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**A Short Week**

Whilst Week 12 is short on teaching and learning days there is no shortage of activity crammed into the lead up to the Show Day break. Grade 4s are having an amazing adventure on Maria Island, the entire senior school will gather today at Seven Mile Beach for House Beach Bonanza Day and amidst all this music, sport, camps, event planning and competitions roll on!
Whilst this is a slightly abbreviated edition of The Star it still contains a great deal of news from both campuses as well as due recognition for our boys who achieve so many amazing feats each and every day at St Virgil’s. Please enjoy this short break with your family for as you can see on this page, Term 4 promises to be an action packed one!

**Gala Concert**
One of the great highlights every year is our showcase of the arts at our annual Gala Concert. Around 200 boys from the College will be on show during the evening which will be held at the Creative Arts Centre at the Guilford Young College campus in Glenorchy. It promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment and this year we are holding it as a twilight event which will begin at 5.30pm.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at: [http://www.trybooking.com/160939](http://www.trybooking.com/160939)

**Arrival Times**
With maintenance staff reporting that students are arriving as early as 7.45am for school could I again please remind parents that students should not be arriving on either campus prior to 8.15am. This procedure is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students as prior to this time they cannot be adequately supervised.

**Old Virgilians Annual Dinner**
Last Friday night the OVA celebrated their annual dinner in fine style at Wrest Point function centre. A highlight of the evening was the induction of four new members to the OVA Heritage Roll of Honour. The Roll recognises past students who have made an exemplary contribution to the community in their field of endeavour. I would like to commend to our community the following Old Virgilians who have played a significant role in building our traditions.

- Damien Geason – law and community housing projects
- Adrian Howard OAM – leadership of the Soldires Memorial walk project
- Fr Michael Delaney
- Bernard Geard (posthumous)

I congratulate these inductees and thank them for their service to St Virgil’s and the wider community.

In honouring this service it is again timely to remind all past students about the celebrations for the 2017 Old Virgilians Association Centenary.

To help us and the OVA Committee in the preparation for the events of 2017 we are trying to keep our database as up to date as possible. Please email Mrs Monica Nugent (mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) with the following details:

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**Gala Concert**
I encourage you to attend our Gala Concert which is being held on Thursday November 5 at the Creative Arts Centre at Guilford Young College in Glenorchy at 5.30pm. Being a twilight event we hope for the evening to conclude by 8.00pm. As this is the show piece for the Arts for the year, there are a significant number of boys from both campuses who will be involved. Tickets are selling fast and can be purchased at: please insert details
End of Year
School for both primary and secondary students will end on Tuesday December 15 at 3.00pm at Patrick Street and the boys will be on buses at 2.30pm from Austins Ferry.

Upcoming Events

Whole College
Gala Concert, Creative Arts Centre, GYC Glenorchy
Remembrance Day
Grade 10/OVA Mass, Cathedral
Thanksgiving & Awards Ceremony, DEC
Volunteer Appreciation Evening, Junior School
Junior School Thanksgiving Ceremony Cathedral

Thursday November 5, 5.30 – 8.00pm
Wednesday November 11
Tuesday November 24, 11.30am
Thursday November 26, 7.30pm
Thursday December 10, 5.00 – 6.30pm
Monday December 14, 7.00pm

Austins Ferry
Austins Ferry Fair
Grade 10 Exams
Grade 10 Dinner

Monday November 9, 5.00 – 8.00pm
Wednesday November 18 – Monday November 23
Tuesday November 24, 7.00pm

Junior School
Grade 7 2016 Orientation Day
Grade 6 Austins Ferry Visit

Saturday October 31, 9.00 – 11.00am
Wednesday December 2

From the Business Office
Mrs Narelle Green
With the year rapidly coming to a close parents are asked to give due attention to two important matters:

1. School Fees are due for payment by the end of October in line with fee payment plans negotiated with all families. Payment of the outstanding amount as outlined in the school fee payment plan will ensure all programmes and resources for boys will be available as per each learning areas budget.

