sciences. Some of you may know the National Forest Learning Centre as the ‘Indoor Forest’. The boys undertook many exciting activities. The activities ranged from looking under microscopes to classifying different plants to creating food webs. It is safe to say the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves on this excursion and represented their school with great pride while in public.

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June/July 2014
Assembly led by Grade 6 C
P & F Footy Fun Night
ICAS Writing Competition
ICAS Spelling Competition
JSSATIS Cross Country hosted by SVC
All Schools Cross Country ~ Symmons Plains
Half Way Day
Music Department concert
End of Semester Assembly
June 13
June 13
June 16
June 17
June 19
June 25
June 27
July 2
July 4
Junior School Sport

Congratulations to Tom Rasmussen who has been chosen in both the Tasmanian Under 12 and Under 13 Hockey teams. He will compete in the Under 12 Nationals in Hobart in August, followed by the Under 13 Nationals in Adelaide in October. Lots of hard training ahead....

Water Polo
The Grade 5&6 team went down to a talented Montague Bay PS team 10-5. Despite the scoreline the team played very well and created numerous opportunities. A failure to share the ball with players in better position cost the team at key moments and has been a focus at training this week.
This week the team take on top of the ladder Hutchins Black at 8 pm. Training for those who can attend is 6.30 am each Tuesday.
Goals: Max Giuliani 2, Tadhg Waddington 2, Josh Wylie 1.
Player of the Week: Josh Wylie for great all round team play.

Junior School Canteen

Friday June 20 R & L Langshaw
Wednesday June 25 K Bridgland / L Jankowiak
Thursday June 26 S Thompson / J Whitton
Friday June 27 HALF WAY DAY

If you are able to assist on any canteen days please contact Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Africa Arts Week – Student Art Exhibition
During Term 2 boys have been engaged in a range of projects which link to our ongoing support of the Mary Rice Centre. An Exhibition of student work will be held this Sunday June 22 from 3pm in the Art Room at the Austins Ferry Campus.

The flyer for the Exhibition can be accessed at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/
Homework Club
Ms Claire Graham
All students are invited to attend ‘Homework Club’ each Wednesday after school. A number of teachers will be present to provide assistance in a range of learning areas. Homework Club runs from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm and students will be provided with a Milo and snack prior to the session commencing. A bus will run from the College to the CBD following each session.

For more details please email cgraham@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Grade 9 Drama Excursion
Miss Imogen Gray
On Wednesday June 25 the Grade 9 Drama class will be attending Guilford Young College’s matinee performance of The Addams Family. The performance is being held at the Playhouse Theatre in Bathurst Street. Students will be leaving the College at recess and returning in time for their last lesson. All students must be in formal uniform.

Religious Education
Mr John O’Keefe
Corey Shea from 8E made this game as part of a unit in Religious Education on St Paul. Corey with the help of Mrs Sherry Coy made this board game, which was enthusiastically played by other members of the class.

Instrumental Music
Mr Jeremy Williamson

Musical Instrument Borrowing
One of the great aspects of our Music Programme is the large amount of instrument resources we have available for students to borrow on a nightly basis to practice on. The huge amount of improvement we are seeing in students this year is fantastic.

Unfortunately, a number of musical instruments have been left on Metro buses this year; due to boy’s lack of care or concern for the instrument. Luckily most of the instruments have been returned to school, either collected by students, parents or even staff. I am sure you appreciate how concerning this is to have instruments go missing in this manner.
Parents should note that if your son signs out and borrows a musical instrument, and subsequently misplaces it, then it is the parent’s responsibility to relocate that instrument. If it is lost, then parents are liable for the replacement cost and will be billed accordingly. This cost could range from $500-$1500. We do not like doing this but to have instruments go missing jeopardises our ability to teach other students in the College as well as your son.

Please encourage your son to be responsible with school equipment and to make sure he knows where his instrument is at all times.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

GYC Enrolment
A reminder for all families of Grade Ten boys, that enrolment for GYC needs to be submitted by Friday June 20. Enrolment applications can be left at the Austins Ferry Office for collection by GYC staff. Families should have received in the mail information for GYC around the process for enrolment, however if stuck the information and forms are easily downloaded from their website: www.gyc.tas.edu.au

FIT FOR LIFE

Mr Mark Beck

Check out this great workout the boys have been working on this week. Oscar Bannerman completed three sets in record time!

Remember, there is before school bootcamps on a Wednesday, in-class sessions during the week and community bootcamps on a Wednesday afternoon! If you would like to join any of these sessions, email: mbeck@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
SPORT

Grade 9&10 Football

Mr Mark Beck

SVC Gold V SVC Blue – ‘The Derby’
This time the rules were set, teams would stay as they are in an attempt to see the real development of both sides. The Gold team were instructed to play ‘warp speed’ footy and that is just what they did, playing on at all times and relentlessly forcing the ball forward. Jed Morgan did a mountain of work in the first half showing up some of the bigger names (‘state squad players, you know who you are!’).

Around the stoppages, the Blue team applied congestion with the likes of Riley ‘Shot’ Gunther and Jackson ‘Big’ Mann playing a good role trying to put pressure on ones players. But the class of the Gold shone out, and the spread of goal kickers was like the phenomenal Hawks side of recent times. Henry ‘this is my third sport’ Pritchard’s run and carry from the back was particularly impressive.

A big mention to Declan ‘Razor Ray’ Waddington who is doing an excellent job each week umpiring - Wayne Campbell will be in contact shortly!

SVC Gold 14 6 90 defeated SVC Blue 0, 0, 0
SVC Blue: R. Gunther, T. Hapka, J, Mann, N. Lovell, B. Canning

Grade 7&8 Water Polo

SVC Sharks
Last Friday night St Virgil’s Sharks played Friends Blue. With both teams putting up a great fight, the contest was close until halftime. The second half was when SVC pulled away with James Drew scoring 4 goals and Callum Polanowski 3. Fletcher Cashion was great in goals saving all shot taken by Friends. Other goal scorers were Fletcher Cashion with 3 and Kerem Turhal with 2. It was a very rough game. Isaac Pearsall kept Friend’s State player to one goal, keeping him out of the game. The final score was 12-5. Despite an average first half it was a hard fought and well-deserved win by the boys.

Written by Ty O’Dwyer and Isaac Pearsall

SVC Coutas
The SVC Coutas went in confident with an undefeated streak so far. Versing Dominic they expected another win. Angus Reilly was in goals in the first half impressing the crowd with some comedic keeping with the highlight being him scoring from goals. By halftime the score was 10-2 with SVC dominating.

The second half Sam Kyle went into goals and was a great keeper with them only scoring 1. St Virgil’s put on a show with seven players scoring goals and getting another win. The Coutas remain undefeated with the final score being 21-3.

By Nelson Goram-Aitken and Angus Reilly
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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 July 23 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 into 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.


- TCEO Industrial Action Letter
- Africa Arts Week Exhibition Flyer
- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Holyoake - Support for Young People affected by Alcohol / Drugs
- YMCA Programmes
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