FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Mary Rice Centre
Tonight as I board the plane to head off on my immersion experience to Africa, I will do so with a heavy heart. I know that next week when I visit the Mary Rice Centre I will be able to share great news of the wonderful depth of feeling that our community has for their students, parents and staff, however missing Halfway Day is always a sad time. From a personal perspective Halfway Day is a wonderful statement of how we gather together as a community. The enthusiasm of the students, the organisation of the staff, and the amazing support of the Parents & Friends, brings all groups together for what is always an extremely enjoyable day. I
will be thinking of you as I fly across to the Indian Ocean and the African continent!

Visitng the five Christian Brother organisations that work with marginalised communities in Kenya and Tanzania in areas such as education, health, community development and social advocacy will provide me with great insights into the wonderful work that the Christian Brothers continue to do around the world. These men have always had a great influence on my life and I am sure this experience will be no exception.

I look forward to sharing my journey when I return in Term Three.

End of Term
With the end of term rapidly approaching I would like to remind parents of report distribution procedures. At Austins Ferry it is our aim to post your sons mid-year report next week. At the Junior School parents will receive their reports tomorrow in preparation for Parent-Teacher interviews next week. At Austins Ferry the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday July 29.

I encourage all students to reflect on their mid-year progress with the view to re-assessing their goals moving into Term Three. In the middle of winter a two week break provides an opportunity for rest and recharge to prepare for the second half of our year. For our senior students we are now already more than half way through the year.

Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing the students return on Tuesday July 22. A reminder that Monday July 21 is a Student Free Day.

Gala Auction
Early next term on Saturday August 2, the P&F Association in support of the College is holding its major social evening for the year - the Gala Auction held at the New Town Bay Rowing Centre, Marine Parade, New Town. A lot of the time and effort has gone into the organisation and many wonderful items will be available for auction. I encourage you to organise a table of ten for the event. Tickets at $30/head can be purchased online - http://www.easybookings.com.au/event/2014-gala-auction-evening

For any donations or other enquiries please contact the President of the P&F, Mrs Susan Roberts or the Director of Development, Mr Mark Waddington mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or phone 62496518.

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 my Personal Assistant Mrs Monica Nugent – mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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.
Old Virgilian’s Association Luncheon

It was great to share lunch with over 50 Old Scholars on Tuesday at the OVA’s bi-monthly luncheon at Austins Ferry. Attendees were delighted to be amongst good friends and stories of days gone by readily flowed. It is always a privilege to host the OVA for such events, as it tangibly demonstrates the connections, spirit and traditions that bind all members of our College community.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“I would like to acknowledge and thank the Parents and Friends for organising the barbecue and the staff for their participation in this busy reporting time”.

Tomorrow (Friday) members of the College take part in one of the most significant days of our school year in the Half Way Day celebrations. The day consists of a gathering prayer where the whole College comes together to set the tone, Walkathon, Liturgy, shared barbecue lunch and an afternoon of activities. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Parents and Friends for organising the barbecue and the staff for their participation in this busy reporting time.

On Wednesday next week we welcome back to Austins Ferry, performer Scott Darlow. Scott is an Australian singer/songwriter who combines acoustic rock and heartfelt lyrics with the didgeridoo skills of his heritage and is on a mission to unite cultures through his love of music. Using music as a tool to open young hearts and minds, Scott has toured Australia extensively, performing and talking at high schools. Scott speaks to students about Indigenous culture and challenges them to help facilitate reconciliation and understanding.

A reminder that normal classes will take place next week and the usual work expectations for boys remain. Term 2 finishes on Friday, July 4 which is a compulsory school day.
I found this well worth a read, and I can recommend the National Catholic Reporter - USA oriented and their Catholic culture is different to ours, but still worth reading.

The only trouble with the article is that there are few young people present in our churches. Maybe this extract is part of the reason:

"Following Jesus was never meant to be safe — and definitely not logical. Christianity is a perilous journey filled with all sorts of treacherous adventure. Children understand this better than anyone."

http://sojo.net/blogs/2014/06/23/four-ways-children-do-faith-better-adults

I commend it to your reading.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve?”

Abigail Adams

“Service to others
Is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth”.

