From the Principal

Mr Damian Messer

“On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection.”

Palm Sunday
The Palm Sunday Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday April 13 and I would encourage as many students and their families as possible to participate in this event. It is a celebration of Palm Sunday and the Catholic Church of Tasmania.

The Pilgrimage features an 8km walk, concert, children’s activities, special guests, large street procession and Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral with Archbishop Julian Porteous. You can either participate in the whole day event, starting at Bellerive, or

Myles Hall after his 'Shave for a Cure' - through hard work he raised in excess of $5000 to be Tasmania’s second highest fundraiser for 2014!
join in for the final leg of the pilgrimage from Princes Wharf 1. If you are unable to participate but are willing to assist on the day, please contact Mrs MacGregor at the Austins Ferry campus  rmacgregor@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

2015 Grade 7 Enrolments
A reminder that 2015 Grade 7 enrolments close on April 17. Please complete the application form and return it to the school office if you have a son who wishes to join the St Virgil’s College community next year.

Current parents within our community are reminded that if their son attends a primary school other than St Virgil's College Junior School, then they must complete an enrolment application.

Parents of current Grade 6 Junior School students, do not need to submit an enrolment form but will need to indicate their intentions for transition to the Senior campus on the letter they will soon receive regarding confirmation of enrolment for 2015.

Parents and Friends Association
Last night the Parents and Friends Association conducted their Annual General Meeting to elect a new committee of management for both campuses for 2014. In electing new people to positions of leadership it is timely to recognise the service of departing President Mrs Lynne Jones and Junior School President (P&F Vice President) Michael Moschogianis. Both have provided exceptional leadership and have supported the College in raising funds for significant projects, namely the Quad re-development at Austins Ferry and the Bank, tennis court and bottom court developments at the Junior campus.

I am delighted to announce the election of the following members to the Committee of the P&F and urge all parents to support the initiatives organised for both campuses. Whilst fundraising is greatly appreciated the development of community through events such as our fairs, the Gala Auction and Mother’s Day Breakfast, just to provide a few examples, is invaluable in strengthening the home-school partnership which is a key success factor in the education of our boys.

2014 Committee
President
Susan Roberts
Vice President (AF)
Shane Poulson
Vice President (JS President)
Mark Waddington
Secretary (AF)
Leon Ashlin
Secretary (JS)
Leisl Wylie
Treasurer (AF)
Narelle Freckleton
Treasurer (JS)
Neil MacDonald

Executive (AF)
Sally Crosby, Katrina Manser, Fiona Attrill, Cindy Gallahar, Michelle Direen
Executive (JS)
Monique Careless, Jocelyn Huigsloot, Simone Ashby

Catering Coordinator (AF)
Sally Crosby
Fair Coordinator (AF)
Julie Doran

We wish all committee members well and thank them for their efforts in enhancing the educational opportunities afforded to all boys at the College.

New Beginnings
The final rotation of the New Beginnings Programme concluded this week and I would like to thank all Grade 7 boys for their enthusiasm in the activities and the wonderful manner in which they conducted themselves. Thank you also to staff for supporting them in their important transition journey.
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. 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

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.

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.

Upcoming Events
As we approach the end of a very busy term I would like to draw your attention to a number of important dates on the College calendar:

- Student Interim Reports will soon be distributed to parents
- Junior School Parents will have the opportunity to participate in Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences from March 25 to March 27.
- Senior School Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday April 15.
- Formal Photos will be held at Junior School on March 31 and at Austins Ferry on April 4.
- Term 2 commences with the Edmund Rice Network Mass at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on May 9.

Details for all these events will be communicated to parents via mail outs and student notes, with details also available on the College website.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

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Boys and Routine

At St Virgil’s College we aim to provide the best learning environment we can, and as always we appreciate parental support in our endeavours. Below are some routines for home that could help in setting a tone for school:

- Having set homework times;
- Checking the diary regularly;
- Organising the following days books and materials the night before school;
- Insisting on early to bed; and
- Checking that the correct uniform is worn daily.

Such structures are vital components for a calm and organised school day and are great way of supporting the boys.

National Day of Action against Bullying: “Bullying no Way @ SVC”

Tomorrow at Austins Ferry we will be saying “stand up against bullying” – bullying no way @ SVC! Bullying is defined as repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

What is bullying?

