FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

"Jesus calls us to serve the poor in our midst, whether they be on our doorstep or on the other side of the world"

Challenging Times
The past days have been very challenging indeed as we grapple with the abominable plight of innocent, displaced refugees, fleeing from indescribable hardship, fear and cruelty. It is impossible not to have a reaction to this unfathomable world event, as it has rightfully dominated media outlets and our ensuing conversations with family, friends, work mates and total strangers.
Like all events of this magnitude there is no simple solution. Detailed analysis can throw up more questions than answers. Listening to talk back radio, checking our social media feeds or reading the newspapers throws up a myriad of views on the subject. “Charity begins at home”, “what about the homeless on our streets”, “shouldn’t we deal with the situation we have created on Manus Island and Nauru first” or simply, “it’s not our problem”. These are just a few of the responses to this crisis and all have some merit in the eyes of people within our community.

Whilst not having a political solution to the problem, my faith and our mission as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, calls us to act with compassion. Jesus calls us to serve the poor in our midst, whether they be on our doorstep or on the other side of the world. His love for mankind draws no distinction between race, creed or colour. Our faith compels us to acknowledge that we share a common humanity and that we are all shaped in the image of our loving God. To not extend a hand of friendship to the poor, implies that we view our own humanity as somehow superior or more important than those who we encounter on our streets or whose desperate, frightened eyes we see on our television screens.

Challenging and complex times indeed and so I pray that we will all be moved to advocate for the poor in our midst and that the hearts of our young men will be moved to always act with compassion, justice and a commitment to standing in solidarity with the poor in our world.

Athletics
Under difficult conditions the boys began the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday in constant drizzle, but with keen spirits, the boys took to the track and field with great enthusiasm. As the day progressed the weather improved but despite the trying conditions all students performed exceptionally well. I would like to congratulate all involved for the way they participated in the day making the event a very successful one. It is always a hallmark of our College when we gather as one that the spirit and camaraderie shown is what helps us be true to our touchstones as an authentic Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. Later this term and early next term many of our students will represent the College in interschool athletics teams and I wish them well.

Results of the day were:

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Subject Selection
Tuesday night saw many Grade 8 and 9 parents and students attend the Subject Selection Evening for 2016 studies. The evening was for general information and the parents and students had the opportunity to attend a showcase of subjects exploring the many options available to boys next year. It was wonderful to see the interaction between boys and their parents having many productive conversations and decisions on the night. A reminder that the subject selection book and the instructions for online selection are available on the college website or browsing
Fair – Junior School
As many would be aware, on Sunday our Junior School Parents & Friends Association are holding their annual Fair at the Patrick St campus from 11am to 2pm. Many hours of hard work, time and effort have gone into the organisation and I encourage you if you get the opportunity to call in and support them. All attendees will be assured of a great time with the opportunity to enjoy great food, music and games plus the opportunity to purchase yummy cakes and desserts, arts and crafts and the opportunity to win fantastic prizes on the ever-popular Chocolate Wheel!

End of Term
A reminder that school finishes on both sites on Friday September 25 at normal time. Term Four will begin on Tuesday October 13 with Monday October 12 being a student free day.

Nuts at School
The College is committed to the wellbeing of all students and has within its community several students who have severe allergies to nuts. Therefore we ask students to be ‘allergy aware’ and be thoughtful in what foods they bring to school, whilst ensuring they do not share foods at any time. We respectfully ask that request that parents/carers of students do not include nut spreads in sandwiches or products containing nuts in their lunch box

Old Virgilian Data
2017 marks the centenary of the Old Virgilians Association, which was founded in 1917, just six years after the founding of the College. The Old Virgilians Association have organised many events to take place during 2017 to mark the centenary. To make these events a success the organisers need accurate contact details for all old boys of the College. Within our community there are many parents, grandparents, uncles and close family friends who are Old Boys of St Virgil's.

It would be greatly appreciated that when you are visiting the school during the next few months that you take the time to check with the office staff to ensure that your details or the details of family members are still correct. Alternatively you may wish to email Mrs Monica Nugent (mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) with the following details:

Name:         Final Year at St Virgil’s (eg: Grade 12, 1982)
Address       Mobile Phone Number
Email

Thank you for your assistance with this important task.

Working with Vulnerable People
As many of you would be aware, new legislation around volunteering in our community comes into existence on October 1. If you wish to help out in any community or school based organisation from that date you will need a Working with Vulnerable People card. This volunteer card will allow you to enter the sites and work with clubs and schools in a number of capacities. If you support a number of organisations you only need one card.

More information, (including online applications) can be obtained through the Service Tasmania Website – http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application

The cost of this is $17.60 and will cover volunteers for three years.