Muhammad Ali

Half Way Day
Half way day is on tomorrow for all boys at the College. The two quotes above, I believe, are significant reminders to us all, no matter how difficult our lot is in life. We are very fortunate to be living in a country like Australia no matter how imperfect it is. It has been very pleasing having to distribute additional sponsor cards to a number of boys as they have endeavoured to collect as much money as possible for donation towards the Mary Rice Centre. The boys have heard about the conditions at the Mary Rice Centre from first hand experiences from Mr Waddington and Mr Birthisel. Their recounting of the conditions that the children experience at their school really struck a chord with many of the boys. I would encourage all the boys to do their very best in raising funds for the walkathon and the Mary Rice Centre and to also enjoy their day tomorrow.

JSSATIS Cross Country
Last Thursday, St Virgil’s College Junior School hosted the JSSATIS Cross Country on a very pleasant day at the Police Academy, Rokeby. Over 350 students competed in the Cross Country event. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped out on the day. We were also very fortunate to have a large number of Grade 10 students who came along and helped out as course marshals helping out. The boys tried very hard against some pretty good competition with the following boys finishing in the top ten of their races:

Grade 3: Charlie Banks 3rd
Grade 4: Hamish Menzie 10th
Grade 5: Cameron Monks 5th, Thomas Rasmussen 9th
Grade 6: Samuel Cornelius 3rd, Samuel Goodsir 8th, Samuel Collins 9th, Liam Roach 10th

Special congratulations to these boys for their achievement but also to all of the 32 boys in total who competed and tried their best around the course.

All Schools Cross country
This week, the Cross Country squad travelled to Symmons Plains for the All Schools Cross country. Thank you to Mrs Chambers for managing the team for this event. Around the gruelling course, the boys tried their best in each of the different age races against some very talented runners. Congratulations to Samuel Cornelius and Phoenix Robey who both finished 18th in their respective races. All boys are to be congratulated for their efforts.

P & F Association
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
**Semester Reports**
The staff have been 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 boys will be bringing their reports home **Thursday June 26**. Accompanying the reports will be a Parent/Teacher Request Form where parents, and teachers, will have the opportunity to request an interview during Week 20 (beginning June 30). This interview is optional if requested by either parents or your son’s teacher. Further details are with your son’s report.

**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.

**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 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/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/) Significant, upcoming events are summarised below:

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**Soccer**
*June 14*

**Under 9 Blue**

*SVC Blue 4 defeated Calvin 0*
This was the first win of the season, a fantastic team effort! The boys are now starting to gel and work really well together. It was very difficult to choose a player of the week as every player had an excellent game.

**Player of the Week:** Jack Pritchard awarded for scoring 3 goals and excellent skills
Under 11 Green
SVC Green 5 defeated Taroona 3
Although we won it was very disappointing to have to play with only eight players. Thank you to all those players who showed up, to the rest it would be nice if you could contact Jason Watling by the Friday night if possible. This way substitutes can be sourced in advance.
Player of the Week: Joel Watling awarded for good play.

June 21

Under 9 Blue
SVC Blue 8 defeated St Therese's 1
A comprehensive victory to SVC and a wonderful team effort. Best game of the season so far. The score line does not reflect how competitive the game was. Defence was rock solid and we took nearly all our chances exhibiting a great passing game. 4 goals to Jack Pritchard, 2 goals to Krystian Jankowiak and a goal each to Ethan Nattey and Wyatt Townsend.
Player of the Week: James Robinson awarded for great all round display in midfield and defence.
Encouragement Award: Connor Schofield for numerous excellent goal keeping saves.

Under 11 Green
SVC 7 defeated Princes St Pythons 6
A very close game with Hunter Cooke scoring 2 goals and Declan Cooke, Mitchell Hayers, Joel Watling and Sebastian Brown scoring 1 goal each.
Player of the Week: Hunter Cooke awarded for kicking the winning goal in the last 20 seconds of the game.

Water Polo
The Grade 5&6 team lost to top of the table Hutchins Black 3-17 in a hard fought battle where the scoreboard probably did not do justice to the efforts of the team. Joshua Harvey was fantastic in defence blocking a large number of shots and was well supported by Liahm O’Donnell. Harry Fisher, Joshua Wylie and Harry Fisher.
This week the team take on top of the ladder South Hobart at 7pm. Training for those who can attend is 6.30 am each Tuesday.
Goals: Tadhg Waddington 2, Jos Wylie 1.
Player of the Week: Josh Harvey for awesome defending.

