FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“These services will mark the beginning of our Lenten period. The period marks the lead up to when Jesus makes his ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross on Good Friday”

Lenten Reflection

Next Wednesday as a member of a Catholic community, we begin our Lenten journey. On both campuses we will hold liturgies to acknowledge Ash Wednesday. These services will mark the beginning of our Lenten period. The period marks the lead up to when Jesus makes his ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross on Good Friday.

Jesus spent the forty days in the lead up to his crucifixion reflecting upon his life and the sacrifice he was about to make for all mankind. This period provides the
opportunity for all in our community to reflect on that sacrifice and the possibility of looking at how we can make some positive changes in the way we go about our lives.

Extended Absence
Parents are reminded that if it is necessary for your son to miss school for an extended period of time, then notification of the absence should be advised to me prior to the absence. I ask that such disruptions are kept to a minimum as it interrupts St Virgil’s teaching and learning programmes and can be detrimental to your son’s learning. As holidays are plentiful during the year it would be appreciated if absences, where possible, can be scheduled for gazetted holiday breaks.

Sports Web Site
The Sports programme on both campuses is well and truly up and running with many boys actively participating in the Summer Sports programme. To support this programme the College has developed an interactive and functional Sport Website where information about sports offered, times of games and cancellations are posted. I would encourage you to visit this site as it is a way for students and parent helpers to sign up for sports and also stay informed of the current events with the extensive sport programme.

Sport is just one of the ways that we actively encourage the boys to get involved in our community and as boys’ education expert Dr Ian Lillico notes:

“Sport (done correctly) is a valuable way for your son to get life-skills that he may not get through other avenues.

Sport should teach our sons:
• How to be a good winner;
• How to be a good loser;
• How everything improves through practice;
• How to give their best and work hard; and
• How to work towards his personal goals.

We trust that through providing parents and students with such comprehensive information that the educational benefits of the sport programme will be fully realised.

Traffic Management
The management of pick up and drop off on both campuses is still a cause of some concern. I would ask that Austins Ferry parents access the Traffic Management Plan for the campus at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/ I ask parents to please study it carefully and to familiarise themselves with the times and direction of travel. Whilst such systems can at first glance appear inconvenient, please be assured that they have been developed with the safety and wellbeing of students in mind. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Likewise I draw your attention to the article and concerns of the Head of Junior School Mr Andrew Pinelli about traffic arrangements for the Patrick Street campus. I hope that all parents appreciate that these plans have all been put in place with the safety and wellbeing of students in mind.

Board
On Tuesday evening the Board of Management held their first monthly meeting for 2014. The Board received a general update on how the academic year has commenced in a range of operational areas. Key issues addressed included building developments, publicity, finance and our ongoing commitment to adhering to the action plans contained within the College’s Strategic Directions Plan. I will give you regular updates through the year of the ongoing discussion of the Board of Management.
New Beginnings
Those who were working or visiting the city on Tuesday would have received a surprise to see the amount of St Virgil's boys exploring the streets of Hobart in their new blue and gold sport uniform! Each year as part of the extensive orientation process undertaken by our Grade 7s, we conduct our ‘New Beginnings Programme’. The programme seeks to support Grade 7 students with the transition to St Virgil’s College and life on the Austins Ferry campus.

As part of the programme students are immersed within our faith, traditions, history and customs through active involvement in four different ‘journeys’ where boys get an opportunity to work on their relational development with both their peers and the staff of the College. If you work or visit the CBD, please keep an eye out each Tuesday for the next three weeks for our boys and watch this space for photos of our weekly exploits!

Junior School Swimming Carnival
Yesterday the Junior School headed to the Glenorchy Pool for their annual House Swimming Carnival. This is the first major House event for the Junior School and it was great to see all the boys getting involved in the day. Congratulations to Joyce House on being successful. A special thank you to the staff and parents who were responsible for organising such a successful day.

Open Day – Austins Ferry
The enrolment process for Grade 7 2015 has commenced. Enrolments for Grade 7 2015 close on April 17 2014 and we are again expecting strong demand for enrolment.

