FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Our students and community can be justifiably proud of the effort they have put into supporting this wonderful centre”

Br George Massay

Whilst away in Africa I spent a significant amount of time at the South C Christian Brothers House. One of the key residents that we got to know very well was Br George Massay. George is the Deputy Leader of the African Province of the Christian Brothers. We spent much time talking about Australia and in particular Tasmania due to his connection with his old boss, Br Sean McManus. At the time Br George was hoping to visit Australia in the near future as one of the Melbourne Foundation members was looking to host him as the guest speaker at their annual dinner. We joked that if he did get to come to Australia he would have to come to

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 6B

Tuesday August 26 – Grade 5&6 JSSATIS Basketball, 3.45 pm
Friday August 29 – College House Athletics Carnival, Domain Athletics Centre

WEEK 7A

Monday September 1 – Grade 8A Outdoor Education camp
Tuesday September 2 – Grade 5&6 JSSATIS Basketball, 3.45 pm
Wednesday September 3 – Grade 8C Outdoor Education Camp
Friday September 5 – JS Father’s Day Breakfast, 7.30 am

Full calendar at College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au
visit us in Hobart. In the months that have transpired since my return, things moved far quicker than expected and on Wednesday this week Br George visited us in Hobart.

It was great for the boys to make the tangible connection between Africa and Australia and to hear his heartfelt message of thanks that he delivered on behalf of the children of the Mary Rice Centre. Talking from an African prospective it was heartening for all to see the extent by which our donations and fundraising for the centre makes such a marked difference. Br George often spends time in the Kibera slum and related many stories of how Kibera was for disabled children before Mary Rice became part of the slum’s educational landscape. He told the boys of his story where he came from and how he became a member of the Christian Brothers.

The College sent Br George back to Africa with a lovely warm polo fleece jumper and a number of iPad Is that have been set up for use in the Mary Rice Centre. While in one of the Grade 9 classes, he asked how the iPads were used as he spoke of his home land in Tanzania. The students brought up Google Earth and honed in on his house in rural Arusha. He was amazed that he could show his family’s rural property and the township which was very sparse in landscape and population. He was extremely proud to be able to show where he grew up, his Church and where his family spend their time.

As a special favour to us, we asked Br George to visit Mary Rice on our behalf and thank them for their wonderful messages of support and to convey the good news about our ongoing monetary support of the centre. Our students and community can be justifiably proud of the effort they have put into supporting this wonderful centre.

Mary Rice Centre Donation
Last Friday at the senior school gathering for the Renewal Team, the College took the opportunity to present the cheque to be sent to the Edmund Rice Foundation for the Mary Rice Centre for $25,000. As I learned from my visit this money will go a long way to provide education, food, uniforms, tuition fee and much needed occupational therapy support to the students of the centre.

A big thank you must go to all members of the community who helped make this significant donation possible.

House Athletics
A reminder that one of our major House events for 2014, the annual Athletics Carnival will be held at the Domain Athletic Centre on Friday August 29. The planning for the event is well under way and we remind boys to get into the House spirit by ensuring they have at least their House top available to ensure all spectators can identify the athletes as they compete during the day. Parents are warmly invited to come out and watch during the day and a reminder to secondary parents that Austins Ferry students will get their normal buses home straight from the centre and as a consequence will arrive home a little earlier than normal.

Grade 8/9 Subject Selection Evening
Middle school students will have the opportunity to look at their offerings for line subjects for 2015 at the annual Grade 8/9 Subject Selection Evening at the Joyce Performance Centre next Tuesday. I strongly encourage all parents and students to attend this information session which begins the process of enabling students to make informed pathway choices as they move into the upper part of their St Virgil’s journey. All are more than welcome but I actively encourage the Grade 8 boys and parents to attend as this is the introduction to the optional phase of learning via subject selections at St Virgil’s.

