ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“This year we have taken our inspiration for our banner from the Jesus story and in particular the Gospel John 10:10 ‘I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full’. Our message this year Life to the Full will encourage the boys to get involved and to make the most of the opportunities presented ...”

Commissioning Assembly
Tomorrow we gather as a whole school community for the commissioning of our Prefects and House Captains for 2015. I congratulate these boys on their appointment and look forward to watching them grow into their significant leadership roles. Those being commissioned are:

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 3A

Monday February 16 – Canteen Helpers Evening, AF, 7.30 pm
Tuesday February 17 – SS Swimming Trials, HAC, 7pm
Wednesday February 18 – Ash Wednesday
JS P&F Meeting, 7 pm
Thursday February 19 – P&F Meeting, 7 pm
Grade 7 and new Parents Information Evening, 7.30 pm

WEEK 4B

Tuesday February 24 – Grade 7 New Beginnings Rotation 1
Thursday February 26 – JS House Swimming Carnival @ Glenorchy
JS Welcome BBQ, 5.30 pm
Friday February 27 – Renewal and House Leaders Assembly

Please visit the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au to download the calendar
On Friday February 27 we will be commissioning our House Representatives and Junior School House Leaders.

We are very privileged to be joined tomorrow by Br Russell Peters from the Mary Rice Centre in Kibera, Kenya. Br Russell will address the College community during the commissioning ceremony, reinforcing our link with the students at this amazing school. We are very blessed to be in a position where we can give, through small acts of kindness, to our gentle, peaceful brothers and sisters in Nairobi and in doing so make such a difference to their lives.

We are also honoured to be receiving a visit from Olympic Gold Medallist, Dr Scott Brennan. Scott, an Old Virgilian, will be speaking to the boys about his huge success in the field of rowing, whilst managing his academic studies that have qualified him as a medical practitioner. We look forward to hearing his story.

New Parent Evening – Austins Ferry
Parents of all new students at Austins Ferry are warmly invited to attend the information evening on Thursday February 19 commencing at 7.30pm in the Joyce Performance Centre. This will be a chance for you to gather more information, meet the teachers and other parents. I look forward to seeing you there.

2016 Grade 7 Enrolments
The enrolment process for Grade 7 2016 has commenced. Prospective parents and students are encouraged to attend the Open Day on March 5 from 9.00am. If you know of anyone intending to enrol their son into St Virgil’s next year, please encourage them to lodge an enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolments for Austins Ferry students close on Friday April 24.

The Junior School Open Day is being held on April 29, 9.00am – 5.30pm. Further details for enrolment are available on our web site – www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Traffic Management – Austins Ferry and Patrick Street

Austins Ferry
I ask all parents at the Austins Ferry campus please take the time to read the Traffic Management plan – available at [http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior-school-grades-7-10/senior-buses-transport/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior-school-grades-7-10/senior-buses-transport/) In the mornings traffic is to enter through the main gate and out the rear bottom gate then the process is reversed in the afternoon, entering from the rear gate and exit through the main gate.

Patrick Street
Parents are reminded that the zone in front of the Junior School is a drop off and pick up only area and we ask that students are only picked up from the left hand side of the road. With nearly 1500 students using that busy block, we ask you to be extremely careful when travelling in that vicinity. Parents are reminded in particular the no U-turn rule in Patrick St and the importance of observing parking restrictions in bus and drop off zones around the Junior School and St Mary’s College.

Volunteers
The College as part of its commitment to community and the integral home-school partnership, welcomes parental involvement in a wide range of College activities including music, sport, canteen, camps, events, classroom help, tutoring and fundraising activities. With new legislation for volunteering coming into effect on April 1 it will be essential that all parents having a ‘Working with Children Card’. These will be required for all community organisations including scouts, sporting clubs, art, craft and music activities – any activity that brings adults into regular contact with children. 

More information about the Working with Children Card (including online applications) can be obtained through the Service Tasmania Website - [http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application)

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
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“I would also like to compliment the boys for what has been an outstanding start to the year”.

I would like to compliment all those boys who have presented so well for the start of the school year. Our boys wear their uniforms so well and the Blessing of the Bags on Day one is always a great way to start the year.

I would also like to compliment the boys for what has been an outstanding start to the year. There is a great spirit around the senior school at the moment which presents a wonderful platform for the year ahead.

