FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Lent is the time of our lives where we are most especially called to reflect on our own lives and ask ourselves, how much do we thirst for an intimate relationship with our loving Jesus who is just waiting for us to respond to His love? It is the time that we must deeply ponder how much do we thirst for a life that is life-giving to others”?

Ash Wednesday

Yesterday on both campuses we commenced our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday liturgies. These liturgies mark the beginning of our Lenten period and is an important time where Jesus begins his reflective journey prior to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday.
Lent provides us an opportunity to reflect on what we would be able to give up during this 40 day period to replicate partially the sacrifice that Jesus made. I would ask all boys to consider giving something up for Lent or taking on a challenge that enables them to better reflect on the Jesus story.

**Commissioning**

The commissioning of student leaders from both campuses took place in the Edmund Rice Hall last Friday. The focus of the ceremony was on our commitment to the EREA Touchstones and how as a Catholic school we provide an education that is authentic to these touchstones and to the mission and values of the College.

The students articulated how St Virgil’s demonstrates through our words and deeds our commitment to these touchstones and how they are incorporated in everyday activities in the life of St Virgil’s. It was very affirming to hear College Captain, Patrick Vout, speak to the boys about what they can do each and every day, to bring this commitment to life and ensure it becomes a deeply experienced and highly evident part of the culture of the College.

The Commissioning was a great occasion where both campuses came together and from my vantage point at the front of the Hall, it filled me with great pride and humility to be engulfed in a sea of blue.

**Project Compassion**

As part of our Lenten journey and our commitment to the wider Catholic education community and our own mission, the College is honoured to participate in the Caritas Project Compassion initiative. Each year Caritas provides a number of stories of communities that they support within the global context through provision of basics such as healthy drinking water, sanitation and housing protection.

During this Lenten period the boys will do a number of Caritas related fund raising activities and learn about some of the disadvantaged communities. Money raised will go a long way to helping those at the margins – a key statement within the touchstone of Justice and Solidarity.

I encourage all students to participate and get involved where they think they can. The Project Compassion Launch was held at the Cathedral in a ceremony led by the Archbishop and our leaders from both campuses received our Project Compassion information.

**Senior Campus Open Day and 2015 Grade 7 Enrolment**

On Thursday March 13 at Austins Ferry the annual Open Day will be held. The College will be open from 9am-5.30pm for tours and general enrolment information. A reminder that the enrolments for Grade 7 2015 close on April 17. We encourage you to speak to your friends and/or family members to ensure enrolment forms reach us prior to the closing date.

Information about enrolment and Open Day is available on the College website and parents are reminded that they can now submit an enrolment form online via the College website - [http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/enrol-online/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/enrol-online/)

**Mother and Son Night**

We are fortunate again this year to be running the Time and Space Programmes for our students. Led by Mr Bill Jennings, each of these programmes is a magnificent opportunity for the boys and parents to spend quality time together. A reminder that the Mother/Son Evening this year will be held on Thursday March 20 at 7.30pm. Full details of all Time and Space programmes, including booking procedures are contained in the Director of Transition’s section of The Star.

**Sport**

This week has been another busy sporting week at the College – SSATIS swimming, basketball, cricket and tennis are now in full swing. It was wonderful to see the Swimming Team win the SSATIS Swimming title at the Hobart Aquatic Centre on
Tuesday. It was also pleasing to see news of their triumph on the College’s new sport website within minutes of the team accepting the Junior Shield!

To support our many sports programmes the College has developed this interactive and functional Sport Website where information about sports offered, times of games and cancellations are posted. I thank Mr Dalton for his hard work in getting the site up and running to better serve the needs of our students and parents. As always we would encourage you to visit this site and provide us with any feedback to enable us to continually develop and improve the website.

Junior School Welcome BBQ
Thank you to the parents who supported the Junior School Welcome BBQ last Friday evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Patrick Street parents to come together in a social atmosphere to meet other families. I would like to especially thank the P&F Committee for their contribution to the evening.

Grade 5 Camp
This week our Grade 5 students are enjoying the annual camp to the Tasman Peninsula. Over the next three days they will be visiting Port Arthur and other places of interest in the area. I look forward to hearing of their adventures on their return on Friday.