Junior School Mass
As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, last Friday was the Feast of the Assumption and I am pleased to report that our Mass at the Junior School was an extremely successful celebration. It is a significant time in a boy’s education every time they get to celebrate the Eucharist together with members of their community. Fr Brian reported he was extremely pleased with the morning and congratulated all those who had organised and particularly the boys who took part so wonderfully with their singing at the occasion.
ERE A Renewal
Thank you to the many members of our community who contributed to the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Renewal process. This process examines and evaluates how St Virgil's College expresses through word and deeds its authenticity as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. The panel of Mr Chris Smith, EREA Director of Identity, Mr Paul Williams, EREA Regional Administrator, Mr Simon Dash, Principal of Rostrevor College, South Australia and Mr Tony Brennan from the TCEO were very impressed with the warmth of welcome they received, the wonderful nature of our students and the quality of our grounds, programmes and facilities.

Whilst we will have to wait some time for the report from their visit, it was another opportunity for us to reflect on our core business at St Virgil's – we are proudly a Catholic school for boys in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice. We are specialists in the Catholic education of boys and through honouring the touchstones for EREA schools we enable boys to meet, experience and understand the teachings of Jesus of the Gospels.

We sincerely thank EREA for their support and look forward to receiving the report which will be shared with the College community via such mediums as The Star.

Junior School Fair – September 14
It’s fair season! Our Junior School community will get the ball rolling holding their annual Fair on Sunday September 14 at 11am. The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for all members of our community to come together and support our Patrick Street campus. The main focus of the Fair will be food and there promises to be a wide variety of choices available. Much time and effort will also be put into entertainment from our students and there will also be plenty of fun and games for the younger members of our community. A highlight of the day is always the competitive nature of the chocolate wheel and I am assured that there are many wonderful prizes to be had.

A big thank you to all those in the organising committee and I encourage you all to be a part of the day in any way that you can whether it be attending, offering to run a stall or supplying a small prize for one of the stalls. If you think you can be of assistance, please contact Mark Waddington, Junior School P&F President on 62496518 or mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Upcoming Events:
As you can tell Term Three is proving to be a very busy one but we are not finished yet! Listed below are some of the upcoming events in the coming month and I would encourage you to attend any or all of the events if you are available. More details about each event are on a flyer later in this week’s edition of The Star.

- Old Virgilians Lunch – August 26
- Old Scholars, College Band Concert – September 5
- College Race Day – September 21

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition we are called to see the greater good in our lives by looking beyond ourselves”.

At our Prefects Assembly last Friday we acknowledged a group of boys for their dedication to serving the community. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition we are called to see the greater good in our lives by looking beyond ourselves. This commitment to service to a large extent defines the kind of College we are and it is something we take very seriously.

We were delighted to acknowledge the following boys for receiving a bronze certificate for achieving 50 hours of service and a silver certificate for 75 hours of service. In introducing the awards Mr Lapolla reinforced the following key themes:

“St Virgil’s has a long standing tradition of providing service not only to our school community, but more importantly to the wider community. Our school motto by deeds not words alone embodies what it means to be a St Virgil’s student. At the heart of this motto is essentially putting the needs others ahead of your own. This is the challenge you have been set and this morning I would like to congratulate a group of young men who are living up to this challenge. These young men have demonstrated great personal sacrifice and have so far completed 50 hours of service and are eligible a bronze certificate or 75 hours of service and are eligible for a silver certificate.

“A quote from Mother Teresa:
“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or by how many great things we have done”. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.”

Touchstones of the EREA Charter

Liberating Education
We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.

Gospel Spirituality
We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

Inclusive Community
Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Justice and Solidarity
We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.
“If you take the time to think about those words, you will understand the true meaning of service.

“Thank you to those students who are still accumulating their hours and are doing some great work”.