2. If you are cleaning up your son’s room and come across any SVC sports top please return it to the Front Office as a matter of urgency. Currently we are doing a stocktake prior to re-ordering sports tops. It would be a pity to order new tops only to find existing items are returned later in the year.

Thank you for your support with these matters. Should you have questions about payment plans and/or school fees please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tracey Moschogianis on 6249 655 or tmoschogianis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“Each day at Austins Ferry we publish this index to help educate boys about the need to wear hats”

Upcoming Events
Please note that next Wednesday October 28 is the second of our Free Dress days in support of the P&F. Students are asked to bring non-perishable grocery items along as payment for the privilege of wearing free dress.

We look forward to the upcoming Grade 7 2016 Orientation Day on Saturday October 31. Student leaders should have received details outlining their involvement.

Hats!
The ultraviolet index or UV Index is an international standard measurement of the strength of sunburn-producing ultraviolet (UV) radiation at a particular place and time. Each day at Austins Ferry we publish this index to help educate boys about the need to wear hats.

We have published that hats are compulsory for all outdoor activities in Terms 1 and 4. It is a pity that so much of teachers time is taken during yard duties insisting that boys put their hats on and it is rather frustrating to know that some boys do not even have a hat.

Could I please ask parents to do a check with their sons and if they do not have a hat to have him purchase one at the uniform shop as soon as possible.

COLLEGE MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

On Monday I was invited to a Grade 10 Religious Education class to join their discussions on the existence of God.

Prior to going I refreshed my knowledge of both Fowlers and Eriksons Stages of religious development. I also enter this area, and other potentially contentious areas, with a wish to enter conversations; not to argue, nor to debate and certainly not to shout the other side down.
Fowler and Erikson both reminded me that these lads are at a questioning stage of their development, and it is a good sign of growing maturity that they are questioning, and I said that. I assumed that some had formed the opinion that they were atheists, (I discourage personal disclosures) and I challenged them to re-assess the God they did not believe in. The chances were that they and I rejected the same image of God – that is the old man with a beard, white robe, golden halo who lives somewhere “up there”!

I also challenged them to question the opinions they were forming on issues such as Same Sex Marriage, Asylum Seekers and other contentious topics. I asked them to have an informed opinion, not just one “soaked up” from social media.

It was an excellent 30 minutes with some good discussion and questions. I could have gone on, but recess was waiting and one thing I have learnt over 50 years of teaching is to never stand between a growing lad and an open canteen!

Br Peter

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Liberating Education

*We open our hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.*

*Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone*

**Term 4 Uniform Reminder**

An important reminder to all our boys and their families that the bucket hat is compulsory head wear during Term 4 during Fitness and at Recess and Lunch times. Boys will not be permitted to play during these times if they do not have a bucket hat. Bucket hats are available from the Uniform Shop based at the Senior School Campus or through the Junior School Office at a cost of $10. Please ensure that your son’s bucket hat, and all articles of uniform, are clearly marked with HIS name. Thank you.

**Parent Volunteers**

All parents are reminded of the College’s obligations to comply with the Working with Vulnerable People legislation. Parents wishing to assist in any facet of College life where it means interacting with our boys will need first to produce their valid card. We are very reliant on our parent helpers so please consider, if you haven’t already, obtaining this card. Further details are below.

**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](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application)
Grade 4 Camp
Our Grade 4’s have been having a fantastic time on Camp at Gumleaves and Maria Island. Many of you have been able to follow their travels via Twitter but, for those who haven’t, there will be a full report next week.

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:

October
Week 12 B
Children’s Catholic Mission Mass @ 10.30
Hobart Show day long weekend

Week 13 A
Japanese speaking competition
Grade 6 try Rowing & Sailing day
Assembly led by Gr 4
Grade 7 2016 SVC Orientation Day

November
Week 14 B
Feast of All Saints
Feast of All Souls
5 M Excursion to Molesworth
College Gala Concert @ GYC Glenorchy
JSSATIS Athletics @ DAC
junior school sport

Mrs Jo Messer
Sports Coordinator

basketball
Matthew Ferguson (Coach)

Grade 3/4 2015 Southern Primary School Regional Championships

The Grade 3/4 boys had a very successful weekend going through Division 2 of the Championships undefeated. The boys won their three pool games on Saturday by huge margins, 95-4, 59-12 and 64-5. They then fronted up at 8am on Sunday for the semi-final and again were far too good with a 73-7 win.

