“Project Compassion 2014 carries Jesus’ commitment for all for a life of abundance: “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.”

When reflecting on this verse, Pope Francis said: “Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life... a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to its fullness.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 10B

Saturday April 5 – Head of the River, Lake Barrington
Monday April 7 – Junior School Swimming Programme commences – concludes April 17
Grade 9 Outdoor Education experience – concludes April 9
Wednesday April 9 – Junior School Open Day, 9am-5pm
Friday April 11 – Junior School Grandparent’s Day

WEEK 11A

Tuesday April 15 – Parent, Student & Teacher Conferences, AF, 9am-8.30pm
AF Parents and Friends Meeting, 7.30pm
Wednesday April 16 – JS Parents and Friends Meeting, 7pm
Thursday April 17 – Term 1 concludes.

Full calendar at College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au
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. For more information about Caritas Australia, please visit [http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](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.

iPads
It has become apparent over the last eight weeks that some students are not adequately caring for their iPad. Each boy in Grade 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 has been given a bubble case to place the iPad when not in use. The Grade 7 group have a different case for protection. As a result of the current breakage rate, students who need their screen replaced will have to pay $110 repair cost to the office prior to the machine being returned to them. The College currently has one of the worst breakage rates recorded by our leasing partner and I ask parents to support us in ensuring that your son's iPad is adequately protected. I will speak to all students in the next week in regards to this issue.

Office Closure
The administration offices at both campuses will be closed from 4pm Thursday April 17 until Monday April 28. The Austins Ferry Office will be open from Monday April 28 to Friday May 2 from 9am to 3.30pm and the Patrick Street office will be open on Friday May 2 from 9am to 3.30pm.

ANZAC Day
This year ANZAC Day falls during our holiday period. It has become a major tradition that the College supports local and State ANZAC Day ceremonies. This year the College Vice Captain, Jonah Lilley, has been given the privilege of presenting the address at the Dawn Service in Hobart. We require many students to volunteer to support the different services around the Metro area. I ask that any student interested in being involved please be in contact with Mr Cameron Alexander at the Austins Ferry campus or Mr Andrew Pinelli at the Junior School.

Edmund Rice Network Mass
The annual Edmund Rice Network Mass will be held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on Friday May 9, commencing at 12 noon. I ask that members of our community claim that date as all of our students and staff will join with students and staff from other Edmund Rice Network schools and organisations to celebrate the life of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. This invitation is open to all members of our community and I would encourage people to come and join us in this significant celebration for St Virgil's and the wider Edmund Rice Network. More details about the logistics of the day will be outlined in coming editions of The Star.

2015 Enrolments
A reminder that enrolments for 2015 Grade 7 close on Thursday April 17. At the Junior School enrolments for Grades 3, 4 and 5 are still open and I encourage members of the community to lodge their application as soon as possible.

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 received this week.
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.

Tours should be organised by contacting Mrs Michelle Moate mmoate@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or phone 62342440 or Mr Mark Waddington mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Scholarship Reminders
Each year the College allocates a number of scholarships for current and past students. Tertiary students can apply for the GL Curtis Scholarship. Current Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 students are eligible to apply for a Barry Woods Scholarship. Applications for both scholarships close on April 4. Written applications must be submitted to the Principal.

Full details of all scholarships are included later in this newsletter.

Interim Reports Austins Ferry - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Early next week Secondary students will be posted their Interim Report. Included in this report will be the opportunity to set up Parent/Student/Teacher Conference appointments. This process will be done online and the instructions are included with the report. For those who will be attending, it is crucial, as part of our home-school partnership that you attend these meetings with your son.

Austins Ferry Formal Photos
A reminder tomorrow is Formal Photo Day at Austins Ferry. All students need to attend school in their formal uniform.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“From one day to the next our boys do themselves proud, their families proud and of course the College proud for many and varied reasons”.

Standards and Expectations
It is important in schools to celebrate the positive things that happen every day. From one day to the next our boys do themselves proud, their families proud and of course the College proud for many and varied reasons. A typical example of this occurred this week when a parent sent a glowing endorsement of our College Captain Patrick Vout for the wonderful way in which he assisted a Grade 7 boy. But sometimes however we have to call it as it is and I have to say that the behaviour of some of our boys on the buses recently, certainly not all but more than we would like, has let us all down.