P&F Fundraiser – Wednesday September 23
An event not to be missed is the upcoming ‘Best of Croon’ concert being held at 7.30pm in the Joyce Performance Centre on September 23. Showcasing our Senior Band who will be opening the evening and also joining the Matt Ives Big Band for the final song, the night is guaranteed to be a wonderful evening of entertainment featuring Old Virgilian and current parent Andrew Colrain; Colin Dean and John X, and the Croonette dancers.
Details
Wednesday September 23 at 7.30 pm
Joyce Performing Arts Centre, Austins Ferry Campus

If you haven’t already purchased your ticket you can do so by booking online - www.trybooking.com/IQKT

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer

**ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**
**MR CAMERON ALEXANDER**

“Almost 1 in 4 Australians between the ages 14 and 25 suffer from some form of mental illness”.

**R U OK Day?**
Tomorrow we will come together as a campus community to mark R U Ok Day. The Grade 10 Spirit Leaders: Liam Cooke, Nicholas Machin, Peter Venetsanakos and James Gobbey have done a fantastic job of leading this day, including running this week’s Grade 7 and 8 Welfare sessions. Below is a statement from the leaders:

Mental illness is a serious issue that develops in magnitude with each year that passes. Almost 1 in 4 Australians between the ages 14 and 25 suffer from some
form of mental illness. Whether that be depression, anxiety, or some of the more severe mental illnesses like bi-polar or schizophrenia.

These people often become isolated and alienated by those around them for how they are suffering, and this often doesn’t let them open up about what they are going through as they often do not feel comfortable enough with those around them. Mental illness in nearly all of its forms causes people to become distant, and may even result in a change in attitude. It is important that they have strong friends around them, and that they pay attention to their friends if they change their attitude or behaviour. A person with good mental health often has good friends around them and good social interaction skills with others. When you are suffering from a mental illness, this process becomes more of an uphill struggle. It makes it harder for you to manage everyday life, and cope in social environments with others around you.

R U OK? Day is a day dedicated to simply asking people if they are okay. Sometimes, all people need is a shoulder to lean on, someone to talk too. This can be the difference between being mentally unwell and falling into a mental illness. On Friday the 11th of September, we will be hosting R U OK? Day. This day is all about asking people that very simple question. “Are you OK, mate?”

We are asking all students to bring a yellow top for this day, as we are going to unite as a school to complete an activity to show how much we care about mental health.

School Start Time
Last week in The Star Mr Messer placed a reminder that the arrival time for students is from 8:15am. There has been a number of students arriving well before this time which creates an issue of duty of care for these boys. We ask parents to assist us in making sure all boys are being safely supervised by adhering to this arrival time.

House Athletics Carnival
Despite the best efforts of the weather to ruin the day, Tuesday’s House Athletics Carnival was a wonderful occasion. All boys are congratulated on the manner in which they dealt with the cold and wet conditions, at no stage did I see or anything but boys participating to the best of their ability and supporting their teammates to do the same.

A special thank you to Mr James Dalton and the HPE staff for their organization of the day and all staff who assisted on the day.

FROM THE COLLEGE MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

Two events of high significance for me over the last week were: a) The Justice Action Day at GYC on Friday; and b) The Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday night on the Parliament House Lawns.

Julian Burnside QC, was the outspend speaker for me. While he specialises in Corporate Litigation he also has a reputation for high level advocacy for Asylum seekers. He told stories about events within the Detention Centres at Manus Island and Nauru. I can still feel there anger in that arose from hearing those stories - gross denial of the human rights of the people there and criminal behaviour towards them for which no one is ever held accountable. Recent legislation makes it a criminal offence to report any sexual (or other) abuse of children or adults. The boys were shocked at what they heard and I hope there was a resolve to find a response to it.
It was a very satisfying experience to be present with many hundreds of others at the Candlelight Vigil for the Asylum seekers, especially those drowned. There was a sense of disgust among those gathered for Australia’s response to the immediate crisis and for what is happening on Nauru and Manus Island. There were no Federal politicians present.

I was reminded of that statement in St James’ letter: (James 1:27). *Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

Even Pope Francis said that you cannot claim to be Christian if you are not engaged with the poor. James, Pope Francis and Jesus would have been heartened by level of engagement by hundreds of young and old at the two events.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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

**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.*

*Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone*

**Junior School Fair**

This Sunday the Junior School will be holding our annual Fair. This is a fantastic College and community activity.

A number of parents, friends and staff have been very busy over recent months preparing for this significant event. You will see some details of the Fair below. **ALL boys are expected to attend in the sports uniforms and to help out on their stall as instructed by their teacher.**

We look forward to a fantastic event on Sunday!