**Silver - 75 Hours Service**
Jonah Lilley
Patrick Vout
Oliver Riseley

**Bronze - 50 Hours Service**
Gabriel Miles
Aidan Sullivan
Declan Waddington
Nicholas Haydon
Monty Piesse
William Connolly
Jack Mazengarb
Will Mazengarb

**ICAS Science Competition**
A significant number of our Grade 7 - 10 students recently took part in the ICAS Science competition and we had the opportunity at the assembly to acknowledge three of the boys who received Distinctions. Mrs Pettit, Leading Teacher of Science, presented certificates to the following boys and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement:

- Nick O'Connell (Grade 7)
- Alexander Fracalossi (Grade 7)
- Joshua Woodward (Grade 8)

**Buses**
One of the unique aspects of daily life at Austins Ferry is the bus service that allows so many boys the opportunity to attend school and return home in a relatively ‘fuss free’ manner. A service such as this is quite unique and certainly not the case in many schools. In larger cities for example, thousands of secondary school students find their own way to school and home each day via trains, trams and buses, often having several changes to reach their destination. There are a small minority of boys lately who could do well to reflect on the service that is provided for them and not take it for granted. Behavioural
expectations apply to buses, just as they do at school and those few boys who have let themselves down recently are at risk of losing the privilege of the service provided. As always we congratulate the vast majority of boys who behave in an exemplary manner each day.

**Upcoming Dates**

We look forward to the House Athletics Carnival on Friday August 29 at the Domain Athletics Centre. This full day event is a major College activity and is compulsory for all. Boys should wear their Sports Uniform including their House Coloured top and are to bring their own healthy snacks and lunch as there will not be access to the canteen. Please note that dismissal at the end of the day will be from the athletics centre with normal bus routes applying including a bus returning to Austins Ferry.

Tuesday September 9 is Sports Photos day. Uniform details will be announced in advance and I would ask parents to note the date and details in their diaries when provided. I am not suggesting that boys might forget, however...!!

The next round of Immunisations for Grade 7 and 9 students is scheduled for Tuesday September 16.
“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever”.

*Mahatma Ghandi*

**Feast of the Assumption**

There are not many days of Holy Obligation left on the Australian Catholic Church calendar – 2 in fact. One of these is the Feast of the Assumption which was celebrated with the boys attending Mass last Friday. A very big thank you to Mrs Chambers for her organisation of the Mass and to the choir who led the singing so well – Fr Brian commented quite highly about this too.

**Assembly**

As a culminating event for Book Week, Assembly will be led tomorrow by Grade 5 M and will commence at 2:15pm in the Hall. As well as our regular Assembly activities a number of book reviews and book trailers will be displayed. These have been activities the boys have been working on during this term. All parents and guardians are warmly invited to join us tomorrow.
Green Thumbs
The Green Thumbs group, under the guidance of Mrs Graves, have been very busy around the Junior School Campus of late. They:
- are still carefully watching their seedlings propagate;
- assisted in the construction of the tiering on the bank behind the Grade 6 classrooms;
- were instrumental in planting close to 200 plants as part of National Tree Planting day; and
- have produce to sell from the vegie patch.

After tomorrow’s assembly, the Green Thumbs boys will have pumpkins and silver beet for sale. Please support the boys by purchasing these items.

Southern Maths Relay
This Sunday, an eager group of Mathematicians from Grade 5 & 6 will compete in the annual Maths Relay. The boys have been practicing hard recently in readiness for this problem solving activity. We wish Liam Wilson, Joe Powell, Riley Ringrose and Phoenix Robey good luck for the weekend. We will share the results next week.

House Athletics Carnival
Our annual House Athletics Carnival is to be held next Friday August 29. Details about this have been sent home with the boys already. The boys, over recent weeks, have run trials in readiness for the running events. As this is a school day, ALL boys are expected to attend and participate in the House Athletics Carnival. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer on the boys or to help out on the day with some of the activities.

Uniform
An area of great pride is the wearing of the College uniform. Most visitors to the Junior School comment on how good the boys look in their uniform and how well it is worn. However, recently, staff have noticed some of these standards dropping a little. We ask all parents to support the correct wearing of the uniform at all times – especially travelling to and from home. All boys should wear their blazer and cap to and from school (except Thursdays). On Thursdays, during Term 2 & 3, the full tracksuit is to be worn to and from school along with the cap. Please support the College in ensuring your son is wearing his uniform correctly. If there is a problem with uniform, a diary note or email to your son’s teacher communicating this would be appropriate.