We have spoken to the boys this week about the privilege of attending a school like St Virgil’s College and the responsibilities that come with that. My issue of concern is to do with how we present ourselves in public, and in particular on the buses. I would ask parents to do as I have and remind boys that bus travel is a privilege that must not be abused. All buses do have cameras, they are checked regularly, and unacceptable behaviour will be acted upon.

All boys are expected to behave in a respectful manner at all times when travelling on the buses and must understand that transgressions will have consequences. I would remind boys that they have signed a bus behaviour contract and that ongoing reports of poor behaviour will lead to the privilege of using the buses removed.

The boys themselves can have a significant impact on changing the “boys are toxic myth” by realising that they are on display in public and the way they wear their uniform, interact with others and behave is noticed and often reported back to school. Sadly the actions of one or two reflect on all of us and to hear “those St Virgil’s boys” is often unfair on all of those who do the right thing always. I would particularly challenge the Grade 10’s to stand up and take the lead with this issue on the buses, and say as we often say here at school, “sometimes we have to do things because they’re the right thing to do”.

Immunisations follow up
Those Grade 7 and 9 boys who did not receive their immunisations last week should receive a letter from the Glenorchy City Council with details for catch up immunisations. Please note that the next round for Grades 7 and 9 are scheduled for Tuesday May 20.
CAMPUS MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

A blessing for you - and maybe your blessing for your sons and daughters!

A Blessing

That the single, most significant dimension of life is our relationship with the Source of Goodness who never ceases to sing love songs to our souls.

May you find meaning, purpose, and vitality in what you do daily.

May you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you.

May you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self.

May you look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement.

May you remember relationships are what count above all else – more than work or money, or all the material things we spend so much time tending.

May you live in an uncluttered manner, enjoying the freedom to be content.

May you keep our sense of humour when things don’t go the way we want.

May you find adventure in each new day and marvel at the wonders of creation which constantly present themselves to you.

May you never give up on yourself when others turn away or do not understand.

May you be attentive to the health of your body, mind and spirit.

May you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you.

May you draw on our inner strength and resiliency when you are in need.

May you carry peace within yourself, allowing it to slip into the hearts of others so our planet becomes a place where violence, division, and war are no more.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Learning and work related activities are no longer separate. In many situations, they are the same.”

George Siemens

Busy Times
Things have been very busy recently around the Junior School Campus with a number of boys involved in co-curricular activities. Separate reports for the IPSHA Leadership Day and the Mini Vinnies weekend along with information regarding upcoming Mini Vinnies activities have been written up by the boys involved.

Swimming Programme 2014
Details have been sent home summarising arrangements for this year’s swimming programme which commences on Monday April 7. Participation in the swimming programme is compulsory for all boys. A summary of arrangements is below:

- **Venue:** Clarence Aquatic Centre
- **Times:**
  - Grades 3 & 6 depart at 12.00
  - Grades 4 & 5 depart at 1.00
- **Gear:**
  - College sport uniform, including House shirt, to be worn each day of the swimming programme.
  - Boys are to bring their bathers (**NO** board shorts), towel, thongs/sandals, swimming cap and goggles.
  - Swimming caps are compulsory. Please ensure all items are clearly named.
  - A plastic bag for wet gear is advisable.

Assembly
Invitations have been distributed to families for our special assembly on Friday April 11 to commemorate and celebrate grandparents (special persons) day. Our liturgy and assembly will be led by Grade 5 M and will be followed by an opportunity to visit the different classrooms to see contemporary learning in action. The morning will conclude with morning tea.

SRC Footy Tipping Competition
The boys were keen to check their progress in the Junior School tipping competition. The ladder was posted and there is still one clever tipper with two perfect rounds of tipping – a bit of envy about that. To date over 60 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 items can be bought. **The SRC have decided that entry fees need to be paid prior to the commencement of Round 3 (Friday April 4).** Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to a great year of tipping.

ANZAC Day
Once again, ANZAC Day is commemorated during the school holiday break. St Virgil's College will once again have boys marching as part of the commemoration. Please mark this on your calendar. Further details about how your son can participate will be sent home in the coming weeks.
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/

Upcoming events can be printed out by going to the following link and clicking on the print icon - http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/action~agenda/

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below:

**April**
- Lenten Mass @ 9.00am in St Mary’s Cathedral
- Grade 5 Excursion to Richmond
- Junior School Swimming Programme
- Junior School Open Day
- Grandparents/Special Persons Day
- Assembly led by Grade 5 M
- Holy Thursday – Last day of Term 1
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday

**Grade 5 Lady Nelson Excursion**

**Mrs Karen Ogle**

On Friday March 28, Grade 5 enjoyed sailing the high seas on the Lady Nelson as part of our History Unit on British Colonisation. We learnt how to rig the ropes and some of us even steered the ship. It was a fabulous experience for all of us and we couldn’t believe that so many people could travel on such a small ship for such a long period of time on their trip from England to here!