New Parent Evening
A reminder to all new parents of boys in Grade 7-10 that you are invited to a welcome evening to be held next Thursday February 19 at 7.30pm in the JPC.

Diaries
No doubt many parents are aware that the extent to which boys use their diaries varies considerably. Some boys use their diaries extensively and as a result always appear organised and informed. Others use it to an extent and don’t get the benefits that better use may offer, whilst some boys, despite the best efforts of teachers, rarely or never use it in a beneficial way. There are also those few also who ‘can’t find it – I think I left it at home’!

Be assured that as far as the College is concerned, the diary is a highly valuable aid for students. If used correctly it should help boys develop a disciplined, methodical and organised approach to home studies. At the very least boys should indicate in their diaries the homework given and also the ongoing assignment tasks that require attention out of school time. Every Friday the boys are required to fill in each day’s subjects in readiness for the following week and then when homework is set it is simply outlined in the appropriate place. There are some other matters in regards to diary use that may also be of benefit to students and parents such as:

- The diary is an excellent means of communication between teachers and parents. Please check regularly for notes and acknowledge any such notes.
- Parents should feel free to use the diary to inform teachers of issues such as absences, incomplete or late work or just to ‘touch base’. The left side page is meant for such communication.
- So that Pastoral Care Teachers can monitor the diary use, we request that parents sign the bottom of the page at the end of each week.
iPads
I asked a year group of boys this week for a show of hands of those who have had parents complain to them about being fixated with their iPad. As you may be able to imagine there were many hands up! I then went on to explain that if that is the case they are mis-using the device that has been given to them. I further explained that the iPads are a device aimed at supporting their learning, and most certainly has not been given to them for entertainment purposes. We are very keen to support parents of boys who abuse the trust placed in them when given the device. Please feel free to contact me or the relevant Head of House if you have concerns.

COLLEGE MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

Ash Wednesday approaches. I was asked the other day what I was going to give up and my reply was “Nostalgia.” I was thinking of that nostalgia for the Church of years past. There are many in today’s Church who yearn for the Church’s past in its devotions and practices and general culture. Even many in leadership. I am striving to be future looking and to read the signs of the times.

I also have a problem with the Ashes on Ash Wednesday. I usually choose not to receive them. I have issues with someone putting ashes on me and saying to me: “Repent.” He (usually) is presumptuous in stating that I need to repent and that anyone else also needs to repent. I can also be told to believe the “Good News,” as if I am not searching for the Good News.

There are usually statements about personal sins. One spiritual writer, whom I respect, would state that the sins of society are far more serious, and our treatment of legal Asylum Seekers seems to be one of these - or so Australia’s Human Rights Commission would state.

I’m hoping we can use Robin Williams: “Betterman” in our prayer service. I like that phrase: “I’m doing all I can to be a better man.” It just seems so descriptive of the boys of the College. They strive to be better men. “Doing all they can?” - maybe not all the time, but the general direction of their life is towards being “Better Men.”

The Spirit moves well at St Virgil’s!
**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Inclusive Community**

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

_Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone_

Our Catholic history and tradition is an important and significant dimension in the life of the Junior School Campus. We strive to work in partnership with our local Parish, the St Mary’s Cathedral Parish, and the Cathedral administrator Fr Shammi Perera. Regular opportunities are made available to the boys to participate in the Mass. This Wednesday coming is Ash Wednesday, the commencement of Lent. All boys will attend the 10.30am Mass with the wider Catholic community and receive the ashes as a sign that we have commenced the Lenten journey together.

**Permission and Information Notes**

Many parents and families are active users of the College website and find it full of a wealth of information. This year we are striving to make even greater use of this resource by placing permission and information notes in the “In The School Bag” section of the site down the right hand side. We know that sometimes ‘paper’ notes don’t always get home or get out of your son’s school bag so this will be an invaluable resource for parents/guardians to check so you are even more aware of the information that is available - [http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/in-the-schoolbag-junior-school/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/in-the-schoolbag-junior-school/)

**Facilities Upgrades**

Towards the end of the recent Christmas holidays, the Junior School Campus received a donation of all the shelving from the old ABC Shop in the Eastlands Shopping complex. A big thank you to the centre management of the complex for giving us the shelving. Thank you also to Mrs Graves, Mr Morgan and Mr Molle for helping to remove the shelving from the complex and deliver it to the Junior School. Thank you also to Ms Stary and Mrs Sutton for their work in putting the library back together and ready for the boys and their library lessons this week.