**A Hive of Activity**

The last week has been a busy one for many of our parents with boys participating with distinction in sporting, cultural and academic pursuits.

**Sport Grand Finals!**

**Hockey**

A rather large crowd was able to watch an entertaining Grand Final Hockey game between SVC and Corpus Christi. Corpus had gone through the competition undefeated so our boys knew they were in for a very tough game. A number of the boys in the SVC team had never played hockey before this season and should be very proud of their efforts in both attack and defence. They were also very ably supported by a number of boys with a lot of experience on a hockey field. Our boys took a slim lead into half time with a number of shots on our goal well saved by Jonathan Badenach our goalie. In a tense, and
lower scoring, second half where the ball went from end to end fewer opportunities presented for scoring opportunities. When the final whistle blew our boys were victorious by 6 – 4!

A special thank you to Mr Daniel Sproule for coaching the boys on the weekend and to all the parents for their fantastic support of our boys each week. Congratulations to Samuel Kelly (Grade 6 C) who Mr Sproule named most improved player over the season.

**Tournament of the Minds (ToM)**

Congratulations to our boys who participated in the annual Tournament of the Minds competition which was held in Launceston last weekend. Our boys had been preparing weekly under the guidance of Mrs Ogle. Although they were not on the winner’s dais, their efforts were acknowledged by them receiving a special award for their efforts and attitudes during the competition named “The Spirit of Tournament of the Minds”. Congratulations to our boys and Mrs Ogle.

**Eisteddfod**

The Clarence Eisteddfod is well and truly underway with our boys being involved through the Choir, Grade 5 Band and Grade 6 Band. The Choir performed in a large section on Tuesday morning and acquitted themselves extremely well. They were competing against choirs that were predominately made up of girls which always poses an extra challenge. Mrs Williams did report that our boys acquitted themselves very well.

Also this week, our Bands competed at the Clarence Eisteddfod. With each band comprising of 35 boys there was a lot of movement of instruments and music as well as personnel. Each band performed two pieces and did a fantastic job. The adjudicator was most impressed with the skill level considering that many of our boys had been learning their instrument for less than a year. Congratulations to the Grade 6 Band who were awarded first place and also to the Grade 5 Band who placed second. Congratulations to Mrs Williams, Mr Ellis and all the tutors for the fantastic job they do in getting the boys ready for their performances.

**Art Exhibition**

Ms Stary has been busily preparing for our annual display of the boy’s art works which have been produced during their art lessons this year. We have changed slightly the timetable of when art lessons occur which has assisted in achieving works of art of a very high standard. The Art works will be on display in the Junior School Hall from Friday September 4 until Thursday September 17. All parents, friends and relatives are warmly invited to visit the Junior School Campus to view the pieces of art. Fathers, and grandfathers, are especially encouraged to have a look when they join us for our Father’s Day breakfast on the morning of September 4.
House Athletics Carnival
The weather only slowed us down on Tuesday but didn’t break the great spirit of our boys in their willingness to compete in this year’s House Athletics Carnival. We stayed back at the Junior School and missed the novelty events aspect of the carnival but the boys were able complete all other aspects of the day. Even with the damp weather our boys competed with great vigour but also with great sportsmanship. It was pleasing to see many boys congratulate each other on their efforts in the different events.

Congratulations to Dwyer who were the winning house for the Junior School. A special thank you to all the parents who were able to help us out with the running of the Junior School aspect of the carnival. A big congratulations also to the staff for their enthusiastic efforts on the day. We look forward to the announcement of our team who will represent us at the upcoming representative carnivals.

Parent Volunteers
This item has been in the Newsletter but will potentially start to have a very big impact very soon. Any adult working in regular close contact with children are going to need the ‘Working with Children’ card. It is a relatively easy process but very necessary. If you do not have the card, we will not be allowed to have you assist us with all the activities that we offer. Please read the information below and complete the application process as soon as possible.

Parents & Friends – Junior School P & F Events
Father’s Day Breakfast
We were certainly blessed with magnificent weather for this years’ Father’s Day breakfast. A big thank you to our energetic mums who cooked up a storm for the dads – delicious egg and bacon rolls. Thank you to all the dads and grandfathers who joined us last Friday morning to celebrate Father’s Day.
Junior School Fair – Sunday September 13
The 2015 Junior School Fair is on this Sunday. Thank you for the generous donations towards the different stalls that have been coming in during the week.

Some Reminders:
The boys have brought home details of the special chocolate wheel spin costing $20 where, if lucky, you could win $500 off your St Virgil's School fees. Tickets are selling well in this draw so please get in quickly or you might miss out. Tickets will also be available on Fair Day.