- Any threatening or physically violent behaviour.
- Name calling, teasing or exclusion.
- Putting down others and their achievements.
- Making negative or offensive comments about family members or friends.
- Making negative or offensive comments about another’s perceived sexuality, race, appearance or interests.
- Nuisance calls / emails / text messages / chat lines
- Glaring and menacing gestures.
- Demands for money or possessions

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection

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.
One-off acts of meanness or spite
Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

All of these do however need to be addressed and resolved.

What should a boy do if he is being bullied?
- Tell the person who is bullying you to stop.
- Do not retaliate.
- Discuss the situation with someone he can trust, for example a friend, a parent, a teacher, a Head of House, Br Peter or Mr Blizzard. **THIS IS NOT DOBBING.** Any boy who has concerns has a right to talk it over in confidence.
- Use the bully report email address: bullyreport@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**Messages for Students**

As you could imagine a big campus like Austins Ferry is a busy place, particularly so in the front office. Each day our office staff receives phone calls, greets visitors, follows up on student absentees, staff the Sick-Bay, deal with students on a range of issues and many other unforeseen tasks.

It is with this in mind that I request parents please avoid ringing the school requesting a message be forwarded to their sons as it is not a simple task. Secondary school students move from room to room and on our Campus this could mean that at times boys are a long way from the front office. Office Staff will endeavour to pass on messages via email to the teachers, but this cannot always be relied upon. Obviously our mobile phone policy complicates things so critically urgent matters will be dealt with as best we can.

**Immunisations**

A reminder that Grade 9 and 7 students will have their Immunisations next Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

**Formal Photos**

These will take place on Friday April 4 for all Austins Ferry students.

**Bus Travel**

There have been some concerning reports regarding the behaviour of some boys on the buses lately. I would remind boys that they have signed a bus behaviour contract and that ongoing reports of poor behaviour will and does lead to the privilege of using the buses being removed. Our community cannot and will not tolerate such public displays of anti-social behaviour. Respectful behaviour is expected at all times.
My local Parish has *The Tablet*, the UK Catholic Paper. I found this feature article made wonderful reading. The Pope is telling young people to "Make a Ruckus" in the Church. Exciting stuff!

"During his visit to Sacred Heart Parish, next to Rome’s Termini station last Sunday, Pope Francis told young people how they could help to reform the church. It was a closed the door session with youths aged from 16 to 30. His message was clear: “make a ruckus” and don’t be too rigid. He made his point by recounting a conference he had once attended with people their age who wanted to renew the Church.

“They were very serious,” he said. Then at Mass they all had their hands glued together, they were rigid... “At a certain point I thought I had statues in front of me instead of persons,” he confided.

They said, “You have to do this... “ They had a recipe. Poor things, they all ended up in a bad way.” he continued. Taking things seriously does not mean playing at being serious. It means joy, prayer, seeking the Lord, reading the Word of God, celebrating.” Francis said. This is Christian seriousness.

“Our young person that doesn’t smile, that doesn’t make a bit of noise, has aged to quickly,” he warned. The 77 year old Pope repeated again that he prefers a church that is "accident prone" than one that is "sick" because it’s closed in on itself.

He told the youths they needed to "get their hands dirty" because those who don’t are people who are not doing anything.” Those who are on the journey get dirty-either physically or spiritually,” he noted. But he told the young Catholics not to worry about that. "Lord cleans everything," he promised them. And he urged those who felt "wounded" in any way, not to be afraid to name the wounds by speaking with someone who could help them.”


Grade 7 New Beginnings Camp
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse”.

Jim Rohn

St Vincent de Paul Youth Induction Mass

Last Thursday, over half of the Mini Vinnies group was represented at this year’s induction mass. The Archbishop spoke of the commitment that the boys involved have already made and the service that they will promote within the Junior School community. As part of the ceremony President, Tony Zagni, and Vice-President, Alec Spencer, represented our group on the altar and received symbols of the group’s service. Thank you to all the parents who were able to get their son’s to this symbolic occasion and to Mrs Chambers for encouraging the boys to attend.

Assembly

A highlight of last week’s assembly was witnessing Myles Hall’s head be shaved for the leukemia foundation’s shave for a cure. It was heartening to see many friends and family on hand to witness the event. Myles’ is to be well and truly congratulated having raised in excess of $5000. It was also a pleasure to host some of the Grade 3 girls from SMC, Myles’ classmates from last year, who also assisted with his fundraising efforts. Thank you to all those families who contributed in any way to his efforts. Well done Myles!