Afternoon pick up in Patrick Street
A number of parents and staff have described some unsafe practices that are occurring whilst parents/guardians are picking up their sons in Patrick Street. The staff are aware of the difficulty of adequate parking in Patrick Street and the surrounding streets – unfortunately this is the reality. However, your son’s safety is of paramount importance to everyone connected with the College. Therefore, anyone who is to pick up your son is asked to ensure that they follow the law by:
- NOT double parking;
- NOT doing U turns; and
- NOT parking on the opposite side of the street and motioning for your son to cross unsupervised.

All boys at the Junior School have been told that they MUST act under the direction of the teacher on duty in the afternoons. Please support your son and they staff by following these points and helping to ensure a safe departure from the Campus.

Harrington Street Bus Stop
As a follow on from the above in regards to picking up boys in Patrick Street, a number of parents, for a range of reasons, pick up their son in Harrington Street (in front of St Mary’s College) which is also the shared bus stop. In recent times, a number of parents have been parking in the designated bus zone. This type of behaviour must stop immediately. Parents need to abide by the road rules that are in place to ensure the safety of all. We need to model acceptable behaviour to all
students. Parking in the designated bus stop area also delays the departure of the buses and could put children from the three Colleges that use the bus stop at risk of injury. Thank you in anticipation for your support in this regards.

Woodwork
Grade 6 W have been very busy sanding, gluing and nailing their bird houses together. Some nearly completed. Look out in next week's edition of the Star for pictures of some of the completed structures – the boys have done a great job with this project.

Library News

Book Week Activities
This week, the Junior School Campus has been preparing to celebrate book week. Keep an eye out on Twitter and for next week's Star for an update of today's and tomorrow's activities.

Book Swap Day
On Thursday September 4 the Library will host our inaugural Indigenous Literacy Book Swap. Students will be invited to swap a book for a gold coin donation. We would appreciate one or two good books that another boy might enjoy reading, and ones that your household is finished sharing. This will ensure everyone can swap. Bring in your books by Wednesday September 3.

A gold coin donation allows boys to participate in the book swap and all donations monies raised will go to support literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.

P & F Association
Junior School Fair update
The recent P & F meeting on Tuesday was a very productive one with discussion about the organisation of the upcoming events:

- Father's Day Stall – September 4
- Father's Day Breakfast – September 5
- Junior School Fair – September 14

The boys have brought home over recent days information about these activities and also requests for support. Please ensure that these returns are sent in promptly so that adequate plans can be put in place to ensure successful, and enjoyable, events.

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:

**August**
Book Week activities	August 21 & 22
Southern Maths Relay	August 24
College House Athletics Carnival	August 29
Tournament of the Minds Final	August 30
September
P & F Father's Day Stall  
Book Swap  
P & F Father’s Day Breakfast  
Father’s Day  
P & F Fair Meeting, 7pm  
Clarence Eisteddfod – Choir  
Clarence Eisteddfod – Gr 5 & 6 Band  
P & F Junior School Fair, 11 am-2pm  

September 4  
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September 7  
September 9  
September 9  
September 10  
September 14  

Junior School Sport

Basketball
Grade 5/6
SVC Green 10 lost to Hutchins 31
After a slow, lethargic first half The ‘Green Team’ started to show what they were capable of with a stirring second half performance. Trailing 0-19 at half time the boys almost won the second half due largely to an improved defensive effort and a greater commitment to work as a team. If we start like this next week look out Friends!

Player of the Week: Tadhg Waddington, leading scorer and assist provider.

SVC Gold 43 defeated Dominic Maroon 38
43 – 38
This was a great game that could have gone either way, but with good team play and sheer determination a win for SVC was the final outcome. Well done team.

Player of the Week: Deegan Nichols

SVC Blue 39 defeated SVC Green 16
Player of the Week: Sam Collins for great rebounding and team play.