Boys who have brought in goods during the week, as well as receiving generous House points, can also wear their favourite sport team's colours tomorrow, Friday September 11.

It would be great to have some more volunteer parents to help out on the day. We have some fantastic stalls and produce for everyone to win or to buy. Please contact the Junior School Office if you are able to help out in any way.

Some Key Times:
11:00am  Fair officially commences
12:00pm  Junior School Choir performs
12:45pm  Senior School Band performance commences
1:00pm   School Fee Chocolate Wheel Spin
1:10pm   Senior School Band performance continues
2.00pm   Fair Concludes – clean up helpers most welcome!

Parent 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

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:

September
Week 8 B
STCPSSA Football – Grade 5 & 6  September II
Cooking Bee for Junior School Fair @ 12 September 12
Junior School P & F Fair  September 13

Week 9 A
Junior School Sports Photos Day  September 16
Grade 3 Camp  September 17 – 18
Assemble led by Grade 6 C  
Choir performance at Fairway Rise  

**Week 10 B**  
STCPSSA Rep football game at Dominic  
Invitational football game against Hutchins  
Last day of Term 3

**Tournament of Minds**

**Mrs Karen Ogle**

On Saturday September 5, a group of seven boys from the Junior Campus competed in the State Final of Tournament of Minds in Launceston. They have spent the past six weeks solving the following challenge:

**YOU ARE THE WEAKEST LINK - GOODBYE**

**INTRODUCTION:** History defines who we are, where we have come from and affects the choices we make today. In the future, increased technology has led to a new conundrum. Encyclopaedias are full, Wikipedia is packed and apps are completely overloaded. Information overload means there is too much history for the storage/recording devices available. As a result some history will need to be removed. How to decide which history is needed and which can go? The answer is simple ... reality TV and the nation votes.

**CHALLENGE:** Your team must select three people from the list of possible historical characters. These characters from history have been selected to compete in a reality TV survivor-style challenge. Your team must outline each character’s contribution to society and the possible consequences of his/her deletion from history. You will also need to decide who will stay, who will be voted out and what will be the actual impact of their extraction from history?
Joshua Murray, Alan Maxwell, Liam Gerathy, Will Lukenankio, Charlie Gray, Jermaine Crehan and Daniel Tang from Grade 4-6 chose to have Cleopatra, Shakespeare and Henry VIII compete in the Survivor Challenge. The twist they had was that Julius Caesar was a judge – and HE cheated, so he was eliminated from history, leaving Mark Antony to replace him, Cleopatra to not have children and Rome to be different forever.

They received a Spirit of ToM Award for their teamwork, enthusiasm and positive attitude. Congratulations boys on representing your school with such pride and in such a positive way.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT
Mrs Jo Messer
Sports Coordinator

Soccer
Under 10
SVC 4 drew with Hutchins Gold 4
A fantastic game played in great spirit by both teams. Goal scorers were Ethan Nattey (2) and Charlie Bank (2).
PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Nicholas Skelly for an outstanding game.

Basketball
SVC 5/6 BLUE 8 lost to SHC Clippers 33
SVC Blue fought hard against the SHC Clippers and never gave up. The second half saw the boys score 8 points with some great drives to the basket.
PLAYER OF THE WEEK: James Wilson for taking the ball to the basket strongly whilst doing layups.

Term 4 Sport
All boys received notices about Sports on offer for Term 4 a couple of weeks ago. These notes should have been returned to school as I have started allocating names to teams. A reminder that on offer is:

Grade 3/4: JSSATIS Tee-ball
Grade 5/6: JSSATIS Touch Football: Thursday afternoons
Grade 6: Rowing
All Grades: Primary Triathlon: Friday November 20

If you have not received a notice or would like another please contact Mrs Messer or the Junior School Office.

Canteen
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 R Fisher / T Noble
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 HELP NEEDED
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17 K O’Donnell / J Kemp
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18 S Ashby / J Kruse
ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (MIDDLE YEARS/TRANSITION)
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 10 - Guilford Young College Transition

Key Dates in the GYC transition:
November 17, 18 & 19 – Course Counselling at GYC
December 2 – Orientation Day

Please not a number of students have not returned their subject selection or enrolment form, these are required urgently and should be returned to the St Virgil’s Office by this Friday or directly to GYC.

Grade 10 Leavers Tops
The order for Grade 10 Leavers Tops have closed and been placed. All families are reminded that payments are now required by the end of term and can be made at the College Uniform Shop.

Cost: Short Sleeve Polo $45.00
Long Sleeve Polo $55.00

Payment: Due on or before Thursday September 24 2015.