After we disembarked the ship we walked over to Mures to enjoy an ice cream. We all wondered why we couldn’t have a day like that every Friday!
Religious Education and Outreach News
Mrs Fiona Chambers

IPSHA Leadership Day  
Liam Roach & Sam Cornelius
Last week the Grade 6 leaders, together with other students from around Tasmania, participated in a leadership day at The Hutchins School. Altogether there were about 150 girls and boys. The day was mainly about how to become a good leader in your own way; recognising what are you are good at and using your gifts and talents to develop leadership.

To do this we had to complete some activities with other schools in groups. We did some team work activities, such as climbing over an imaginary electric fence, being tied together and trying to escape, building small bridges and playing with a parachute. We also learnt the importance of learning how to approach other people, how to look them in the eyes, talk to them face to face and shake hands. We met many people from many different schools. It was an interesting and fun day and we all learnt a lot about ourselves and others.

Mini Vinnies Activity Day  
Tony Zagni and Jordan Baker
On Saturday, March 25, some of our Mini Vinnies boys participated in an activities day run by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Grade 6 students Jordan Baker, Tony Zagni and Ben Waller and Grade 5 student, Joel Watling gave up their Saturday to join in the day. We learnt fun ways to pick up mess and help the environment by not using the escalators. Some people thought of the idea of piano stairs, where every time you took a step a musical note sounded. This encouraged around 60% of people to use the stairs rather than the escalator. We also did lots of face painting which we all enjoyed. Joel got a baseball, Tony got a zombie, Ben got a dragon and Jordan got Ronald McDonald. We did some funny dance rehearsals also. We did lots of fun games like riding on a little white pony which Jordan was enthused about. We all got some pretty glitter tattoos. We did some hand painting and finished off the day with lots of ideas to take back to school for our Mini Vinnies group.
Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle and Gold Coin Donation

Tom Goward

In support of our fundraising and awareness of the work of Caritas Australia, the Mini Vinnies group is organising our annual Easter Egg Raffle and guessing competition. We would appreciate donations from Mini Vinnies members, but all boys are welcome to make donations for this raffle. Boys can bring in Easter eggs/bunnies, to add to the prizes. Tickets and guesses will be available for 50c each or 3 for $1. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

Mini Vinnies is also running a coin line. It would be fantastic if all boys could bring in a gold coin donation. Mr Pinelli has agreed that if the donations reach $300 he will dress up as Easter Bunny to draw the Raffle. The day for the coin line will be advised via a note home and in The Star.

Junior School Sport

Term 2 Soccer

Outdoor Central Region soccer commences in Term 2. A large number of boys have indicated they wish to play but we still require some additional Grade 4 and Grade 6 players. If your son is interested in playing please see Mrs Leon or Mr Pinelli.

Canteen

Mrs Olga Leon

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

A reminder that there will be no canteen during the last two weeks of term due to the swimming programme. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for their assistance in Term 1.

SPORT

1st XI Cricket – Grand Final

Mr Cameron Alexander, Coach

SVC 4/162 (Liam Devlin 75, Caiden Workman 57 not out) Defeated Hutchins Magenta 10/56 (Alex Blair 3/12, Declan Waddington 2/11, George Cripps 2/11, Reece Williams 2/15)

For the second year in a row the St Virgil’s 1st XI (left) met Hutchins Magenta in the SSATIS Second XI Cricket Grand Final. With the SVC team still comprising many boys who played in the losing team last year they were keen to turn the tables.

Luckily for us we displayed our best all round display of the year for this game, after losing a few early wickets, Liam Devlin and Caiden Workman combined for a dominant 95 run partnership in 57 balls. Both boys batted exceptionally well and this partnership was really the difference between the teams.

Our bowling could not have started better with Declan Waddington taking a wicket with the first ball and then following up with a second in the same over. All bowlers contributed but Alex Blair in particular bowled an excellent spell, with good pace that troubled all batsmen. All the team are congratulated on the manner in which they have represented the school and the improvement as a team they have shown throughout the season.
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MISS HEIDI GREGG

Geography Excursion Grade 8A, 8C & 8E
Mrs Maryanne Saxton-Hillier

Boys in these classes will be going on a Field Study trip to Mount Wellington on Wednesday April 9. We will leave the College at 8.45 am sharp and will return by 2.00 pm. The boys will be required to wear their full sports uniform (including Track Pants).