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.
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](http://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

*Shrove Tuesday at the Junior school*
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“We could not wish for better role models”.

New Beginnings Programme
I have had the privilege over the last two weeks to work with a number of our Grade Seven students as part of their New Beginnings programme. What a fine bunch of boys we have welcomed into our College in 2014. If I was to explain how I would best categorise them, it would be boys of enormous enthusiasm and eagerness to be involved. This has been particularly evident during the Amazing Race activity around the Hobart city precinct.

It has been a joy to see such well-presented representatives of the College working in groups with their Pastoral Care Teachers with such a sense of fun and cooperation. They are proving to be great ambassadors for our community as was evident when, unsolicited, a visitor to our city stopped to heap praise on a group of boys working in Franklin Square.

As a College we are called to help our boys develop into fine young men and in the past two weeks we have seen what boys can become when given a chance. At each of the Grade 7 Outdoor Education experiences four Grade 10 House Leaders have been charged with mentoring the younger boys and assisting in the running of the activities.

The leadership shown by these young men has been exceptional and I would like to pay tribute to each of the Doyle and Joyce House Leaders. We could not wish for better role models (or as it turns out teachers of the War Cry), and I am also confident that Hessian and Dwyer Houses will be equally well represented by fine young men of character.

House Commissioning
Please note that the Junior House Representatives Commissioning will take place next Thursday, March 13. This is a formal uniform day for all boys at Austins Ferry.

Lost Property
I am sure it does not come as a surprise to many parents when I say that we have numerous uniform items in lost property. Of concern however are the number of items that are handed in that are not named. Could I please encourage parents to do a stock-take to check for names on all uniform items.

Uniform
The impact of our uniform was highlighted for me during my conversation in Franklin Square outlined above and I would like to thank parents for supporting us in our endeavours to ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times.
At school we are focussing on the following two points and I would ask parents to assist us with them:

- Sports uniforms should only be worn on days when PE or school sport is scheduled with the formal uniform worn on all other days.
- Sports shoes should be predominantly white, although blue is also acceptable. Red, black and particularly fluoro do not conform with our policy.

Our uniform is a powerful symbol of our identity and the connection we enjoy to our history and traditions and I sincerely thank parents for supporting us in maintaining this tradition.

Hair
As is often the case some boys are pushing the boundaries with some ‘creative’ hair styles. The College expectations in relation to haircuts are outlined in the Student Diary on page 25 if clarification is needed.

CAMPUS MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

I was looking for a Lenten thought. This quote from Archbishop Romero seeded to fit the Lenten bill!
Romero was Archbishop in El Salvador. Before becoming Archbishop he sided with the ruling Oligarchy. When he realised the oppression, injustice and suffering they were causing he became a very vocal opponent. So much so, they shot him during Mass. The DVD "Romero" is worth watching. This quote captures the essence of Lent.

‘There is one rule by which to judge if God is near us or far away……

the rule that God’s word is giving us today: - everyone concerned for the hungry, the poor, the naked for those who have vanished in police custody, for the tortured, for prisoners, for all flesh that suffers, has God close at hand’.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Andrew Pinelli, Head of Junior School

“Believe in yourself. If you don’t, then no one else will have a reason to.”

John Di Lemme

Afternoon Collection of Students
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 our recent 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 SHOULDN'T double park and instruct their son's to come to the car.

Parents are also reminded that they should not be driving into the Junior School driveway across the footpath as this too can be dangerous for the boys, their parents or other pedestrians.

We appreciate your support in ensuring the safety of everyone that has an association with the Junior School Campus.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
These important opportunities for parents and teachers to work in partnership had been scheduled to be held next week. Due to a number of calendar clashes and the shortness of next week these interviews have now been re-scheduled to March 25 – 27. This has been updated on the College’s online calendar. Further details about the interviews will be sent home with the boys very soon. Parents are reminded that these interviews are compulsory and an important component of the home – school partnership.

Junior School Leadership Positions
Over the last week, two ceremonies have been celebrated for the commissioning of student leaders for 2014. Last Friday, all boys from the Junior School Campus joined with the boys from the Senior School for the commissioning of the Captains, Vice Captains and House leaders for 2014. This was a wonderful ceremony that truly displayed we are one College.