RYDA – Grade 10 Driver Awareness

On Tuesday September 15 all Grade 10 students will attend the RYDA Safe driving day. RYDA is a one day program, conducted at an out of school venue, chosen to highlight crucial road safety messages. Supporting the graduate licensing schemes, the program focuses on the key government ‘big five’ road safety issues of speeding, drugs & alcohol, fatigue, seatbelts and distractions as well as the importance of driving as a social responsibility.

Details:

SPORT
Joshua Harvey
Joshua Harvey competed at the State level trampolining championships and achieved second in Level 5 double mini, 3rd in Level 6 trampoline, 3rd in Level 6 synchronised trampoline and is State champion for Level 3 tumbling.

Cycling Stars
Good luck to Josh and Mitch Gittus who are this week competing in the National Junior Cycling titles in Victoria.

Soccer
Grade 7
August 20
St Virgil’s 4 defeated Hutchins Magenta 2
Goal Scorers: Sam Cornelius 2, Toby Butler, Jordan Green

September 3
St Virgil’s 3 lost to Hutchins Black 4
Goal Scorers: Isaac Bygraves 2, Hayden Nuss

To inform the College community about sporting achievements or for all sport enquiries please contact the Director of Sport, Mr James Dalton
jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Uniform: Formal Uniform is to be worn on the day

Lunch: Students should bring all their food and drink for the day with them, however, the Rotary Club will be running a BBQ at the lunchbreak at which students are able to purchase lunch from.

**ADF Career Expo**

In September Tasmania will face an invasion of a distinctly military flavour! Assets and ADF Staff from around the country will descend on the island state to participate in the second Hobart ADF Careers Expo. The expo will take place over the period of the 19—20th September at Princes Wharf One on the Hobart Waterfront. A variety of assets and events will be displayed at the expo including: Army, Navy and RAAF band performances, displays by the Australian Fed Guard Precision Drill Team, Armoured Vehicle displays, RAAF Aircraft flyovers, Personal Fitness Demonstrations, and a whole host of other attractions and displays.

Grade 9 and 10 boys interested in attending on Friday September 19 need to make contact with Mr Alexander ASA P to receive further information and register their interest.

**Grade 7 2016 – Brothers Pastoral Care Group**

Last week letters about the allocation to Pastoral Care Groups were sent home to the parents of boys who will be having a brother commence Grade 7 in 2016. The current practice is for the Grade 7 boy to be assigned to the same Pastoral Care Group as his brother, however, this may not always be the wish of each family. All effort is made to ensure that we have identified all the brothers commencing next year, but sometimes due to circumstances, we may miss some. If you have not received the letter or have questions about the Pastoral Care Group allocation please contact me at the College.

**DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY**

**MRS RENEE MACGREGOR**

**Justice Action Day**

**Mrs Bridget Jenkins, JAD Committee**

On Friday September 4, the Justice Action Network (JAN) held its annual Justice Action Day at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy campus. The Justice Action Network is a group of students from schools in southern Tasmania who meet on a regular basis and advocate in the wider community on issues of justice for people, animals and the environment.

There were students in attendance from St Virgil’s, St Mary’s, Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, Fahan, the Friends School, Hobart College, GYC and even St Patricks made the long drive down from Launceston. Teangi Brown from TMAG opened the day with Welcome to Country and the first two speakers were refugee advocate and Lawyer Julian Burnside AO,QC and Her Excellency, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, Governor of Tasmania.
After morning tea the students broke into groups to attend one or two of 25 workshops which were presented by local and interstate justice advocates, politicians, writers, artists and teachers on a range of themes such as poverty, refugees, Aboriginal culture, international aid, violence and peace. They represented organisations such as Tents4Peace, Vinnies, the Wilderness Society, Amnesty International, Sea Shepherd and Tasmanian Asylum Seekers Support Group.

After lunch we returned to the auditorium to hear from two more speakers; Sister Jan Barnett, a courageous woman and Justice Co-ordinator of the Sisters of St Joseph arrested in prayerful protest at the detention of asylum seeking children and Samantha Betts, a young social worker recently returned from working on Nauru with Save the Children.

The final part of the day involved a question and answer time with Julian Burnside, Sr Jan, Teangi Brown, Samantha Betts and Annie Chessells who is the student leader of the Justice Action Network.

Justice Action Day

Mrs Renee MacGregor

Julian Burnside AO QC was the keynote speaker at last week's Justice Action Day. Thirty Grade 9/10 students took up the opportunity to participate in the student conference and participated in workshops and listened to presentations on topics of Social Justice. There were many stories told of asylum seekers and refugees, some firsthand accounts from their peers in other Catholic colleges in Hobart. Workshops ranged from aboriginal reconciliation to animal rights. A group of our Grade 10 boys who had participated in our ‘Kibera Sleep out’ earlier in the year presented a poverty simulation activity.