If you know of any student wishing to enrol for next year, please encourage them to lodge their application. Prospective parents and students are encouraged to attend the Austins Ferry Open Day on March 13 and enjoy a student tour from 9am to 5.30 pm.
Open Day – Junior School
The Junior School will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday April 9. With demand for places continuing to be strong please encourage family and friends considering enrolment to come and see our students at work and play. Tours will be conducted from 9 am to 5.30 pm – we greatly look forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents to our Junior School, so please spread the word amongst family and friends.

Sharing the Good News
A reminder to all in our community that we are committed to educating boys about the importance of sustainable living practices. This requires the College to model these learnings and so we endeavour to reduce paper usage by utilising electronic forms of communication wherever possible. This is consistent with the touchstone, Justice and Solidarity.

Our weekly College newsletter, ‘The Star’ is a tangible and practical example of this commitment and is readily available online from the College's website: www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

 Parents are encouraged to go to the website, scroll to the right side of the page and find the link ‘Sign Up’. Please follow the prompts and enter your preferred email address to register to receive this weekly publication.

The College also uses Twitter to communicate news to the College community – it is a very useful medium for the distribution of immediate news such as bus strikes, sports results, coming events and student achievements. Follow the conversation @svctas

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
“Further studies show that re-learning material (studying) is crucial in retaining information and suggest that after 5 repetitions (of study activities) we can retain 95% of what we learnt”.

Homework: Study, Organisation and Planning
It is hard to believe that we are already moving into Week 5. The busyness of the start to the year tends to make Term One go by very quickly for staff and students. It is important then that boys are by now firmly focussed on their studies and feeling settled and organised. For many boys a lack of structure and focus at school and at home that the early part of the year can cause can become problematic if not addressed as the year progresses. It is very hard for some boys to change bad study habits.

Mr Messer and I have now spoken to all Grade levels about the need to develop strong work habits early and have begun conducting sessions with all grades in their Welfare period offering support and suggestions around topics such as homework, study habits, time management, goal setting and organisation. The first topic to be addressed is the difference between homework and study.

There are a number of key benefits in doing homework including reinforcing class work and the development of self-discipline, organisational skills and personal responsibility, three things particularly important for boys.

At school we tell the boys that there is never a time when there is nothing to be done at home, yet many parents tell me that their sons claim not to have any homework – this is not the case!

For many boys the key is in understanding the difference between homework and study. There is always study to be done, however many boys don’t know how or why. Study helps in the retention of information whilst homework reinforces learning. When your son says ‘I don’t have any homework’ parents should always encourage them to do the following:
- Re-read and/or re-write class notes in an organised way in things such as planners, on their iPad, note taking cards etc.
- Summarise the things they learnt that day into dot points (this can also be done on the iPad).

Study is something that should be done regularly because, as we tell the boys, it is surprising how quickly we forget things! Studies have suggested that:

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.
- 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 2/3 of the previous learned material is forgotten.

Further studies show that re-learning material (studying) is crucial in retaining information and suggest that after 5 repetitions (of study activities) we can retain 95% of what we learnt.

Much can be gained by boys when they review and rewrite their class notes into a more organised and neat manner. Boys also need to organise the following day or the remainder of the week as well, i.e. do they have all the required books and notes, and are there assessment items due, and so on. We continue to try to help boys with their organisation and planning and we encourage parents to help their sons to understand the importance of study.

Once again I emphasise, there may be times when there is no set homework, but there is always study to be done.

Immunisations

Parents of Grade 7 and 9 students please note the following immunisation dates. Those boys who are unable to attend on the day will need to organise catch up immunisations through either their GP or the Council clinic.

Grade 7 – Wednesday March 26
Grade 9 – Tuesday March 25

CAMPUS MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

Late last year Mrs MacGregor and I gave a random sampling of the boys a questionnaire on their Spirituality. No names were recorded. The results were a most heartening read. With rare exception, universally positive!

Dads, you would be really ‘chuffed’. You are a major source of inspiration to your sons and someone from whom they seek guidance. Mums get a mention almost as high, but Dads top a number of lists.