This was followed on Monday of this week when the other student leaders and Mini Vinnies boys were commissioned for their roles within the Junior School. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to share these celebrations with us.

P & F Welcome BBQ – Friday February 28
What a fantastic evening was shared by well over 100 parents and boys at the P & F welcome BBQ. Thank you so much to the many parents who shared a salad or desert. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to cook up a feast for all to
share. We were blessed with a beautiful evening and some wonderful company. Thanks again to all families who were able to support this evening.

**Woodwork – Implementing the Technologies Syllabus**
Each boy’s jobs have been progressing really well in the workshop. All boys have now finished using the drill press to drill their holes in the crib boards. The boys have also been using a range of new tools to create a salt or pepper shaker made from Perspex. The boys have had to measure, drill holes, bend and mould their piece and are now in the process making the sides and joining them to the main body of the shaker. We look forward very soon to seeing the finished products.

**Grade 5 Camp**
Whilst you are taking in the news in this week’s edition of The Star, all Grade 5 boys are enjoying their camp around Port Arthur. A certain highlight will be the tour around the historic Port Arthur site. Please keep an eye out on twitter (@svctas) for regular updates with further recounts of the camp being published next week.

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**Ash Wednesday – the Lenten Journey Begins**
Ash Wednesday is the commencement of the Lenten period leading up to Easter. It provides an opportunity for everyone to stop and reflect on how fortunate we are in so many aspects of life. All boys, even the Grade 5s on Camp, had the opportunity to receive ashes as a sign of Ash Wednesday. During Lent the Junior School boys will be provided with opportunities to reflect on the meaning of Lent and also opportunities to support fundraising efforts for Caritas Australia. Please try to support these initiatives generously.
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:

March

8 Hour Day Public Holiday
St Vincent DePaul Youth Induction
Junior School Assembly @ 2.30pm
STCPSSA Swimming Carnival
Parent / Teacher Interviews
JSSATIS Swimming Carnival

Our Busy Grade 5 Boys!

History Centre Austins Ferry
Following the Commissioning Ceremony last Friday Grade 5 boys remained at Austins Ferry to visit the History Centre and learn about the history, traditions and events that have contributed to the rich story and culture to which all Virgilians belong to. The visit greatly increased the boys' sense of belonging to the College as well as helped to explain a few of the rituals they have encountered – such as the words to the war cry!

Boys also had the opportunity to explore the property with Mark 'Bushy' Smith and were able to experience the wonderful flora and fauna at Austins Ferry as well as learn about the College's commitment to sustainability and trying to identify and maintain the Indigenous plants that exist on the property.

Penitentiary Chapel
To complement our study of Colonial History boys had the opportunity to visit and experience the eeriness of the Penitentiary Chapel. Students were able to engage in role plays in the Old Court and also learnt about the brutal conditions endured by convicts and the gallows where 32 people were hung for their crimes. We visited the Chapel designed by John Lee Archer to accommodate both free settlers and convicts. The Solitary confinement cells and exercise yard were fascinating, albeit not too many boys were keen to be left in the dark cell with 'Big Mark'!
Shrove Tuesday
We had fun making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, whilst providing an ideal opportunity to talk to boys about the Lenten period. Thank you to Mrs Graves for all her help.

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Friday March 7  F Nuss / R Ferguson
Wednesday March 12  E Zeeman / T Donohue
Thursday March 13  K Read / Les Strong
Friday March 14  K Bridgland / J Gray

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

DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY
MRS RENEE MACGREGOR

What is Shrove Tuesday?
Traditionally, Christians gave up meat, fat, eggs and dairy products for Lent. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to use up some of these foods before Lent begins.

Why do we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?
The ashes that are placed on our forehead are a symbol of our mortality and a sign of sorrow and repentance. The ashes come from burning the palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The liturgical season leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter time. It is a time when we are asked to reflect on our relationship with God and with others. On Wednesday students at Austins Ferry gathered in grade groups to listen to the traditions of Ash Wednesday, pray and receive ashes.

Caritas Australia – Project Compassion
Throughout the Lenten season our College supports the Caritas Australia Project Compassion Campaign. Caritas is a Catholic international aid organisation that supports sustainable community development projects in majority world countries, and provides emergency relief after natural disasters.