“Advocate for kindness not cruelty” as stated by Mr Burnside was a key message throughout the day. Justice Action Day was opened by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM Governor of Tasmania.

The conference was an opportunity for our boys to experience and learn about what is happening both globally and locally on social justice issues, allowing them to network with likeminded people and become more informed about topical issues in the media.
**St Vincent de Paul Fundraiser**

Our St Vincent de Paul conference held a fundraiser for Louis Van last Thursday. The group sold soup with a bread roll, a staple in the diet of those who depend on Louis Van in the Hobart area. Thank you to the students involved and the support of our always willing staff from the Learning Enrichment Centre.

![Fundraiser Image]

“I ask for the provision of humanitarian aid for the displaced and refugees, and Syrians who have lost their homes, showing in the first place the good of each human person and guarding their dignity.”

Pope Francis

**A Prayer for a Compassionate World**

Over the past week our media outlets have been saturated with images and details of the devastating conflict in Syria. This is the greatest humanitarian crisis since World War Two. The United Nations estimates that about 7 million people are in need of aid. More than 4.25 million people have been driven from their homes within Syria, and at least two million people have fled the country. With many refugees unwilling, or unable to register officially, the true figure is likely to be far higher. ([http://www.caritas.org.nz/](http://www.caritas.org.nz/))

The focus of our prayer in this week’s assembly will be the Syrian Crisis.

God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria,
Bring healing to those suffering from the violence,
Bring comfort to those mourning the dead,
Strengthen Syria’s neighbours in their care and welcome for refugees,
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,
And protect those committed to peace.
God of Hope,
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies,
Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria,
And give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace and Light of the World,
Amen.

This prayer is from *Catholics Confront Global Poverty*.

**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**

**MRS BEV PETTIT**

**Drama**
**Mrs Maryanne Saxton-Hillier**
On Friday September 25 senior Drama L1 & L3 students will be offered the chance to see Bell Shakespeare’s production of Hamlet at the Theatre Royal, Students will need to dropped off by 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start and collected at 10.10pm at the Theatre Royal, 29 Campbell Street, Hobart.

**What’s New in the Library**
**Ms Louise Oldham, College Librarian**

**The Great Australian Spelling Bee Series** is now available for the boys to view on their IPADS via Smart Library so watching this series is a great yet fun way to pick up their spelling skills.

**Homework Club @ the Library**

Homework Club is in full swing at the Library on Wednesdays as usual after school at the library so if you need help with your homework this is the place to be.

**Maths Homework Help** is now being run by and Mr Chris Thomson in the Library from 1 pm – 2 pm on Mondays to Wednesday inclusive. Just a reminder, it is particularly important that on these days that noise in the quadrangle outside the library is kept to a minimum.

**Congratulations to all the boys who participated in last week’s Cartooning Competition at the SVC Library!!!**

No less than 18 entries have been received for the cartooning competition at the library!

The standard of entries are extremely high so the Library has invited special judges - the Art Teachers, to assist us in the final decision of the best entries under each of the four categories. The boys have certainly have made the decision very difficult and we are amazed at the level of artistic/creative and other talent at the school.
The four main categories are:

- Best Comic Character
- Best Fan Art – a copied image of a previously created character
- Best Original Character – Created by the artist not a copy
- Best Editorial Art – an original idea based on the newspaper style

Hopefully winners of the best entries will be notified tomorrow at Pastoral Care and Prizes for all the entries will be presented by the College Librarian at recess on Monday.

All boys who participated in the cartooning competition are asked to please come and collect their prizes from Ms Oldham on Monday at recess.

Entries will be on display in the Library until before the end of Term. Boys will be notified when the entries submitted are ready to collect in the daily messages.

Please listen to the daily messages to keep up with competition judging results, collection of prizes and entries.

**New Books for Teachers and Students**

There are several new books on display this week in the library and are available for a loan. For a complete listing please contact us libraryAF@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or call into the library for a printed list.

Just added to the Curriculum Resource collection and of possible interest to many of the teachers is a new book:

Cameron, Sheena:  *The writing book: a practical guide for leaders*, S&L Publishing, 2013 808.CA and also there is a brand new set of books on Roald Dahl.
Displays

This month’s library display is titled Victory in the Pacific: 70th Anniversary and Books and Novels about Refugees.

It’s all about Literacy!!