**Recognition of Refugees**

A group of Grade 6 boys accompanied Mr Pinelli to the blessing and unveiling of two pieces of artwork that will adorn the walls of the Cathedral Centre. His Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous, blessed the pieces of artwork.

**Assembly**

All parents and friends are invited to join us for our first assembly for 2015 which will be held in the Junior School Hall commencing at 2.30pm. Grade 6C will lead us in prayer / reflection and share some of the work that they have already completed. Please join us for our first assembly.
Green Thumbs
The Green Thumbs boys have been hard at work already harvesting produce that has flourished during the Summer holidays. Thank you to Mrs Graves for the work she does with the boys. The boys will have: butter beans, pink eye potatoes and lettuce for sale at the end of assembly. Parents who pick up their sons are invited to also purchase the produce. Mrs Graves is also after some manure for the vegie gardens if any families have access to cow, horse or chicken manure. Thanks in anticipation.

Parent Information Gatherings
Thank you to all the parents and guardians who were able to make time to attend the parent information sessions held this week. Yes, they were very early in the year, but they allow for the very important line of communication to be established between home and school. It was also a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet as well as for parents to meet each other as their son begins a new year. Please do not hesitate to contact your son’s teacher if you have questions or concerns.

iPads
After some slight technical issues and glitches, all boys at the Junior School Campus now have their iPads. Thank you to the ICT Department and teaching staff for their help and support during this process. Please remember if you are having difficulties with your son’s iPad, in the first instance, to contact his classroom teacher. If it can't be resolved at this stage, there are processes that can be initiated so that any problem can be resolved.

College Commissioning
Tomorrow, Friday February 13, all Junior School boys will travel to the Senior School Campus for the commissioning of College leaders. At this ceremony, Harry Fisher and Riley Ringrose will receive their badges of office. The House Captains will receive their badges at a separate College commissioning ceremony on Friday February 27.

P & F Association
The Junior School P & F Association is a critical link between parents and the College. The P & F play an instrumental in so many aspects of the Junior School Campus. The first meeting of the P & F is Wednesday February 18 commencing at 7.00pm. We will be seeking nominations for Executive positions prior to that meeting with details coming home with the boys soon. Please consider your ability to participate in a more formal manner through the P & F.

Junior School Swimming Trials
Our swimming trials will occur next Thursday February 19. All boys should have brought home, and returned, an information sheet in regards to the swimming trials.

General Permissions
Thank you to all those families who have already returned the ‘Parental Permission Forms’ booklet. Please take the time to read through and sign the document accordingly and return it to your son’s teacher by Friday February 13. The purpose of the document is to avoid the need to continually send home permission forms for different, smaller activities. Notification of pending excursions will be provided to parents with permission for larger activities, like camps, requiring a specific permission form. If you can't find the form, please see the note above on ‘In the School Bag’.

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
February
Week 2B
College Commissioning
Junior School Assembly @ 2.30 in the Hall
February 13

Week 3A
Ash Wednesday
P & F Association meeting @ 7.00pm in library
Swimming Trials @ New Norfolk
February 18
February 18
February 19

Week 4B
House Swimming Carnival @ Glenorchy
P & F Welcome BBQ @ 5.30pm
House Captains Commissioning @ 10.30am Senior School Campus
February 26
February 26
February 27

Week 5A
Grade 5 Camp to Port Arthur
March 4 - 6

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Junior School Canteen will commence on Wednesday February 18.
If parents are able to assist between the hours of 11am – 1.30pm Wednesday/Thursday or Friday, approximately 8 times a year please contact the Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
New Parents Evening
On Thursday February 19 we will once again hold our annual New Parents Evening. This is a fantastic way for parents to meet their son’s teachers, especially their Pastoral Care Teacher, as well as to hear some important information in regards how we can best work in partnership to serve your son. Drinks and Nibbles will be supplied by the Parents and Friends Association after the gathering.

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Location: Joyce Performance Centre, Austins Ferry

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

2014 – The Amazing Race around Hobart!

All boys received detailed information this week in their Welfare Lesson which is included below for families:

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 visit the site in the coming week to sign up for Term 1 sports such as cricket, tennis, basketball, mountain bike riding, rowing and sailing.