Institutional Church does not rate highly, (67% rated the importance of being a Catholic as "Important" or "Sometimes important") yet the boys speak of their reflective times and places. They reflected on the way their lives are going, the ups and the downs. Almost all have positive goals for their lives, and included among those goals are to be a good father and have a good family.

Pope Francis had something to say about these lads.

"God's presence accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find encouragement and meaning in their lives. He dwells among them, fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice. This presence must not be contrived but found, uncovered."

(Para 71 Evangellii Gaudium)

God's presence is in the lives of the boys of SVC.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Everyone has special talents, and it is our duty to find ours and use them well.”

John Templeton

Afternoon Collection of SVC boys

The welfare and safety of boys attending St Virgil’s is paramount for everyone. Since the commencement of this year, staff have noticed some dangerous habits whilst supervising the boys prior to their pick up in Patrick Street. At last week’s assembly, the boys were reminded how important it is to stay safe whilst waiting to be picked up.

Some points that were reinforced to ALL boys were;

1. They are not to cross Patrick Street unless escorted by an adult, be that the person picking them up or the teacher on duty.
2. They are to wait in the area that is bounded by the large, grey bricks. They are to do this until they are picked up or are instructed to move to the Office Area by the teacher on duty.

Parents are reminded that, even though parking is at a premium, they should not double park and instruct their son’s to come to the car.

The College urges all parents to support road safety by obeying no stopping or limited timed parking signage displayed around the College and to also remind your children to be very aware of potential related dangers.

Parents please do not use the College driveway to drop of students – reversing out of the driveway can be extremely dangerous as students depart for the day - from St Virgil’s and from St Mary’s and GYC.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the students, staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

P & F Welcome BBQ

Tomorrow night all families are invited to gather for the P & F Welcome BBQ. Details have been sent home with boys detailing that all BBQ food and bread are supplied by the P & F with families asked to bring along salads or desserts to share. The evening will commence at 6.00pm in the grounds of the Junior School. We greatly look forward to seeing many families next Friday.
Junior School Leadership Positions
The boys were very busy last week nominating themselves for a variety of leadership positions and then presenting a speech outlining what qualities and traits they felt they possessed that would make them a good leader. All boys from Grades 4 – 6 had the opportunity to nominate for different positions with Grade 6 having a wider range to choose from. As a result of the voting, the following positions were announced at Assembly last Friday:

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Special congratulations to all the boys who nominated but were unsuccessful at this time in being voted in for a position.

Congratulations to the boys listed above who will receive their badges of office very soon. Grade 3 will vote for SRC later in the year.

This year the Junior School Captain and Vice along with the House Captains will receive their badges of office at the College commissioning to be held at the Austins Ferry Campus tomorrow commencing at 11.30am. All other boys in leadership positions will receive their badges of office in the Junior School Hall on Monday March 3 commencing at 9am.

**Hawthorn visit SVC Junior School**

There was certainly an air of excitement around the Junior School Campus when the boys spied six hawthorn players who were visiting to run the boys through their paces. The boys from Grades 3 – 5 were involved in a range of activities that looked at developing some of the basic skills for footy. Mr Fitzpatrick was certainly excited that his beloved Hawthorn had made a special effort to visit. The boys were certainly enthusiastic to impress the players from the AFL.
Woodwork – Implementing the Technologies Syllabus
The boys have started drilling holes – many, many holes, for their crib boards. Thank goodness the boys had the assistance of a template to ensure that holes were drilled in the correct places. Whilst this work was being undertaken, the boys also go to experience using Perspex and learned how to mould and bend it into shape. Some also learnt that Perspex can be a little brittle and can snap easily when drilling holes.

House Swimming Carnival
We were blessed with fantastic weather last week for the swimming trials at New Norfolk Pool. The boys are to be congratulated for having a good go at so many of the events. The swimming trials were the lead in for yesterday’s House Swimming Carnival held at Glenorchy Pool. The weather forecast wasn’t brilliant but we did have periods of brilliant sunshine but also gusts of icy wind which made things a little uncomfortable for competitors, officials and spectators alike.