After a couple hours break it was Grand Final time and with the boys full of confidence they kept Immaculate Heart of Mary scoreless until the final few minutes of the game running out 64-3 point winners.

Well done to all the team members, Charlie Banks, Ayrton Cooke, Jensen Cooke, Will Davie, Riley Ferguson, Eden Hills, Krystian Jankowiak and Ethan Nattey. We had a very even spread of points scorers each game with all boys contributing and more importantly they applied great defensive pressure, team work, with some of the passing a highlight of the weekend and sportsmanship.

On the weekend our Grade 5/6 boys competed in Division 2 of the STBL Championship. The boys were coached by Mr Peter Robey and managed by Mrs Karen McShane. Team members were Phoenix Robey, Caleb Devine, Joe McShane, Max Marsh, Joshua Honig, Jacob Crellin, Rhys Armstrong, Gus Lipscombe, Liam Morton, Connor McLeod, Will Splann and Harry Williams.

The boys won all of their round matches in a convincing manner. As they ended up top in their pool they progressed through to the Grand Final. They played St Aloysius, winning in style by 15 points. Congratulations to all the boys in their commitment to the team in their training sessions and matches. A sincere thank you also to the parents involved in their coaching and support of the team.
Rowing Training: Under 13 Boys
Rowing training for the Under 13 boys this week is on Sunday morning at 9am at the New Town Bay Rowing Centre. The boys are also invited to attend gym sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm at the Rowing Centre.

JSSATIS 5/6 Touch Football and 3/4 Teeball
Touch Football commences next Thursday rosters are available at the Junior School office if they have been misplaced.

Teeball kicked off this week with a training session taken by Mr Scanlon as the Grade 4s are away on camp. Their roster commences in earnest next week.
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 note 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.

SPORT

Tasmanian Hockey Representatives.

SVC students Michael McDevitt (Left, Gr 7) and Tom Rasmussen (Right, Gr 6) both had the honour of representing Tasmania at the National Under 13 hockey championships, held during the term 3 holidays in Darwin.

The boys both played extremely well, despite battling the best junior hockey players in the country, 35 degree heat and non stop attacks from Darwin’s ubiquitous biting Midges.

For both boys, it was their second time representing Tasmania at this level. Tom will get a third opportunity in this age group next year.

Both Michael and Tom were awarded Captaincy of the team at different stages during the tournament.
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MRS BEV PETTIT

Grade 8 Outdoor Education Programme
If you have any questions regarding dates or the camp itself please don’t hesitate to contact us via the school office or via email; sharder@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or saitken@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MRS JODIE WILLIAMS

Gala Concert
On Thursday November 5, St Virgil’s College will present its annual Gala Concert. This event is a showcase of the Arts from Grade 3 - 10 and will feature performances from the many College music ensembles and Drama classes. It will also feature Media and Visual Arts.

The boys have all been working hard perfecting their performances and it promises to be an entertaining evening showcasing the many varied talents of students at the College. This year the Gala will be held at the Creative Arts Centre at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy Campus beginning at 5.30pm and concluding at approx.

Tickets can be bought online from - http://www.trybooking.com/160939
Get in quick as they are selling fast!!

Senior Band Performance at St Brigid’s Fair, New Norfolk
Over the past month the Senior Band has been very much in demand performing at several gigs around town. They have also been asked to play at St Brigid’s Primary School Fair next Friday October 30 from 4.15pm – 5pm. If you are in the area please come along and support the boys.
SPORT

Signals from the Admiral
Br Peter Flint

Nutgrove – Night 1
Josh Eggins Coach at rear, L-R: Hayden Clarke, Henry Dennison, Oliver Hamilton Helm, Lucan Upton Helm, Connor Ritchie, Alex Kingsley Helm, Nick Whitten - Lightweight Crew
Front: Olly Whitten - enthusiastic supporter.