For all sport enquiries please contact the Director of Sport, Mr James Dalton jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
### Outdoor Education

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College camp site, Cliftonvale

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**Uniform**  
Appropriate free dress, please refer information sent home

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**Food**  
BYO lunch on Tue. & healthy snacks. All other meals provided

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### Time and Space Programmes - Save the Dates!

Details will be available closer to the dates of each of these programmes; however, you may wish to add them to your calendar now:

#### Grade 9/10 Time and Space
- Night 1 Tuesday March 17 – 7:00pm
- Night 2 Wednesday March 18 – 7:00pm
- Weekend Friday March 20 (evening) – Sunday March 22 (early afternoon)
- Dinner Monday March 23 – 7:00pm
- Final Night May 18 – 7:00pm

#### Grade 7 Mother/Son Evening
- Thursday March 19 – 7:30 – 9:30pm

#### Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening
- Tuesday May 19 – 7:30 – 9:30pm
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MRS BEV PETTIT

VET (Vocational Education Training) News
Mrs Julia Denniss
Leading Teacher Design and Technology

Welcome to another exciting year filled with educational opportunities for our students. Boys in Grade 10 that have chosen a VET subject in 2015 will be undertaking courses specifically designed to prepare them to work in industry. The courses have been written for adults. In previous years, St Virgil’s College VET students have stepped up to the plate and gained competency in the units of work they have undertaken. They have then chosen to continue the pathway started at St Virgil’s by going on to Guilford Young College (GYC) and completing their VET training. Many have then gone on to work in the industry for which they trained.

St Virgil’s College is part of the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Colleges Trades Training Centre (STCCTTC). Guilford Young College is the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that oversees St Virgil’s College’s VET program. Facilities and expertise are shared between the schools that are part of the STCCTTC.

This year the VET Automotive students will be travelling to GYC every Monday to use the specialised Automotive Workshop. They will be accompanied by Mr Barry Maxwell and will be taught by the GYC VET Automotive teacher, Mr Brett Devereaux. VET Hospitality students will get the opportunity to attend Masterclasses at GYC each term. Students will receive letters with specific details next week.

All VET students and a parent or guardian are required to attend the VET Orientation Evening at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy Campus on March 5 2015, 7pm - 8.30pm. Mrs Bobby Court, the Principal of Guilford Young College will send out a letter of invitation next week.

On Thursday next week, VET students will receive enrolment forms, contracts and handbooks. Please support your son by filling in the parts of the forms that you need to sign. Please check that the information filled in is accurate. Identification is needed to accompany the enrolment form. Identification requirements are listed at the beginning of the enrolment form. A photocopy of the identification will suffice. Your assistance with the prompt return of paperwork will be greatly appreciated.

The VET teachers at St Virgil’s College look forward to working with your son this year.
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MRS JODIE WILLIAMS

Music @ St Virgil's College 2015

Get ready for some foot tapping and head nodding, as another electrifying year of music beckons at St Virgil’s College!

The College runs a busy and lively Music Department that provides plenty of opportunities for our boys with three bands and one choir on offer in the Senior School. The Senior Band is a handpicked group of the top performing musicians. It is the flagship instrumental ensemble and proudly performs at the ‘big ticket events’. The Senior Band rehearses every Monday from 3:15pm-4:30pm, commencing on February 16. Interested boys should attend a meeting on Thursday February 12, at the beginning of lunch in the music room.

The Big Band this year will be open to boys in Year 8, who have played a musical instrument for at least one year. It is also for advanced Year 7 boys, who wish to extend themselves in performance. The Big Band will rehearse on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15pm–4:15pm, commencing in Term 2. The Year 7 Band is open to any Year 7 student, wishing to further his skills beyond the classroom band program. This band will rehearse each Tuesday morning from 8:00am-9:00am commencing in Term 2.

The Senior Choir is open to all boys in years 7-10. It performs at many school events and concerts, the repertoire consists of a vast range of pieces including, contemporary, jazz and traditional choral music. This year, the Senior Choir will rehearse every Friday morning from 8:15am–9:15am, commencing on February 20. Interested boys should attend a meeting on Friday February 13, at the beginning of lunch in the music room.

Instrumental Music Lessons

St Virgil’s College administers a specialised Co-Curricular Music program that provides tuition in music, outside the regular curriculum. We have many of Hobart’s finest musicians hired by the College to work with these students. The programme is made available across both the Junior and Senior campuses and is administered during school hours on site - for the convenience of families. Tuition fees must be paid in advance to St Virgil’s College, who administer the programme.