This year our House Leaders who were commissioned last Friday will lead the way with fundraising efforts up until Easter. The Service and Spirit Leaders kicked off the fundraising pool selling pancakes at lunchtime on Shrove Tuesday raising $140. The theme of Project Compassion 2014 comes from Luke 10:10 Have life, and have it to the full. For more information about Caritas Australia, please visit http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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 continues to progress well thanks primarily to the wonderful enthusiasm of our boys and the support provided by staff associated with all four journeys.

The Programme continues for the next two weeks, with the specific details outlined below:

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Time and Space Programmes
There is now only two weeks until the Grade 9/10 Time and Space programme as well as the Grade 7 Mother/Son Night begin. Information for both events is being posted out this week as well as being available from the College website. I strongly encourage families to consider participating in these programmes as they are a wonderful opportunity to strengthen relationships with your son as he undertakes the journey from boyhood through to manhood.

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

Grade 7 Mother/Son Evening
Thursday March 20 - 7.30 - 9.30pm
Registration:
Or email svc.mums@time-space.com.au

Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening
Tuesday May 20 - 7.30 - 9.30pm

Tax File Numbers
As in previous years students will be able to apply for a Tax File Number through the College, a much easier and cheaper (free!) process than doing so through other means. However, to streamline the process students will only be able to apply during term, with all forms being sent at the end of the term. All students who may be looking to start any part time work in the next year should consider gaining a tax file number now. Forms can be collected and returned thought the Austins Ferry Front Office, and all parents are encouraged to assist their son filling the form in as the smallest mistake will see the form returned from the Tax Office.

Grade 7 Camp
Mr Steve Aitken and Mr Simon Harder
The St Virgil's New Beginnings program includes a two day outdoor education experience which sees the boys head up to Cliftonvale in their House groups. So far Doyle and Joyce house have made the journey up and have enthusiastically been participating in many great activities including; abseiling, orienteering, mountain biking, kayaking, challenges on the low ropes course and they have also had the chance to learn some camping skills that will come in very useful for future outdoor education programmes. It has been fantastic to see the Grade 7s getting in and having a go, but more importantly showing each other a great deal of support during the whole programme. We are excited about the next two weeks and can't wait for Dwyer and Hessian house to come up and take up the challenge of camp!
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MISS HEIDI GREGG

Science and Engineering Challenge
On Wednesday April 2 students have the opportunity to be involved in the exciting Science and Engineering Challenge. This is an annual event, held at the University of Tasmania, providing Grade 9 and 10 students with a positive experience of science and engineering through a series of practical challenges.

A meeting will be held next week for students interested in participating in this year's challenge. At the meeting they will be given a media consent form and an information sheet about the day; this will include transport details for the day as students will need to make their own way to and from the University on the day of the Challenge.

If you have any questions about this event please contact Mathew Derrick mderrick@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or Simon Ellis sellis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Grade 9 Outdoor Education Programme
Mr Simon Harder

From March 24 the Grade 9 Outdoor Education Programme will commence with students engaged in a diverse range of experiences. As always each student will have the choice of what activity they would like to be involved in for their three day outdoor experience. Below is a brief outline of each activity on offer this year. On Thursday March 6 and Friday March 7 the outdoor education staff will be visiting all Grade 9 classes to assist students to sign up to an activity via edmodo.

Ultimate Multi-Adventure
This programme is new to the list this year! This trip will see a group of 36 students head up to the central highland lakes of Tasmania where we will base camp and then split up into three small groups that will rotate around white water rafting, mountain biking, and bushwalking over three fantastic days of excitement and action!

White Water Rafting
The white water rafting programme takes place on the Mersey River, in the North of Tasmania. We set up camp next to the river and over the three days will get the chance to do about seven laps down the 8km stretch of wild white water rapids. We travel so far because the Mersey River has reliable water flows and is a fun and exciting river for the boys to further their rafting skills from the Grade 8 outdoor education programme.
Kayaking
For boys who are keen to develop and further their skills in the area of white water kayaking this is a fantastic trip. This trip runs with no more than 12 students at a time to ensure safety and maximum learning experience. We use local rivers such as the Derwent, the Picton and the Huon and spend the three days teaching the boys new kayaking skills and techniques and practicing them on fun and exciting white water.