Junior School Canteen

Friday June 27  
Wednesday July 2  
Thursday July 3  
Friday July 4  

HALF WAY DAY  
F Oliver / R Smith  
J Bourke / E Loveless  
NO CANTEEN – JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

If you are able to assist on any canteen days please contact Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Africa Arts Week – ‘Africa Alive Exhibition’
Ms Claire Graham and Mrs Bridget Jenkins

Commencing last Sunday members of the College community have had the opportunity to visit and purchase student work from the stunning ‘Africa Alive’ Exhibition. This exhibition is about the value of African animals.

Traditionally, safari hunters would aim to shoot ‘The Big 5’ - rhino, elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard. These days many African countries realise the value of these animals in attracting tourists to see them rather than kill them. Yet, poaching still occurs and many of these animals are still under serious threat today.

The Grade 9 and 10 Art students have created a series of linocut prints that portray the unique beauty and character of an African animal. The final works have examples of traditional artworks from the people who live in the same habitat of this animal. The work reminds us that it is possible to peacefully co-habit with animals again.

Well done to the following boys who contributed to the Exhibition.

**ARTIST LIST**

1. Joe Randall, ‘Savannah’
2. Sean Heathorn, ‘Bush Pig’
3. Patrick Dalton, ‘Lamba the Lizard’
4. Toby Le Fvre, ‘Kikuyu on the Prowl’
5. Lewis Debnam, ‘Lion of the Night’
7. Ryan Sproule, ‘Botwana Rhino’
8. Zac Curtis, ‘Dodo Bird’
9. Zachery Clements, ‘Chewa the Hippo’
10. Mathew Mus, ‘Hidden Berber Fox’
11. Tomi Hapka, ‘The Beast’ (Lino), ‘Pumba’ (Intaglio)
12. Alexander Munday, ‘San Camera Man’
13. Patrick Findlay, ‘Snake of the World’ (Lino), ‘Snake of Rain’ (Intaglio)
14. Jayde Blizzard, ‘Zulu Warrior’
15. Carl Moore, ‘The Meercats’
16. Andrew Kang, ‘Pingu the Penguin’
17. Solomon Roach, ‘Hadzabe Giraffe’
18. Christopher Harvey, ‘Massai’
19. Thomas Hume, ‘San Bushmen Sentinel’
20. Oliver Nolan, ‘Simba’
21. Nicholas Ashlin, ‘Scoping the Plains’
22. Jordan Cowen, ‘Serengeti Speedster’

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Water Polo
Miss Imogen Gray

Grade 7&8 SVC Coutas

On Friday the June 20 the SVC Coutas played Friends Blue.

In the first half the Coutas dominated with an early goal with many more to follow. Friends got a steal and quickly broke down the pool and scored a goal just before half time.

Half time started and the Coutas looked like they were going to have a good half but then shortly went downhill with Friends scoring four good goals very quickly. With about five minutes left on the clock the Coutas scoring a quick set of goals ending the match.

The final score was 13-5

By Tom Messer and Lachlan Reilly

Orienteering

Congratulations to Jaidyn Gluskie (Grade 7) who has been selected in the Tasmanian Secondary Schools Orienteering Team to compete in the Australian Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships which will be held in Perth, Western Australia in October 2014.

Congratulations Eugene!

Staff member Eugene Gerlach came first in the Over 40s Racewalking Road Championships at Kempton on June 14.
24. William Kaden, ‘Jump’
25. William Atkin, ‘Snake’
26. Rohan Cato, ‘Girraffé’
27. Liam Devlin, ‘Zulu Lion’
28. Joshua Ho, ‘Leopard’
29. Brandon Higgins, ‘Arno(Eagle Wolf)’

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

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Football
Mr Mark Beck
A Grade 7/8 combined team and the College 1st XVIII will play against the Hutchins School on Wednesday July 2 at the Hutchins War Memorial Oval. The 1st XVIII game will commence at 2.30pm. The 7/8 Game will start at 1pm. Transport will be provided to the game and students will need to be collected from Hutchins after completion.

The 1st XVIII team also have another important game against the Under 15 State team on Wednesday July 9 (First Wednesday of holidays). The game commences at 12 noon at KGV Oval. Students in the 1st XVIII squad will be required for this game unless they have previous holiday commitments.

Students will need to make their own arrangements to and from this game.
Requirements: Blue football shorts, SVC socks, Football Jumpers
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 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 goods 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.


- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Holyoake - Support for Young People affected by Alcohol / Drugs
- YMCA Programmes

Lost Blazer
Sam Nichols has lost his new Size 12 blazer which is clearly marked with his name. If found please return to front reception at Austins Ferry.
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