Formal Photos for 2014

By now the boys should have brought home the envelope that details packages available for this year’s formal photos. You will notice that the College has changed providers for this service so please check through the details extra carefully. Formal photos will take place on Monday March 31.
P & F Association AGM
This week, the AGM for the College’s P&F Association was held. It provided an opportunity for all present to reflect on the great work undertaken by the P & F on both Campuses. Specifically for the Junior School Campus some highlights from 2013 were:

- The wonderful support for both the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day breakfasts;
- The discos for the boys;
- The Family Footy Fun Night;
- The catering at a wide variety of activities; and
- The Junior School Fair.

The P & F are a significant part of the Junior School Campus and are instrumental in not only raising funds BUT, importantly offering a variety of activities where our community can gather and socialise – adults and boys alike. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work and support of outgoing President, Michael Moschogianis, and Secretary, Sharni Hanigan. Both Michael and Sharni have been instrumental in ensuring that the P & F is both an active and vibrant group around the Junior School Campus.

At last night’s AGM, the following positions were ratified:
President: Mark Waddington (Tadhg Gr 6 W)
Secretary: Leisel Wylie (Joshua Gr 5 O)
Treasurer: Neil Macdonald (Alexander Gr 4)
Executive: Jocelyn Huigsloot (Harrison Gr 5 O)
Simone Ashby (William Gr 3)
Monique Careless (Jewd Gr 3)

I would like to thank all those parents who were elected at the AGM and look forward to another fantastic year of P & F activities.

Formal Photos for 2014
Thank you to all those families who have returned their envelopes for this year’s formal photos to be held on Monday March 31. If parents would like to have a family photo, please return these envelopes ASAP so that a timetable can be formulated. You will notice that the College has changed providers for this service so please check through the details extra carefully. Formal photos will take place on Monday March 31.

Representative Swimming Carnivals
This week boys represented St Virgil’s at the STCPSSA Swimming Carnival (Catholic Schools). Congratulations to all the boys who represented the Junior School on Monday and achieved some very pleasing results.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thank you to those parents who have completed the request for interview forms sent home recently. This week, the boys should have brought home your allocated timeslot – we have tried to accommodate all requests. Should your timeslot now not be convenient, please contact your son’s teacher or the Junior School Office to have it adjusted. If you are not aware of your timeslot, please do not hesitate to contact your son’s classroom teacher. Parents are reminded that these interviews are compulsory and an important component of the home – school partnership.

SRC Footy Tipping Competition
The SRC are very excited about this year’s footy tipping competition. To date nearly 50 boys have signed up to take part. A reminder that the $15 entry fee needs to be brought into the Junior School Office so that prizes and other gifts can be bought. Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to a great year of tipping.
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**
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- JSSATIS Swimming Carnival
- IPSHA Leadership Day
- Grade 5 Hobart wharf excursion
- Assembly @ 2.30pm in the Hall
- Junior School formal photos

March 25 - 27
March 26
March 27
March 28
March 28
March 31

**April**
- Lenten Mass @ 9.00am in St Mary's Cathedral
- Junior School Swimming Programme

April 3
April 7 - 17

**Junior School Sport**

**Flippa Ball**
*March 7 2014*

**Grade 3/4**

**SVC Green 2 lost to Mt Stuart PS 6**
This was the first game for many of the boys and after coming to terms with the rules they played a solid second half. The team showed potential are will all be looking forward to the next game.

**Player of the Week: Krystian Jankowiak awarded for a great first game in goals.**

**SVC Blue 5 defeated Dominic Maroon 1**
An exceptional game was played by all members of the team. They have managed to grasp the concept of the game in no time at all, and were able to offer great defence to keep Dominic at bay.

**Player of the Week: Lachlan White awarded for great swimming with the ball.**

*March 14 2014*

**Grade 3/4**

**SVC Green 11 defeated Dominic Black 5**
A great team effort with five goal scorers. Riley Ferguson and Krystian Jankowiak scoring three each. Nicholas Skelly made some great saves in goals. Will Ashby was great in defence and attack. The whole team gave 100%.