Grade 3/4
SVC Green 32 defeated Hutchins White 2
The team performed much better this week, as they listened to what was being said. The boys played as a team in a very polished performance. Good sportsmanship was on display but uncompromising in execution.

Player of the Week: James Wilson
Encouragement Award: Ayrton Cooke

Junior School Canteen

Friday August 22  
Wednesday August 27  
Thursday August 28  
Friday August 29  
T Donohue / J Hickey  
K Bridgland / L Jankowiak  
J Whitton / C Monks  
NO CANTEEN – SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Help is needed for the following dates please;  
October 23  
November 27  

If you can assist please contact Mrs Olga Leon – oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Grade 8&9 Subject Selection Evening
The Subject Selection Evening for Grade 8 and 9’s will be held on **Tuesday August 26**, beginning at 7.30pm in the Joyce Performance Centre. This evening is a chance for current Grade 8 and 9’s to begin the process of selecting their elective subjects for 2015.

The information session in the JPC will be followed by a Subject Exhibition in the Edmund Rice Hall, where parents and students can discuss possible subject choices with the teachers.

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.

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

Health and Physical Education
Mr Justin Mahoney
As part of the Grade 10 Health programme, students have been looking at Mental Health and Wellbeing, which is a very relevant topic for our students as recent statistics suggest that one in four young people (14 - 24 year olds) have a mental health condition (http://au.reachout.com/what-is-mental-health).

One of the main aims of the learning sequence is to improve our students’ understanding of mental health conditions and to reduce the stigma that still seems to be attached to such conditions. This week we have had our College Psychologist, Mrs Ali Morse speak to Grade 10s to discuss current research and also some conditions that are the most common in young people - depression and anxiety. The boys have been fantastic with their response to questions, questions asked, and learning about relaxation techniques to help reduce stress levels.

Music
Mr Jeremy Williamson
Senior Band and Senior Choir - Term 3 Performances and Clarence Eisteddfod

Please take note of the following music activities for Term 3:

**Friday August 22, 11:30am** – Grade 9 Music and Contemporary Music Studies classes excursion to the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Federation Concert Hall. Leaving at 10:30am, returning 1:15pm.
Friday September 5, 7:00pm – Senior Band performance at the annual Old Scholars Concert, JPC. Rehearsal from 6:00pm.

Tuesday September 9, 6:00pm - Senior Band competition at the Clarence Eisteddfod. Parents to transport to and from the venue, Citywide Baptist Church, 400 Cambridge Rd, Mornington. Parents are welcome to attend the performance. There is a small charge at the door.

Wednesday September 10, 6:00pm – Senior Choir competition at the Clarence Eisteddfod. Parents to transport to and from the venue, Citywide Baptist Church, 400 Cambridge Rd, Mornington. There is a small charge at the door.

Sunday September 14, 1:30pm – Senior Band at SVC Junior School Fair, Patrick Street Campus. Finish by 4:30pm.

If you have any queries regarding these performances, please contact Mr Williamson on 6249 6555 or via email jwilliamson@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Library News- What's new at the Library?

Ms Louise Oldham, College Librarian

Citation and Referencing
If boys require information on citation guides for essays there is an excellent guide on the University of Tasmania website which teachers can refer them to. The library staff have discovered that boys require this information for their assignments. There can be some tricky issues relating to citation of particular types of material in text and referencing, for example a film such as Hotel Rwanda or an item without an author.

The University website is: http://utas.libguides.com/content.php?pid=27520&sid=219177

Displays
The display for the month is the Commonwealth Games 2014 and also, there is a wonderful display on Shakespeare at the movies behind the biography section of the library.

Homework Help
Is being run in the library by Ms Claire Graham and Miss Lucy Dalton on Wednesdays after school, milo and biscuits are on! offer along with homework help. Why struggle when help is at hand?
Magazines:
The following magazines are now available for student use in the library as follows:
- Australian Yachting and Sailing
- Inside Sport
- Readers Digest
- Sports Illustrated
- Thrasher

Maths Homework Help
Conducted by Mr Chris Thompson in the Library from 1 pm – 2 pm on Mondays – No bookings are required. It is particularly important that on Mondays that noise in the quadrangle outside the library is kept to a minimum.