MEET THE WRITER WITH ABC SPLASH

This week’s writer is REBECCA LIM
The Program Coordinator at the Centre for Youth Literature (CYCL) Adele Walsh at the State Library of Victoria has sent out a message to all Tasmanian Children’s Book Council of Australia members that they have been working on a new initiative called Meet the Writer with the prime aim of connecting teens with a joy of reading.

The State Library have been hosting live streaming sessions with a children’s or YA writer who answer questions as posed by young people (previously forwarded or submitted live). We have found this is a tremendously valuable opportunity for young people to engage with a writer no matter where they are in the country.

Last week the series was kicked off with an episode with Morris Gleitzman that can be viewed here: http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/livestream/1984475/meet-morris-gleitzman

However, just to draw your attention to the next two sessions with two fantastic writers for young people;

- Thursday September 10 2-2.30pm with *Rebecca Lim*
- Thursday September 17 2.00-2.30pm with *Sally Rippin*

If parents or teachers are interested in finding out more, please see the attached image and/or visit the ABC Splash website http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/livestream/1994137/meet-rebecca-lim.

There is no cost involved, SPLASH wanted to ensure that all schools had the opportunity to connect their students with a writer.

*Book Review by George Lazenby*

**Title:** Booth to Bat

**Author:** Brian Booth
**Genre:** Biography

**Plot overview:** The story was about Brian Booth playing cricket for Australia and being a great batsman. Telling us about his life. Getting hit with no helmet.

**What I liked best about the book:** It told a story about a Brian Booth and his life.

**If I could describe the book in one word it would be:** Interesting

**Rating (out of 5 stars):** 3

**Name of Reviewer:** George Lazenby, Grade 7

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**MRS JODIE WILLIAMS**

**City of Clarence Eisteddfod**

This week the Choral and Band Section of the Clarence Eisteddfod was held at Citywide Baptist Church. The College was once again very successful and had more than 130 boys from Grade 5 - 10 from both the Junior and Senior campuses of St Virgil's College competing in the Junior and Senior Choir sections, Percussion Ensemble, Grade 5, 6 and 8 Concert Bands as well as the Senior Stage Band.

The competition got off to a rousing start when the St Virgil's Senior Choir wowed the audience with their renditions of 'Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue' and 'We All Have A Right', they gained 3rd place (merit award) for their effort. The Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Mr Matthew Ives performed magnificently and won first place in their section.

The Grade 8 Concert Band, Senior Band and Junior Choir had all rehearsed their repertoire well and performed admirably throughout the week.

The Junior School Bands also participated and took out first and second place in their section (for the third year in a row!!). Grade 6 Band – 1st and Grade 5 Band – 2nd.

It was wonderful to see so many St Virgil's parents and friends at the Eisteddfod to support the boys. It was also very beneficial for the boys to hear the other schools that performed. I would like to thank all the music teachers involved at St Virgil's for their commitment to ensuring all boys involved were fully prepared and able to perform at their best.

Congratulations to all the 130 musicians that participated in the Eisteddfod this year, they all worked hard to achieve their goals and should be very proud of their efforts.
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer
Parents are reminded that the winter menu has commenced and 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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Uniform Shop

Melissa Butterworth
ST. VIRGIL’S COLLEGE
UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER
P: 03 6249 3610
E: midford.stvirgils@gazal.com.au

3-7 McPherson Street Bankstown NSW 2019 Australia

Opening Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Open 8.00am to 4pm
Please contact Melissa on 03 6249 3610
Email: midford.stvirgils@gazal.com.au

Grade 10s are reminded to please make payment for Leavers Apparel as soon as possible – last payments must be made by September 24.
SAVE THE DATE – SENIOR SCHOOL FAIR
MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

A very big thank you to all parents who offered their assistance manning or coordinating stalls, and/or donating goods and prizes for the 2015 FAIR – the response has been fantastic!

All those parents who so kindly offered their help or made donations will be contacted by Julie Doran or their Stall Coordinator, over the next few weeks.

All donated goods and prizes can be left at the School Office up until Friday November 6 - clearly marked or labeled “Fair 2015 donation”.

SENIOR SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE
ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE RAFFLE BOOKS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM SO PLEASE KEEP ASKING YOUR SONS IF THEY HAVE THEM IN THEIR BAG SO THAT YOU CAN START SELLING THEM!

This year’s major raffle prize is a 6x4 Trailer and Groceries !! This is a fantastic prize which I am sure all families could put to good use. If you would like more raffle books to sell – please contact the Senior School Office.