**Player of the Week: Riley Ferguson awarded for great team play.**

**SVC Blue 2 lost to Montagu Bay PS 4**
This was a close game that could have gone either way. The whole team played very hard and were gallant in defeat.

**Player of the Week: Campbell Hills awarded for good passing skills.**
Surf Lifesaving
Congratulations to Cameron Monk and Max Guiliani who won a swag of medals at last weekend’s Tasmanian Surf Life Saving Championships in Burnie. Cameron won a Gold Medal in the Beach Sprint and Max won Gold in the Under 11 Ironman and Surf Swim, Silver in the Beach Relay and Bronze in the Beach Sprint.

Max Guiliani being interviewed after his Ironman Win

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Friday March 21  R & L Langshaw
Wednesday March 26  HELP NEEDED
Thursday March 27  J Mooney / S Thompson
Friday March 28  T Donohue / J Hickey

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

SPORT
Please check out the new SVC Sport Website!
The website, accessed from the front page of the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Latest News:
- Grade 7&8 Cricket Teams – March 24
- SVC/SMC/GYC Head of the River Luncheon

1st XI Cricket
Mr Cameron Alexander, Coach
SVC 2/97 (Henry Pritchard 30, Caiden Workman 22, Joe Randall 17 no.)
Defeated Calvin Christian School 9/93 (Reece Williams 4/12, Austin Keeling 3/21)

In a dominant display the First XI had another convincing win. In every way it was a great team effort with all bowlers contributing to keeping the opposition total down. Special mention goes to Austin Keeling who bowled a triple wicket maiden and Reece Williams whose 4 wickets in this game has meant he has taken 9 wickets in the last two matches. The opening batsmen, Caiden Workman and Henry Pritchard, then put the result beyond doubt with a 61 run opening partnership.

A full score card is available on the College Sport website - http://sport.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/1st-xi-cricket-result/
INTERIM REPORTS
These reports will be issued by mail at the end of Week 9. The Interim Report is where teachers give a brief summary of the students’ progress over the initial stages of the year. The students are rated against four criteria:

**Self-Management and Awareness**
Includes the student’s demonstration of:
- a realistic understanding of their own needs and abilities
- management of their own emotions and behaviours
- resilience and perseverance
- adaptability and initiative
- effective management of time and resources

**Social Management and Awareness**
Includes the student’s demonstration of:
- formation of positive relationships
- effective cooperation and communication with others
- leadership skills
- appropriate decision making
- conflict resolution
- resisting inappropriate social pressure
- understanding of and respect for the values, needs and viewpoints of others

**Engagement with Learning**
Includes the student’s demonstration of:
- completion of set tasks
- questioning and generation of ideas
- setting and/or achievement of lesson goals
- active participation
- organisation of self and materials

**Academic Progress**
An indication of the student’s academic progress so far.

Following the delivery of the Interim reports, you are invited, with your son to come in and meet with the teachers in order to set goals and discuss strategies for success. Parent Student Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday April 15 from 9am until 8:30pm. A sheet for booking these will be included with the report.

**Maths Matters**
Mr John Waldock

Maths Online is up and running! Last year we trialled this terrific online Maths support website and after very positive feedback from our students and teachers the College has decided to go ahead and use it to support class room learning. The boys will have access to the website on their iPads and will access online assignments which will be set by their teachers. Boys can view short video explanations of key concepts and as a parent you can also join Maths Online and receive
a weekly email outlining your son’s progress through the assignments. We will be sending out a letter soon which details how this will work.

Library News
Ms Louise Oldham, Librarian

The Festival of Golden Words (FOGW) – March 14-16 2014
www.festivalofgoldenwords.com.au

A weekend at Beaconsfield aka Beaccie in localspeak!

Day 1
Last week I had the good fortune to visit the FOGW which was held at Beaconsfield last weekend March 14-16. All I can say is what a great way to spend a weekend! This is the first time the festival has been held in Tasmania and at Beaconsfield. Talk about Location, Location, Location! It was a beautiful trip up through the picturesque Evandale and the Tamar Valley.

This region now seems to be the up and coming hub of cultural life in Tasmania with the Glover Exhibition being held in Evandale only the week before. Well you know what they say it is not the destination but the journey. As it turned out Beaconsfield was the ideal choice for the first writers festival and the organisers told me that they didn’t have one author or writer of a celebrity cast knock back the opportunity to come to Tasmania.