The boys were up for the challenge though with many very impressive performances form boys in all grades. It was also pleasing to witness so many boys just get in and have a go so that their House might get extra points. We would like to once again offer a sincere thank you to all the parents who were able to assist in so many of the official's roles. We would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents who were able to come and spectate and support the boys. At the end of the day Joyce House were the victors taking home the shield.

Calendar Dates
Significant, upcoming events are summarised below

February
P & F welcome BBQ @ 6.00pm

March
Junior School student leaders commissioning
Grade 5 Excursion
Make Jesus Real (MJR) ~ Grade 6
Ash Wednesday
Grade 5 Camp to Port Arthur
8 Hour Day Public Holiday
Parent / Teacher Meetings
St Vincent DePaul Youth Induction

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

For all canteen enquiries please contact Mrs Olga Leon on 6234 2440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

As we head into a new year of exciting opportunities with ICT at St Virgil’s College, I would like to extend an invitation to the parent community to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns in regard to the iPad Programme. I would especially like to encourage new parents of the College to make contact: often, problems can be resolved rather quickly if we are made aware of them early. In particular, if you are having trouble setting boundaries in regard to use of the iPad at home, we want to hear from you! We are here to support you in any way we can.

Finally, we are looking to provide some iPad workshops for parents. To that end, if you could take a moment to complete a short online survey, I would like to gather some ideas about what times you would like us to offer the workshops and what you would like to learn about. The survey is available at:

Online survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/svcipadworkshops

Please feel free to take the survey and suggest changes if you think it warrants it.

For all enquiries please contact Mr Richard Lawler: rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

SPORT

Please check out the new SVC Sport Website!

Ever sat at your office desk wondering whether cricket, tennis or sailing will be on tonight due to inclement weather? Or more practically, where is Bell St Oval?

Hopefully these worries will be a thing of the past with the launch this week of the St Virgil’s College Sport website! The website, accessed from the front page of the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au features a range of informative features including:

- Calendar of events
- Fixtures, ladders and results tabs
- Ground locations – including google maps
- Latest news from the Director of Sport
- Sport sign up forms – for students and parent helpers/coaches
- A Red/Green traffic light system which indicates if games are on or off.
- Uniform requirements for all sports
- Photo galleries from out in the field!

Please take the time to visit the site and provide any feedback to Director of Sport, Mr James Dalton jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 7 - New Beginnings

The Grade 7 New Beginnings Programme is a key component of the wider transition programme to assist Grade 7 students successfully transition into the St Virgil’s College community. The programme consists of four, two day programmes, that run over four weeks, with each House group rotating through each activity. The activities are based around important aspect of your son’s life at the College and provide opportunities to build strong relationships with fellow students and staff, as well as build a sense of belonging to their pastoral Care Group, House Group as well as the College itself.

This week saw a very successful start to the new Beginnings Programme, it was a pleasure to see boys actively engaged in a wide range of activities that required them to work with students and staff that they have only just met. The Programme continues for the next three weeks, with the specific details outlined below:

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| Location             | College camp site, Cliftonvale | Tue. – Austins Ferry Wed. – Various Locations off campus | Tue. – Hobart City Wed. – Austins Ferry | Tue. – Austins Ferry Wed. – Austins Ferry SVC Junior School |
|                      |                                  |                                                         | Both days - College Sports Uniform     | Both days - Formal uniform |
| Uniform              | Appropriate free dress, please refer information sent home | Tue. - Free dress, appropriate for land care work. Wed. – College Sports Uniform | Both days - College Sports Uniform | Both days - Formal uniform |
| Food                 | BYO lunch on Tue. & healthy snacks. All other meals provided | Tue. – as per normal school day. Wed. – bring packed lunch, healthy snacks and drink. | Tue. – lunch provided, bring drink and healthy snacks. Wed. – as per normal school day. | Tue. – bring packed lunch, healthy snacks and drink. Wed. – bring packed lunch, healthy snacks and drink. |