Boys will also need to bring a warm jacket, beanie, a packed lunch (enough for Recess as well) and drink bottle. Scarf and mittens optional! Boys may use a smaller day pack rather than their College bag on the excursion.

If you require any further information please contact either Mrs Saxton-Hillier or Mr O’Keeffe

Library News
Ms Louise Oldham, Librarian

New Books Just Arrived and Now Available for Loan
The library staff have recently purchased and catalogued several new books (fiction and non-fiction) and these are now available for loan in the library. If anyone would like a list of these items with a small abstract then please request one by emailing me on loldham@stvirgils.tas.edu.au The new books list is also currently displayed on the staff notice board, a printed copy is available from the library or can be accessed at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior-school-grades-7-10/senior-curriculum/

Games
The word has probably travelled that there are now four chess sets and boards available for chess enthusiasts to borrow from the library and these appear to be a popular item in the lunch time. Also, coming soon is scrabble at the library for the boys. There are two sets available for loan and dictionaries are also available.

Staffing
Finally, we are happy to welcome to the staff of the Senior Library, Mrs Jen Sutton who will be working on Mondays and Fridays.

Maths Homework Help
Conducted by and Mr Chris Thompson in the library from 12.30pm – 1pm each Monday. No bookings required. It is particularly important that on Mondays that noise in the quadrangle outside the library is kept to a minimum.

Library Management System Upgrade
At this stage a more user friendly web based upgrade is scheduled for May 7 to Smart Library and we just need to let everyone know that in all probability the library will be closed for most of that day while the upgrade is in progress with support from Functional Solutions on site. This upgrade is already in operation at St Theresa’s Catholic School in Moonah.

Displays
The display for the month of April is Australian Military History featuring World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq campaigns. This is appropriate for the month of April as April 25 is ANZAC Day. Also, there is a poster in the library for Easter and Palm Sunday. All items on display are available for loan either by staff or students. There
is also an author display on John Flanagan who wrote the Rangers Apprentice Series and the Brotherband Chronicles. Please feel welcome to come and see the displays and to borrow the accompanying books.

[Image of ANZAC Day display]

**A Reminder**
The library catalogue is available via an icon marked vlibrary on students IPADs and also MP4s are available via the catalogue.

**The Festival of Golden Words (FOGW)**
www.festivalofgoldenwords.com.au
*A weekend at Beaconsfield aka Beaccie in local speak! Continued - Day Two Sunday March 16*

I am happy to report Day 2 at ‘Beaccie’ was just equally fantastic as Day 1 with a slightly different emphasis with lively debates and discussions.

“*The Internet is Your Friend. I think*”
The pros and cons of the internet were hotly debated with humour by an all-star panel of Wendy Harmer, Danielle Wood, Matthew Lamb, Sheryl Clark and Tristan Banks.

One viewpoint expressed by Kate Gordon, was that the amount of screen time was spelling the end of imagination in children. This young author and mother expressed the conflict of parental choices: “*I want my daughter to remember to be fascinated by a lady bug and at the same time I am worried that she will come home and say she can’t use an ipad*”.

**Please Note:** For more information on these authors refer to [http://www.festivalofgoldenwords.com.au/authors.html](http://www.festivalofgoldenwords.com.au/authors.html)

The next session I attended was titled “*Funny You Should Say That – finding the Muse to Amuse.*” Andrew Ollie the well-known Australian columnist, posed the conversation: How do you seduce the reader? Maybe the key is to find that key to each person’s sense of humour. Every family has different senses of humour or were you the joke of the family eg were you from the butt family ie were you the butt of every joke?

Finally, the session that I had been waiting for all day and an absolute must to be there was on! “*What are we teaching our children*?”
It was a jam packed session in terms of content and issues and the panel was Cath Keenan, Kate Gordon, Lian Tanner and Rachel Treasure. Some key issues that emerged included:

**Reading and Learning**

Nobody can teach anything we just need to promote a learning environment. Language is reading and it is the primary carers’ language to children that promotes reading. All children learn differently through their baby years to adulthood. We need to encourage everyone to read to children - grandparents, parents, teachers, librarians, everyone....