Students can elect to have private, paired or group tuition. Group tuition for Year 5, 6 and 7 is free through the curriculum program, though students may elect and pay for private or paired tuition. Thirty-minute lessons are timetabled on a rotating basis each fortnight, so that students will not miss the same class. There will be 16 lessons in each Semester. Lessons in 2015 - will commence in Week 4 of Term 1.

Forms have been distributed to students, to sign-up for music lessons. They are also available from the Front Office, the Music Office or from the homepage of the College website:

Year 7 Music:

All boys in Year 7 will be studying a musical instrument; either the trumpet, trombone, alto or tenor saxophone, drum kit, bass guitar, flute, clarinet or euphonium. They will learn about the instrument in music classes, plus receive a weekly small group tutorial of 30 minutes with one of the specialist instrumental music staff. The music staff are currently completing instrument aptitude testing. Students will be assigned an instrument to play for the year - by Week 3. The College owns excellent quality instruments, which students play in class and which can be borrowed for nightly or weekend practice. Students must sign instruments out and in each time. Before a student can borrow an instrument overnight, they will need to have the instrument borrowing form they have received - signed by their parent/guardian. Students need to return this form to the Music Office.

When Year 7 students begin group music lessons in Week 4, they will receive a group tutorial timetable. On the timetable will be each member of their group and the times during the Term, when they need to come out for lessons. The timetable must be in the student diary and shown to their class teacher when a lesson is on. Lessons are compulsory for all students in Year 7 and are given on a rotating basis, so that students are not missing the same class regularly.

For all enquires about music @ SVC - please contact me at:

jwilliams@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Yours in tune,

Mrs Jodie Williams

Director of Music
SPORT NEWS

Sailing

Br Peter Flint

The Holidays saw activity on the water off Austins Ferry Yacht Club and it was noticeable that the skills of the regular sailors have developed greatly. Maybe the “Double Wagon Wheel Award” had something to do with it.

We are entering the competition season and as always I am trying to keep everyone happy all the time! Difficult! We will have a team in the A Division at Nutgrove and a team in the Development Squad. We may also be working with GYC at times to ensure that both of us have teams on the water at Nutgrove.

The Nutgrove series provides an excellent introduction to the State Titles which can lead into the National titles and from there to the Interdominion Titles. We have achieved in all of these before.

Learn to Sail Classes are beginning at the Austins Ferry Yacht Club. Boys in both the Junior and Senior Campuses are invited to come along. The session starts immediately after school and finishes around 6pm. The cost for this, and any other sailing in Terms 1 & 2 is $60. Please get in touch with Br Peter if you are interested in joining in. The first sessions are about having a go at sailing and there can be a gracious withdrawal if the thought of drifting down the Derwent trying to right a capsized boat is not your ‘thing’!

(The Rescue boat will be nearby, and with skill the boat can be righted without the occupants getting wet.)

Br Peter has all the answers! @ pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Congratulations to Jack Kennedy, boat 23 (below), who came 15th in the National Cadet Titles at Port Lincoln, SA.
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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 March 27 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.
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer
The Summer Menu has commenced for Term 1. Parents are also reminded that lunch orders can be placed and paid for via secure online portal from the College website or via QKR mobile device payment system – please see the attachments to the newsletter for how to download and use QKR to order lunch for your son from your smartphone - http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/

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Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Susan Roberts
President

Welcome back to a New School Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas / New Year break.

Our first P&F meeting for 2015 is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday February 19 which will be a very quick meeting. The New Parent Information Night will follow our meeting and Sally Crosby and myself will require some assistance with preparing nibbles and serving drinks if any of you are available to stay longer. Please let me know at if you can assist.

The March 18 meeting is our AGM – please see the note below about positions within the P&F Committee and the process for nomination.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting for the start of another fun-filled and rewarding year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the St Virgil’s College Parents & Friends Association will be held on Wednesday March 18 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 2015.

St Virgil’s College Parents & Friend operates over both the Senior & Junior Campus’ of the College 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 2015. A Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers for 2015 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: 0416 278 721 or by email: twtt.rad@bigpond.com

Nomination forms are to be returned to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by **Friday March 13**, in an envelope addressed to: - Susan Roberts, President, SVC P&F Association.