**Time and Space Programmes - Please Save the Dates!**
Details will be available closer to the dates of each of these programmes, however you may wish to add them to your calendar now:

- Night 1 Tuesday March 18 – 7pm - 9.00pm
- Night 2 Wednesday March 19 – 7pm - 9.30pm
- Weekend Friday March 21 (evening) – Sunday March 23 (early afternoon)
- Dinner Monday March 24 – 7 pm-9.30pm
- Final Night May 19 – 7 – 9.30pm

**Grade 7 Mother/Son Evening**

**Grade 8 ‘Stepping Up’ Evening**
Tuesday May 20 - 7.30 pm - 9.30pm
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MR JEREMY WILLIAMSON

Lessons in 2014 will commence in Week 4 of Term One
Forms are downloadable from the front page of the College website - http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/instrumental-music-lessons/

For all enquiries about music please contact the Director of Music Mr Jeremy Williamson – jwilliamson@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

SPORT NEWS

1st XI Cricket
Mr Cameron Alexander

In our first game of the year, after a forfeit in Round 1 by GYC, the team put in a solid bowling performance to restrict Hutchins to a low score, despite some sloppy fielding it was an impressive effort for the boys to manage three run outs. The run chase started cautiously but some smart batting in partnerships between Keegan Oates and Joe Randall and Austin Keeling saw us home comfortably with 19 balls to spare.

A full score card is available on the College Sport website.

Match Details
SVC 4-92 (Keegan Oates 40 no, Jacsyn Mann 13, Austin Keeling 10 no) defeated The Hutchins School 6-90 (Alex Blair 1-11, George Cripps 1-14, Declan Waddington 1-14 and 3 run outs).

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St Virgil's College Parents & Friends (P&F) Association will be held on Wednesday March 19 in the Joyce Performance Centre at Austins Ferry commencing at 7.30 p.m. At this meeting nominations will be called for the election of Office Bearers of the Association for 2014.

St Virgil’s College Parents & Friend operates across the senior and junior school campuses as one organisation. The Parents & Friends primary functions are, firstly, to represents interests of the parents of the College by providing a vital link between the College and its parent community; thus creating an avenue for information sharing with in the College. Secondly, it promotes the interests of the College by organising and assisting with social and College events and fundraising activities.

For the P & F to continue to carry out its primary functions it needs the ongoing support of the parents of the college. Parental involvement is paramount to the ongoing success of the P & F. The mainstay of the P & F is its Executive Committee and without that small group of parents then the P & F would cease to exist. Each year the P & F suffers a natural attrition rate where parents who have sons in Grade 10 leave the College, along with their sons. Consequently, new parents are needed to replace them.

I would ask all parents to give some thought and consideration to becoming an active member of the P & F in 2014. A Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers for 2014 accompanies this letter. The Nomination Form lists the various
roles and capacities in which parents can serve the school community in the course of the year. Please feel free to put your name forward for any position, which might interest you. If you wish to discuss any matter pertaining to the P & F, please feel free to contact me on the following number: 0438 544 171 or by email: lynnejones@stgiles.org.au

Nomination forms are to be returned to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by **Friday March 14**, in an envelope addressed to: Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association.

Lynne Jones
President

**PROFILE OF ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (SENIOR CAMPUS):**

The **PRESIDENT** is the chief executive and spokesperson of the Association. The President represents the Association at official functions, supports other office bearers and normally chairs the monthly meetings.

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** deputises for the President when necessary.

The **SECRETARY** provides secretarial support to the Association, including Agendas, Minutes and correspondence.

The **TREASURER** undertakes the receipting & banking of monies; the keeping of proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and presents an audited balance sheet (audit organised by the College) at the Annual General Meeting.

The **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: (2-4 NOMINEES) TO:** - Provide support to the executive as required.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (JUNIOR SCHOOL):**

The **JUNIOR SCHOOL VICE-PRESIDENT– Chair of Junior School Executive - takes** responsibility for the operation of the Parents & Friends Junior School. Liaises with the SVC President.