Rock Climbing
Students spend time exploring some of Tessie's cliffs during a three day trip they won't forget! The rock climbing programme doesn't require any climbing experience, however it is crucial that you are comfortable with heights and that you are willing to push yourself and make the most of the experience. This trip could see you visit any area of the state as we will go to the locations with the best weather.

Mountain Biking
Spend three action packed days exploring the local tracks around Hobart all whilst building on your riding skills and technique. It is preferred that boys who sign up for this program have their own mountain bike, however, we will make some exceptions but you will need to speak with Mr Aitken regarding this.

Day Trip Walking
Jump in the bus and tour around Tasmania where we will take several short walks and visit some of the state’s most spectacular wilderness environments. Depending on the weather we will visit areas such as Mt Field, Freycinet Peninsular or the Tasman Peninsular. This trip should allow some time for fishing, cooking up some great food and honing those camp skills that have been developed over the last couple of years.

For all enquiries please contact Mr Simon Harder – sharder@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

SPORT NEWS

1st XI Cricket
Mr Cameron Alexander
SVC 6/148 (Henry Pritchard 35, Jacksyn Mann 26)
Defeated
The Friends School 7/110 (Declan Waddington 2/8, George Cripps 2/18, Reece Williams 2/20)

Another good win for the 1st XI set up by a strong batting performance that saw nearly all batsmen score at a run a ball. Henry Pritchard steadied the innings after the loss of two quicks wickets and allowed for some free hitting later in our innings. The defence of the total started well with George Cripps clean bowling two batsmen, including one which broke a stump!

A full score card is available on the College Sport website - http://sport.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/1st-xi-cricket-result/

Athletics
Congratulations to Jack Hale who will represent Tasmania in the Australian Junior Athletic Championships in Sydney later this month.

Rowing
Well done to Grade 10 student Rob Kennedy who last weekend as part of a Lindisfarne Rowing Club crew qualified for the National Rowing Titles to be held at Penrith later this month.
Fit4Life Programme  
Mr Mark Beck, Programme Coordinator  

Fit4Life has started at St Virgil's College. It is a programme aimed at raising the health and fitness levels across the College. There is currently specific smaller student group sessions conducted during school time. There is also student 'bootcamps' (open to all students before morning pastoral care on a Wednesday) and staff and community bootcamps after school on a Wednesday.

Student Information
It has been great to see students come to in-class sessions as well as before school.  
If you are interested in these sessions please contact Mr Beck: mbeck@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Parent Information
Just a reminder that on Wednesday afternoons, there is a free of charge (yes that's it- FREE) Community Bootcamp for adults. Or if you think your son could benefit from the other sessions let me know.  
For more information contact Mr Beck: mbeck@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Simple Workout Idea: Basic Body Weight Circuit.
Take these four body weight exercises: push ups, sit-ups, planks, squats. Do as many of each exercise in 30 seconds and quickly move onto the next. Move through the circuit 4 times. No equipment needed, takes less than ten minutes! An easy way to build up cardio and whole body strength.

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
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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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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

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.

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: ----------------------

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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.
‘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 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 cpob@bigpond.net.au
Fr Michael Tate

Glenorchy Knights Soccer Club
The Glenorchy Knights Football Club (Soccer) are seeking players interested in playing in our Youth Teams Under 14 Boys Under16 Boys (Training at Showgrounds), Under13 Girls Under 17 Girls (Training at Dominic College) Training is held on Monday and Wednesday at 5.00pm. Players of all abilities are welcome.
If you are interested in playing please contact:
Chris Murray 0404763112 (Youth Girls), Chris Chalker 040757903 (Youth Girls) or Paul Woodham 0417105713 (Youth Boys)

**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](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

**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.

**Student Exchange Information Session**
The session is specifically designed to provide information to all students that may be interested in going on an international exchange program, their parents, and teachers. Local families that perhaps are interested in hosting an international exchange student should also attend.

The free HOBART session will take place on Tuesday 25 March at 7 pm at the Rydges Hotel, 393 Argyle St, North Hobart
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