New Books just arrived and now available for loan
The library staff have recently purchased and catalogued several new books (fiction and non-fiction) and these are now available for loan in the library. If anyone would like a list of these items with a small abstract then please request one by emailing us on the new generic library staff email as follows: libraryAF@stvirgils.tas.edu.au A printed copy is available at the library.

Other News
The Librarian recently attended a School Librarians conference held by the professional body ALIA July 23, 3.30 -5pm at The Hutchins School. The six themes that emerged and were discussed as specific to school libraries were:
1. School Librarians held the most important job in the library and information sector because they encourage children to develop a lifelong love of books and reading for pleasure.
2. Deepening the Divide.
   Independent and Catholic schools continue to invest more in libraries than their government counterparts.
3. Easy and rewarding.
   Affordable technologies will be needed to make the library experience as easy as, and more rewarding than Google.
4. Digital skills.
   Staff will need new skills to manage digital collections and guide students through the online maze.
5. Parent Power.
   Parents can be great advocates for school libraries.
6. Competing for attention.
   School libraries will need to market their services, in competition with some of the world's biggest online brands (Google, Facebook, YouTube).

Research
Any boys who need help with finding information please do not hesitate to ask Library staff who are happy to help. If you provide us with a copy of your assignment this will help us help you.

Staffing
Finally, we are happy to welcome to the staff of the Senior Library, Ms Bonnie Jones who will be working with in the Library Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and her main duties will include: student services and cataloguing of new items.

Just a Reminder
The library catalogue is available to students by typing in http://doyle/vlibrary on their iPads.
RSPCA Cupcake Day

On Monday August 18 we held RSPCA Cupcake Day. We raised $387.75 which is enough money to keep an RSPCA Inspector on the road fighting animal cruelty. We would like to thank all the staff and students from 8E for bringing in cupcakes to sell on the day. On the day, 8E displayed their animal cruelty poems and photos of their pets. A few staff members also bought in their furry friends for the day. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause you can go online to our fundraising page: [https://rspcacupcakeday-tas2014.everydayhero.com/au/imogen](https://rspcacupcakeday-tas2014.everydayhero.com/au/imogen)

By Josh Pride and Jacob Bygraves

My Owners

My owners are like cancer to the world
The ones that don’t belong here
The horrid effects of them on my life
The cage is my thoughts of hell, spiky and angry looking
The constant bullying, being smashed as if it was a boxing match.
The words are inappropriate for other humans to see
Oh god, please help me.

By Jacob Bygraves

Poaching an Elephant

I’m roaming around in Africa.
In a dry dusty plain then suddenly BANG!
I hit the dirt like a sack of potatoes.
They throw me on the back of a truck
Like I’m just an object.
They pull out sharp implements
And start sticking them in my face.
I feel so much pain
As they cut out my tusks
After they’re finished with me
They throw me off back onto the
Dry dusty plain and drive off far far away.
They leave me here slowly dying
In the dry dusty dirt.

By Tom Bourke

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 10 – GYC Subject Selections

Boys are now required to complete their preliminary subject selection form by Friday August 22, which can be returned to the office at St Virgil’s. Next week staff from GYC will visit the College to allow for any follow questions or provide more personalised course counselling to assist with subject selection.

SPORT

Water Polo

Last Friday night the St Virgil’s Sharks played against Friends Red in the schools water polo semi-final. For the first half, SVC dominated Friends Red as we were three nil up. In the second half we tried to keep our steady lead and hold the ball in our possession for as long as possible. We scored another two goals and with three minutes to go Friends scored their first goal of the match and last for the season!
Goal scorers included Callum Polanowski scoring three, Fletcher Cashion scoring one and James drew also scoring one.

By Fletcher Cashion, Isaac Pearsall and Spencer Hall
Last Friday night SVC Coutas played Hutchins Magenta in the semi-final to win a place in the grand Final. It was a bad start for us with a lot of missed shots and the score at half time was only 2-2. Then we broke away in the second half score 5 quick goals to Hutchins’ 1 goal. Then right at the end of the game Hutchins scored a full court shot after a controversial foul goal by Nelson Goram-Aitken.