The **JUNIOR SCHOOL SECRETARY** provides secretarial support to the Association.

The **JUNIOR SCHOOL TREASURER** is required to keep proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and present an audited balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

The **JUNIOR SCHOOL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (2-4)** provide support to the Executive as required.

**COORDINATORS OF VARIOUS STANDING COMMITTEES (Austins Ferry Campus):**
Association Members are required to act as coordinators for the following:-

**CATERING COORDINATOR** – Normally calls on a network of helpers to assist when required.

**FAIR COORDINATOR** - To work with Executive and coordinate the Annual Fair.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR P & F COMMITTEE 2014**

I,------------------------------------------------------------

Wish to Nominate for the office of ---------------------------------------------------------------

Signed: ------------------------------------------ Seconded: ------------------------ Date: ------------------------

Please return to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by **Friday March 14**, in an envelope addressed to: Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association
GL Curtis Scholarships for Old Virgilians

Applications are invited for the GL Curtis Scholarship for first year university students.

The GL Curtis Scholarship provides a sum of $1,000 to an Old Virgilian beginning university studies. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending university in the first year and is to be used for the purchase of essential texts or materials, the payment of university charges or the establishment costs necessary to provide university accommodation (country or interstate students).

It is normally expected that the student will be enrolled at the University of Tasmania unless there are significant reasons why this is not the case (such as the courses not being offered there).

Criteria

1. Recipients must be graduates of St Virgil’s College.
2. The recipient will be enrolled for the first year of a university course.
3. In line with the terms of the endowment, priority may be given to those enrolled in medicine, law or chemistry.

Applications

Written applications are invited by April 4 in the year of intended university enrolment. Applications should outline:

- the intended university and course, including proof of enrolment;
- the reason for this choice of course;
- the intended use of the funds;
- the personal circumstances of the applicant, particularly any relevant financial difficulty.

Selection

The selection panel will include the Principal and two Board members of St Virgil’s College. The panel may wish to make personal contact with applicants to gain further information about the application. As funds are held in trust by the Archdiocese the final decision will be ratified by the Archbishop.

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
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer
Could parents be aware when ordering son’s lunch online, that you ask them to visit the canteen before school to pay and collect their lunch cards.

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Monday March 10 **EIGHT HOURS DAY** Public Holiday

Tuesday March 11 Dana Cetkovic Lindy Laycock

'Shave for a Cure'
Myles Hall, of Grade 3 student is being “Brave and Shave” and is currently raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. He plans to have his curly locks shaved in order to raise much needed funds with his goal of raising $3,000 by the middle of March (currently he has raised over $1,000). If you would like to help Myles raise further funds please visit his website at [http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/MylesHall](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/MylesHall) Your donation will help the Leukaemia Foundation to fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research.
Archdiocese Events
Palm Sunday Pilgrimage 2014 – Help Needed!
The fifth Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday April 13. Palm Sunday Pilgrimage is an event for the whole Church to come together to celebrate World Youth Day, Palm Sunday and all the different parts that make up our Tasmanian Church! This has been extremely successful in the past with over 1000 people participating from all over the state! Catholic Youth Ministry needs YOUR assistance to help make this even more successful than ever!

We are in need of: Business Sponsorship, Donations (food items, water, kids activities etc), know-how and/or access to sound equipment, vehicles and people to transport large objects, PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY! Volunteers need to be 18 years or older, able to undertake a national police check and attend a volunteer briefing. If you can help in any of the above ways we would love to hear from you asap. Please contact Rachelle Smith e: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au m:0400 045 368

Sandy Bay/Taroona Parish Sacramental Program
Catholic children aged eight and upwards who live in the Sandy Bay-Taroona Parish, or who attend Mass there, will be prepared in the parish for First Holy Communion and Confirmation to be conferred by the Archbishop on Sunday 17 August. First Reconciliation will take place on 13 April. Preparation will commence in March.