Susan Roberts
President

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**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 2015

I ………………………………………………………………………………………………………. wish to nominate ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

for the office of ………………………………………………………………………………………………………… for 2015.

Proposer: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Seconded: …………………………………………………………………………………………… Date: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

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Susan Roberts, President, SVC P&F Association

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 13 September. First Reconciliation will take place earlier in the year, date to be determined. Preparation for First Reconciliation will commence soon.

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 as soon as possible. Phone Claire on 6224 1423 between 9.30 am and 1 pm on weekdays or email cposb@bigpond.net.au
Fr Brian Nichols
Parish Priest

Glenorchy Parish
Confirmation and First Eucharist
Children of the Glenorchy parish who have celebrated their First Reconciliation and their families are invited to a barbeque and introductory event at St John’s on Friday 20 February from 5.30 – 7.00pm. It is important that you attend this event if your child is to prepare to celebrate these sacraments this year. Preparation will begin in week-end immediately following - Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February. RSVP - Parish Office 6272 6363 or Jo 6273 1990.
Clarence Junior Football Club
Welcomes all boys and girls wanting to play Australian Rules Football for season 2015.

Registration Day
Saturday February 14 from 9.00 am to 11.00am
Clarence Junior Clubrooms – 223 Clarence St Howrah (drive next to ZAP Fitness)
Registration can also be conducted online via the Clarence Junior Football Club website

Glenorchy District Junior Football Club
Auskick to Under 18s.
Information evening, meet the coaches and BBQ.

Monday February 23 at KGV Oval. 6pm.
Registration on line at:

Hobart Junior Football Club
COME AND TRY!

Thursday February 19 , 3.30 – 4.30 pm at:
Albuera Street Primary School
Mt Stuart Primary School
Goulburn Street Primary School

Join the Hobart Junior Football Club in 2015 for all your AFL football!
· All new players from Auskick to U16s who join the club will receive discounted registration
· No experience required
· Fun, friendly and welcoming, that’s the Hobart Junior Football Club

For further information please contact:
Russell Cripps  0408 493145  Phil Geason  0411 454315

Brighton Junior Football Club Registrations 2015 - Auskick to U18s
Player registrations for 2015 are now being taken online at http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-110-31344-0-08&clubID=319174
Registrations close on the 13th March 2015.
Junior Training commences on Friday 20th February at 4.30pm on Ferguson Oval (U8 to U12)
Youth Training (U13 to U18) will continue on Wednesdays at 4.30pm for U13 & U14 and 5.15pm for U16 & U18.
Auskick recommencement to be advised in due course.
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand
Is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. We invite you to:

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN HOBART
Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Wednesday February 25 - 7.00pm
Rosny LINC (behind Service Tasmania offices)
Bligh Street
ROSNY

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au
or call 1300 135 331 for more information
To celebrate a centenary of school rowing a reunion of St Virgil’s, St Mary’s & Guilford Young College Rowing Clubs

Will be held at the new rowing sheds, New Town Bay on

Saturday February 14 2015

The reunion is an overdue chance for any rowers, coaches, committee, parents, teachers, brothers, sisters and helpers involved in the proud history of rowing at the colleges to get together, take a tour through the new rowing shed facility to see how far the club has come. It’s an opportunity to catch up with old friends, coaches, rowers in the convivial atmosphere and additionally it will be a chance to raise some money for our rowing clubs. It is an informal function with people welcome whether they can make it for 10 minutes or 10 hours. Olympic gold medallist and former SVC/GYC rower Scott Brennan will be in attendance as will generations of rowers and coaches.

The programme of the day will be:

4pm to 6.00pm
Club rowers putting the boats through their paces on the water.
Tours of the new clubhouse facility.

6.00 to midnight
Reunion function in the upstairs bar. Drinks available at bar prices.

During the day and into the evening there will be a BBQ where food can be purchased.
So get around your rowing mates, get a group together and let us know who will be coming. We need numbers purely for catering.

Please RSVP to rowing@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or Brett Hall on 0429 199 415


- 2015 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- OHA Junior Hockey Club Season 2015 Registration Details
- Metro Letter – Transfer Passes Not Accepted
- Asthma and Anaphylaxis Flowchart
- How to Order your Lunch at the Senior School
- QKR lunch order and App download instructions
Former Principal Br Russell Peters visited the College this week. On Monday he returns to Kenya.

Junior School Library Upgrade

The Canteen Ampitheatre

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