Celebrities were rubbing shoulders with country folk and loving it. Everyone was there, the famous, the infamous, the academics, the writers, the librarians, the locals and all were relaxed with their shared interests and all manner of topics were discussed outside the marquees books, poetry, politics, cricket, travel, wine, food and networking opportunities abounded.

When I first arrived Steve Bisley, the well-known Australian actor of ‘Police Rescue’ fame was sitting under a shady tree picking out quotes for his session, marking each with little bits of paper. To assist I handed him some bookmarks I’d collected to help him mark his quotes. I then waited patiently while he finished and Steve said to me, “have you been waiting there quietly all that time I was reading”? I said, “Yes” - I am nothing if I am not the true autograph hound! He signed my copy of his autobiography – Stillwell as follows: “To the boys of St Virgil’s College – enjoy”! Steve Bisley.

Apparently the celebrities had rocked into the only Chinese restaurant in town the Red Dragon and a great time was had by all on Saturday night! Anyway, I discovered a huge hall which had all the facilities plus tables laden with books (a librarian’s
paradise!) and authors chatting and signing books. Then there were two huge marquees set up for simultaneous talks and the whole thing ran like clock-work, with an excellent diverse programme and great panels put together with more expertise than a Geoffrey Robertson panel arguing the pros and cons of hot issues such as: Do authors need to promote their own books now that the publicists are taking more of a back seat? And is self-publishing the future of publishing? I was still kicking myself for spending too much time in Evandale and missing out on the 11.00 am session on *What Makes Women Glad, Sad and Mad?*

Steve Bisley’s reading of excerpts from his first biography to the enraptured audience started at 1.00 pm. It was just wonderful to sit back and be read to by an actor of such note who read with such emotion and passion as he recollected some obviously still very painful recollections of an extremely loveless childhood.

I quickly made a note to self. We all should do more of this read to other people and I should give it a go when I get back to the Library. Story-telling is just as relevant for adults as it is for children and left you wanting more. Steve broke up his book review with jokes and anecdotes which was highly entertaining as well. At some points he was quite tearful when he recollected the nightmare which was his childhood and many of us from that generation still have similar emotional scars for different reasons.

Steve also read a heartbreakingly sad short story which apparently took out the 2014 FOGW Short Story Winner. I tried desperately to obtain a copy of it and other details but it is not published as yet but all I can say is watch this space! For the release of the 2014 FOGW Short Stories.

By the way, there were also simultaneous programs being held at the Beaconsfield Primary School for the School Day Program, Children and Young Adult and Author Program and Workshops for Children and for adults there were some writers workshops, literary lunches, literary dinners, cocktail parties with Maggie Beer, Max Allen, Wendy Harman, Gretel Kileen and others. All these did require bookings.

However, along the way there were other parts of the festival that were being run simultaneously at the Beaconsfield Primary School where fantastic writing skills workshops for children were being held.

Stay tuned for the list of new autographed books I bought for the boys for the Library and details of the Writing Competition for children - details in the next issue of The Star!!

**Grade 10 Work Experience**

Students in Grade 10 who would like to do Work Experience in 2014 are reminded that all form must be returned to Mrs Gangell, *no later* than March 31 2014.

**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](mailto:mderrick@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) or Simon Ellis [sellis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au](mailto:sellis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES
MR RICHARD LAWLER

A few weeks ago, I asked parents to fill in a short survey to indicate if you would like to participate in an iPad workshop especially for parents, and what you would like to see covered in those workshops.

Can I please encourage you to fill in the survey? The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/svcipadworkshops

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 7 - New Beginning
This week marked the final rotation of the New Beginnings Programme for 2014. It has been a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm of the Grade 7 boys as they enter each of the journeys they undertake. There is already evidence of the strengthening of relationships between the boys and in their relationships with staff. The programme is a large undertaking and I especially thank the following staff members who have taken on a significant role within the programme: Mrs Renee MacGregor, Mr Steve Aitken, Mr Simon Harder, Mr Richard Lawler, Mr Terry Blizzard, Mrs Maryanne Saxon-Hillier and Br Peter Flint.

Time and Space Programmes
On Tuesday night ten families gathered for the commencement of the Time and Space Programme. This is a significant time, and emotional, commitment from all participants, but one that we are sure will be extremely beneficial. We wish all participants all the best over the next week as the complete the programme.