Parental support during the classes and in home exercises will be an important part of the program.
Parents who wish to enrol their child should contact the parish secretary immediately. Phone Claire on 6224 1423 between 9.30 am and 1 pm on weekdays or email cposb@bigpond.net.au
Fr Michael Tate

Janelle Stowe
Former College music teacher Mrs Janelle Stowe has opened her own music business, JS Music which specialising in piano, trumpet and vocal tuition. The quality of past musicals and gala concerts highlight the talent of Janelle and interested music students are encouraged to contact Janelle on 0438 280 496 or janellestowemusic@gmail.com to organise a lesson time.

Brighton Junior Football Club Registrations 2014 - Auskick to U16
Player registrations for 2014 are now being taken online. Registrations close on the 14th March 2014, not the 14th April 2014, as previously advertised. The Club will be holding two registration days for people who require assistance with the new online registration process. These will be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 21st February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and on Sunday 23rd February from 10.00am to 1.00pm. If you would like any further information please contact Jason Jones on 0408 681 466 or the Registrar, Danielle Bearman on 0429 380 756.

North Hobart Junior Football Club requires youth players for u14, u16 & u18 for the 2014 season. Registration day and merchandise sales at North Hobart Oval, Sunday March 2nd, 2pm to 4pm. Contact Jim Ransom 0419505874 or jim.ransom@education.tas.gov.au for further info.
2014 - Sorell Junior Football Club

Registration for the 2014 season is on Sunday 2 March, 10am - 12 noon, Sorell Club Rooms, Pembroke Park.

All students who reside in the Sorell, Midway Point, Cambridge, Orielton, Runnymede, Orford, Swansea, Triabunna, Dunalley, Nubeena, Dodge's Ferry, Oatlands, Campania, Colebrook and Richmond areas are welcome to register to play in Auskick - U16 teams, if your local community club does not have the age group for you to play in.

Any queries contact Tony Lang 0439 826 902, tblang@bigpond.com.au

Sandy Bay Lions Junior Football Club

The Sandy Bay Lions Junior Football Club are currently looking for players to fill two teams in the U16 competition this year. Boys aged 14/15 from the 1st of January are eligible and will be matched on size and ability.

If you live in the area and are interested in playing for us this year, we train Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm at Taroona High, throughout March. From April our training and playing ground is at Queenbourgh.

For more information please contact Kevin (0419399320) or Tim (0418395157), check out our web site (sandybayfc.com.au) or simply turn up to training.

Chess Tournaments

Hobart
Choose your Division: A or B grade
Hobart Regional Chess Championships
The Friends School, North Hobart
Friday, 21st March 2014
Full details and entries from:
https://au.tornelo.com/tournaments/hobart--14

Huon Valley Regional Chess Championships
Choose your Division: A or B grade
Cygnet Primary, Cygnet
Wednesday, 16th April 2014
Full details and entries from:
https://au.tornelo.com/tournaments/huon-valley--6

Guilford Young College

GYC will launch an ALUMNI ASSOCIATION on Saturday 15 March 2014.
This date coincides with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the College (1994) and the anniversary of the death of the College namesake, Archbishop Sir Guilford Young, 16 March (1988).
The launch will be held on the GYC Hobart Campus, 7:30-9:30pm; in Australian capital cities and in London, New York and possibly Dubai. Campus tours will be available on the Saturday, from 4-5pm (for those interested, RSVP to Penny Edman 6238 4365 or pedman@gyc.tas.edu.au)
A Facebook page has been established for registration for the Alumni and also to RSVP to the launch (by Friday 7 March).
An Alumni page has been created on the GYC website and this will be updated regularly.
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that can assist you with up to $500 for education related items including:

- school uniforms, sports and trips
- a laptop, tablet or computer
- after school activities, tutoring and more.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school, or starting next year
- have some income from work; casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

To find out more contact Karli Fone, Saver Plus Worker at The Smith Family on 6223 7264 or karli.fone@thesmithfamily.com.au


- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Janelle Stowe Music Tuition business card
- Austins Ferry Traffic Management Plan
- Mother and Son Information Flyer
- Father and Son Time and Space Programme
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