Upcoming Dates:
October 20 – Tuesday  
Nutgrove competition for six weeks.
October 26 – Monday  
Team Racing Training at AFYC
October 29 - Friday  
Improve Sailing Skills - all sailors and newcomers
October 30 - Saturday  
Orientation Day sailing
November 2 - Monday  
Team Racing Training
November 6 - Friday  
Newcomers from Orientation day and other newcomers.

Arrangements around Austins Ferry Yacht Club are heading towards finality. You will be advised “with bells and whistles” when the final signature is on the paper.

And finally: Tuesday night reminded me of this quotation:

_A Smooth Sea NEVER made a Skilled Sailor_

John George Hermanson - English Proverb
COME AND TRY SAILING!

Saturday October 31, 11 am to 2 pm

Austins Ferry Yacht Club

(after the 2016 Grade 7 Orientation Day)

Enquiries to Br Peter – pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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/
Sushi is here in Term 4!

In line with our commitment to offering boys healthy food choices, we will be offering boys a chance to order sushi each Wednesday and Thursday during Term 4.

Choose from:
- Teriyaki Chicken; chicken, cucumber & carrot
- Cooked Tuna; tuna, sweet corn, carrot & cucumber
- Californian; crabstick, avocado, cucumber & Japanese Mayo
- Vegetarian; inari, red capsicum, cucumber, carrot & daikon

$3.00 each (Includes a Soy fish pouch)
Uniform Shop

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

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

Parents & Friends
Mrs Susan Roberts
President

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”.

SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES TO REMEMBER
There is two more Free Dress Fair donation days coming up for all Senior School students;
2nd FREE DRESS DAY for Grocery Items Donations

Wednesday October 28

Grocery Items for Donation

As in past years, each grade is being asked to bring certain grocery items to help fill the trailer for the school raffle on each of the Free Dress Days.

Grade 7:
RICE/NOODLE/PASTA/TINNED FOOD: Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Olive oil, Cooking oil, Cooking sprays, Instant noodles, Rice o riso, Tomato paste, Coconut milk, Pappadums, Chicken Tonight, 2 minute noodles, noodle cups, macaroni cheese, stir fry sauces, curry paste, curry simmer sauces, tins of soup, fruit, vegetables, condensed milk etc

Grade 8:
BAKING/COOKING: Flour, Sultanas, Sugar (brown, raw, white), Mixed fruit, Choc chips, Packet cakes, Baking paper, Foil, Glad wrap, Coconut, Cocoa, Raisins, Icing sugar, Dates, Hundreds & thousands, Cornflour, etc

Grade 9:
LAUNDRY/KITCHEN: Washing powder, Fabric Softener, Napisan, Sard, Sponges, Pegs, Bucket, Bleach, Furniture Polish, Linen bag, Chux, Paper Towel, Spray & Wipe, Washing up liquid, Tea towels, Hand towels,

Grade 10:
BATHROOM: Soap, bubble bath, shower/bath cleaner, toothpaste, toilet rolls, air freshener, pine o cleen, glass cleaner, tissues, hand wipes, rubber gloves, etc

The list does not include any perishable items or those which are “squashable”.

Please check expiry dates are well after the date of the Fair on November 9, and all containers are in a good and presentable condition

3rd 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)

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
Rachelle Smith
Catholic Youth Ministry

Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens Fundraiser
Be the first to see the highly anticipated Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens when it is released on Thursday 17th December. Catholic Youth Ministry are holding a special viewing of this film at Village Cinemas as a World Youth Day fundraiser. Get all your friends and family together for this epic cinematic reveal and get ready for one brilliant evening!

Come dressed for the occasion and be in the running for the best-dressed competition, as well as other give-aways and competitions before the film begins.

Tickets are $30 pp and include: movie ticket, small popcorn and a 600ml drink (as well as chances for give-aways!). This event is being held at Village Cinemas Eastlands and Village Cinemas Launceston. Book your ticket now at: www.cymtas.org.au or by contacting Rachelle Smith on 0400 045 368

- 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
- Parenting Adolescents with Understanding Sensitivity & Engagement
- Sushi Order Form
- Consumer Alert Flyer – Asbestos in Crayons
A week in the life of the College

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