Please see below a form for families should they wish to kindly offer to donate additional prizes for the chocolate wheel. Please complete and return by Wednesday September 9 to: Susan Roberts, P & F President via the School Office, or call her on 0416 278 721 or email dsaj4@hotmail.com

Please return to Front Office or dsaj4@hotmail.com

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I / We are able to donate the following items for the Chocolate Wheel or Raffle (please circle your preference)

____________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent(s) Name: __________________________________________________

Contact Numbers: (H)_____________ (W)_____________ (M)_____________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________________
SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

There will be three Free Dress Fair donation days coming up for all Senior School students;

1\textsuperscript{st} FREE DRESS “SPORTS COLOURS” DAY for a Gold Coin Donation 

\textbf{Friday October 16}

2\textsuperscript{nd} FREE DRESS DAY for Grocery Items Donations 

\textbf{Wednesday October 28}

3\textsuperscript{rd} FREE DRESS DAY for Grocery Items and Lucky Boxes Contents Donations (e.g. sealed bags of lollies or chocolates, hair accessories, toy cars, etc for girls and boys) 

\textbf{Tuesday November 3}

If there are any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either 

Susan Roberts on 0416 278 721 or Julie Doran on 0417 584 180

FAIR HELPERS

We would like to urge all parents to answer our call to offer assistance and goods for the 2015 Fair. 
A list of Fair Stalls and opportunities to volunteer for coordinator and helper roles is included below in The Star. Please fill in where you can help out and return the form to the Front Office. 

If there are any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Julie Doran on 0417 584 180 or Susan Roberts on 0416 278 721

Thermo Mix Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who supported this great raffle – we had a very happy winner indeed! Results:

\textbf{Thermo Mix Winner} 

- Karen Harris

\textbf{Wine Pack Winners} 

- Rose Barron 
- Narelle Green 
- Janine Mayne 
- Paige Rayner
**2015 TWILIGHT FAIR – PROPOSED STALLS**

Student: ___________________________ PC Group:____

Parent Name:__________________________________________________

Phone: (H) _______________ (M) __________________________

Email:____________________________________________________

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LEGO® School Holiday Workshops!

Bricks 4 Kidz® is holding half day and full day workshops with a variety of themes including Space Adventures, Minion Madness, Mining and Crafting, Amusement Park Mayhem and more! Come and have fun building LEGO® using our own plans with a variety of different activities including using Technic pieces with motors and batteries! Locations include Hobart city, Howrah and Kingston. Visit our website at www.bricks4kidzaustralia.com.au/tasmania-hobart/ or phone 0408 454 851 for details.


- 2015 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Asthma and Anaphylaxis Flowchart
- How to Order your Lunch at the Senior School
- QKR lunch order and App download instructions
- Entertainment Book Flyer
- Australian Sports Camps Flyer
- Parenting Adolescents with Understanding Sensitivity & Engagement
- 2015 Futsal Season
- Hockey Tasmania Spiring Holiday Hit Out
INVITATION

2015-2016

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Preparation includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and first Holy Eucharist, and is open to all baptised children over the age of eight years.

Interested families are asked to attend our

INFORMATION/ENROLMENT MEETING

Wednesday, 14th October 2015
6.00 – 7.30 pm
St Mary’s Cathedral Centre, 180 Harrington St, Hobart
Contact the Sacramental Team through: eva.dunn@gmail.com

If you have a child aged 7 years or older, who has not been baptised or has been baptised in a different Christian tradition and you wish her/him to become a Catholic Christian this period of preparation might be the most appropriate one for you as well.

Please contact the Sacramental Team and come to the Information Evening.

We extend the warmest invitation to you and your family.
St. Virgil's College Junior School Fair

When: Sunday September 13th
Where: 102 Patrick Street
Time: 11am - 2pm

Activities: Chocolate Wheel
Cake Stall
Lucky Key
Hamburger's
Delicious Desserts
Nerf Tag
BBQ

Food Stalls
Lucky Jars
Coffee Van
Fish and Chips
Stick in the Sand
Handball Comp
Burgers of the World

By Brayden Stephens Gr 4
Parents and Friends Association present

“The Best of Croon”

Following on from a sold out Theatre Royal season of “Return of the Swing”, Andrew Colrain (Old Virgilian and current parent), Colin Dean and John X present an amazing show with Matthew Ives and his Big Band and the Croonette dancers that will transport you to the bright lights of Las Vegas and Broadway. The show comprises their “favourites” from their two shows; “Croon” and “Croon 2 the Return of the Swing” This is a rare opportunity to get ‘up close and personal’ with one of Hobart’s finest musical acts!

Wednesday September 23 at 7.30 pm

Joyce Performing Arts Centre, Austins Ferry Campus

Tickets will sell quickly and can only be purchased at

http://www.trybooking.com/IQKT
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