Kate Gordon stressed how critical it was that money was invested into school libraries and librarians. Kate argued it was an indictment on the governments of the day to be taking away school librarians there are no trained librarians and how shortsighted this is in terms of literacy.

Rachael Treasure stated that the key is to find out what lights up inside children to encourage them to read. It might be that light is football, racing cars, diving through caves or surfing, however it is up to educators and parents to find the key to unlock a boy’s interest in reading. There is a cultural gap between the educators and those receiving the education.

The problem is with school there is a one size fits all approach to reading via the NAPLAN. How did you discover books as a child? Catherine Keenan, PHD in English Literature, claimed she learnt to read signs first and then her reading went to well-known series as a child, for example, Nancy Drew, Enid Blyton, Hardy boys, reading was a happy place. Rachael Treasure said she used to eat little golden books and art! Her Dad was always behind a newspaper and her grandmother was a children’s writer.

In response to these observations, one of the panel commented:

“We are better at stopping kids to read in Tasmania than anywhere else in Australia. Tasmania has the lowest literacy rates in Australia.”

This is when it really hit me – this is scary! When did this happen? I had returned to Tasmania after a number of years to find that Tasmania has a literacy crisis. To the point where the State Library of Tasmania has a programme titled 26Ten Get the tools for life to address adult literacy issues.

I remember my mother teaching me to spell and read prior to even arriving at school – what has happened? How have we arrived here?

**Writing Stories**

What does success look like? You need show boys how a story can grow and make a story out of it? What is special about it? What goes wrong? The Sydney Story factory, a children’s creative writing centre in Redfern co-founded by Catherine Keenan encourages children to write on pieces of paper with pen. Something they will feel really great about writing a story!


**A Summary**

In terms of the last day of the FOGW there was the usual evaluation form to complete and I can only say that the positives far outweighed the negatives. It was well organised and the programmes and posters were detailed and professional. There were opportunities for everyone to enjoy the Festival and ample opportunity to shop for books and chat with the authors. It also reinforced my commitment to work with our boys to foster a love of reading and an increased appreciation of the need to develop literacy skills.

I hope I see many from our community at the next Writers Festival in Tasmania – definitely an event not to be missed!
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

GRIP Leadership Student Leaders Conference
As part of their leadership development, the Prefect group attended the GRIP Leadership conference on Monday. This was a great opportunity to hear from young people who were leaders in their own schools about some of the challenges they faced and the secrets they have learned about how to be a successful leader. The day also provided an opportunity to mingle with leaders from other schools and learn from their experiences as well.

The Prefects came away with plenty of advice and even more energy and enthusiasm to serve the student body of St Virgil's.

Time and Space - Save the Date
The Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening will be held on Tuesday May 20 from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Grade 7 Transition Survey
As we come to the end of the first term and a number of the significant transition programmes have concluded, we are keen to seek parent feedback about their son's transition into secondary schooling. Below is a link to a short survey which we ask all Grade 7 parents to complete. The data collected allows us to review all aspects of the transition process, from the initial enrolment interview, through to the New Beginnings programme and the Mother/Son evening.
Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SVCtransition2014

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 Austin's 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

Grade 7&8 Cricket Development Programme
The Grade 7&8 Development Programme finished on a high note with two great games at Hutchins last Saturday. All boys are to be commended upon their commitment to the programme and the way in which they have represented the College.

Results:

SVC 1 6-87 defeated Hutchins 10-83 – Player of the Match: Keegan Oates and Jack Stephenson

SVC 2 10-101 lost to Hutchins 10-104 - Player of the Match: Lachlan Reilly
The full scorecard can be downloaded by clicking the following link - http://sport.stvirgils.tas.edu.auGRADE-78-cricket-roster/ 

**COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Austins Ferry Canteen**

*Mrs Carol Hilyer*

Could parents be aware when ordering your 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

**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.

This year you are able to purchase the exciting new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, that brings the benefits of the Entertainment Book to your smartphone. No more ‘leaving your book at home’ or missing out on new additions to the guide. It’s all there in the palm of your hand.

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**Senior School Link**

For all enquiries please contact Jackie Geale - jackiegeale@bigpond.com
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- **OR**

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


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.
Vinnies Last Chance Clearing Shop
The new store will hold its Grand Opening on Tuesday April 15 at 10 am – 184 Main Rd New Town
Racks and stacks of bargains – nothing over $3!

OHA Hockey Club

OHA Hockey Club is seeking junior players for the 2014 season.
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
- Austins 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