Congratulations to both SVC teams for making it to the Grand Final – please come along and support us – **Friday August 22 at 8.30pm**, Hobart Aquatic Centre.

By Joseph McMullen

**Grade 7/8 Hockey**

Congratulations to the boys on a very successful season, winning all but one game during the season. This great form continued in the Grand Final with a 2 - 0 victory over The Friends School. Congratulations to all members of the team. Thank to Liam Cooke, Aidan van Staden and James Freeman for helping out during the season with coaching duties - a job very well done. A sincere thank you to Miss Lucy Dalton and Mrs Renee MacGregor for managing the team.

**Grade 9 Soccer**

*SVC 0 lost to MacKillop College 5*

A good early season reality check for the team after last week’s win. Greater team work is required if the team is to make the most of its collective talent … a work in progress!
Tassi is not getting left off the map this time..........

Come and help support the Hobart boys (Ainsleigh, Dan, Mitch & Eddy) on their journey to Toowoomba for the 2014 National Junior Road Series 2014

Where: Willows Tavern, Risdon Vale
When: 12:30 pm Sunday 24th August 2014
What: 3 Course Carvery for $18.50

A portion of the cost for your meal is kindly donated to the boys from the team at the Willows Tavern

Along with great food you’ll experience a family friendly afternoon with great entertainment, have the opportunity to bid on some awesome auction items, a chocolate wheel and a great raffle. Hope to see you there.

Contact Craig Sweeney on 6243 7404 to book your table!
**COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Austins Ferry Canteen**
Mrs Carol Hilyer

The Winter 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


**ONLINE ORDERS**
All on line orders can be collected from recess (10.00 am) on Tuesday or Thursday at the Uniform Shop.
If you have paid your order and your son does not collect his order on these days you may collect at the Front Office on Wednesday and Friday.
As highlighted in recent editions of The Star the Gala Auction and Dinner was an outstanding success, thanks largely to the following generous donors:

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In recognition of their support of the College please support these donors where possible.
2014 JUNIOR SCHOOL FAIR
102 Patrick Street, Hobart

Sunday September 14 2014
11am to 2.00 pm

Come and enjoy a great day of fun, food and friendship! Highlights include the ever popular chocolate wheel, games, toys, wine tastings and a range of food delicacies to tempt all tastes.

Kids will love all the fun of the fair and especially the exciting Nerf Tag arena, 3 v 3 soccer arena, lucky jars, extreme makeovers, badge making, toys and much, much more!

*Please come along with all the family and spend a little – or a lot! All proceeds will go to the P&F for projects that benefit all students.*
2014 Community Race Day

All members of the St Virgil’s College community are invited to attend a great day of friendship and fun at the annual Community Race Day. Come along and bring your friends to enjoy a sumptuous luncheon in the Members Dining Room whilst backing a few winners! Businesses can sponsor a race and have their business name publicised around the nation via the Racing Networks and daily newspapers.

DETAILS
When: Sunday September 21, 2014

Where: Elwick Race Course, Members’ Enclosure

Time: 11.30 am

Dress: Lounge Suit

Cost: $60 per person or $600 for a table of 10 people for a three course luncheon in the Members’ Dining Room.


For all enquiries regarding tickets or race sponsorship please contact the Director of Development Mark Waddington – mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or 0429 990980.

- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- University of Tasmania Open day Information – Sunday August 31, 10 am-3pm
- Redbanks School Mud Run Flyer
- Seize the Day Award Scholarships
- Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register
- New Books in the Library – August 2014

*Mt Rufus Expedition and below Grade 7&8 Football*
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

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

RSPCA Cup Cake Stall

VET Agrifoods – calf rearing

Grade 7&8 Hockey Grand Final

Library Display (left) and Junior School Book Week Parade

Lunch Time House futsal

Br George Massay and principal Mr Damian Messer