This evening the annual Mother/Son evening will see a large percentage of our Grade 7 boys and their mother or significant female mentor, discuss the change from primary to secondary school and the significance that marks in the boys journey to manhood. We thank all participants for their commitment to the programme under the leadership of facilitator Mr Bill Jennings.

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 through the Autilns 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.

**SPORT**

**Athletics**
Congratulations to Jack Hale who won a Silver medal in the Long Jump at the Australian Junior Athletics titles in Sydney. Biniyam Hagos also won a Silver medal in the Steeple Chase.

**Grade 7&8 Cricket Development Programme**

**SVC Blue 10/77** (Lachlan Reilly 11, Tom Kemp 8 no) **tied with Hutchins 2 7-77** (Brady Hayden 2-16, Kade Applebee 2-16)

An amazing finish to a keenly contested contest with St Virgil’s taking five wickets in the last three overs to defend their modest total of 77 on a good wicket at Hutchins. Tom Kemp held his nerve, bowling sensationaly to post four dot balls to close out the game!

**SVC Gold 6-136** (Calvin Coles 47 no, Andrew Bourke 21 no, Oscar Walker 13 no Blake Waite 11 no) **defeated Hutchins 1, 9-95** (Zac Berry 2-14, Oscar Walker 2-16)

A comprehensive win by the Gold team, highlighted by a swashbuckling 47 no from opener Calvin Coles. He was well supported by Andrew Bourke. The team put in a solid bowling performance, led by Zac Berry and Oscar Walker.

**Games – March 24 from 3.30 pm (all games at SVC)**

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

Walk Sock for both Senior and Junior School
All sizes of Grey shorts are in stock at both shops

UNIVERSITY SOCCER CLUB
The University Soccer Club are seeking boys to play in their Under 14 and under 16 competition. Training is Tuesday and Thursdays 4.30 – 5.30pm at Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson. Please contact utas.soccer@gmail.com.

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
ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs Susan Roberts, President

Entertainment Book
The P&F will again be selling the popular Entertainment Book in Term 1. In 2014 the Entertainment Book will be available from the Front Office of both campuses. The cost of the book this year is $65, with $13 from each book sold going to the P&F. Please support the boys of St Virgil’s College when buying the book. For all enquiries please contact Jackie Geale - jackiegeale@bigpond.com

Introducing the 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Book and the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership!

As part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations we are excited to announce that this year you now have a choice!

- The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers,

-OR-

- The new Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Whichever Membership you choose, $13 of your $65 purchase helps community fundraising, and you receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015! Further details at http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/how-to-buy-an-entertainment-membership

Take a look at some of the many valuable offers available with the NEW 2014 | 2015 Tasmania Entertainment™ Membership that will be released on 8 April 2014:
Barry Woods Scholarship – Grade 5/6 and Grade 7/8 Students

Applications are invited for the Estate of the late Barry William and Mary Jeanette Woods Scholarship. The Scholarship provides partial payment of school fees for two students selected from Years 7 and/or 8 and two students from years 5 and/or 6. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending St Virgil’s College. There are four such scholarships provided each year.

Written applications are invited by April 4 2014.

The criteria to be applied in awarding of the Scholarships are as follows.

- The endeavours applied by the student to his educational studies
- The character of the student
- His participation in Catholic religious studies and practices
- The financial circumstances of the fee paying parents or guardian.

Mr Woods was a wonderful Virgilian and the school takes the opportunity to thank him and his family for their very generous offer and also to thank the Old Virgilian’s Association for their co-ordination of the funds. Mr Wood’s objective was to provide financial support for students whose families have experienced significant hardship. Further details can be obtained from the Personal Assistant to the Principal, Mrs Monica Nugent on 62496519.

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.
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

OHA Hockey Club

OHA Hockey Club is seeking junior players for the 2014 season.
Season starts 28th March
For Details please contact:

Liz Smith

2014 Junior Coordinator (Boys)
M: 0409 563 566
E: juniorboys@ohahockeyclub.com
For all the information on what’s happening this season check out the OHA website: www.ohahockeyclub.com

- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Information Flyer – National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
- Axtins Ferry Traffic Management Plan
- Hockey Tasmania Junior Gala Day – Saturday March 22
- OHA Hockey Club
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