FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“... the very essence of what our Catholic learning community is all about”.

EREA Renewal and House Commissioning Assembly

It was a great privilege to welcome Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Executive Director, Dr Wayne Tinsey, Director of Regional Support, Mr Paul Williams and TCEO Director, Mr John Mula and other invited guests to this significant event. The behaviour of the boys was outstanding and I have taken many calls complimenting our students upon the manner in which they engaged with this event.

Dr Tinsey presented College Captain Alec Hastie and myself with our Renewal Certificate which is evidence of our Accreditation as an authentic Catholic School
in the Edmund Rice tradition. I am very proud to say that the data which is the foundation for the certificate is on show every day at the College and is the very essence of what our Catholic learning community is all about.

Return of Compulsory Forms
During the last month the Business Office sent out the package which included the Statement of Fees and a number of compulsory return forms for each student to bring back to the College. Currently we still have a significant number of forms which have not been returned. I request that you please give this due consideration and return forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced any of the forms they can be downloaded from The School Bag link on our web site - http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/in-the-schoolbag-senior-school/

Footwear
It has come to my attention that some boys are going out of their way to bend the requirements for foot wear with both their formal and sports uniform. A reminder that boys are required to wear black leather shoes with their formal uniform and with sports uniform the requirement is predominantly white or blue sandshoes with limited additional colour. Flouro shoes and laces are not acceptable. I would appreciate your support in these issues to ensure that your son meets the College’s requirements.

Open Day – Austins Ferry
It was a pleasure today to showcase the College and welcome the many visitors who attended our Open Day at Austins Ferry. I would like to thank all our Student Leaders for the exemplary and informative manner in which they conducted tours, showing families the school through the eyes of those who live it every day.

I encourage anyone who is thinking of enrolling their son into Grade 7 next year to lodge an application as soon as possible. A reminder that if you already have a son at St Virgil’s and intend enrolling a sibling, that an application form needs to be completed for your Grade 6 son.

Parents of current St Virgil’s Grade 6 students would have received a letter this week; I ask that you please return that form as soon as possible.
Open Day – Patrick Street
A reminder that our Open Day at the Junior School will be on Wednesday April 29. If you are talking to others in our community, we know that recommendation of our current parents is usually the best advertisement we have. I encourage you to talk to people you associate with that have school aged children and remind them of this day.

Extra-Curricular Activities
It has been fantastic to see so many students get involved in the extra-curricular activities that have been offered so far this year. Most nights of the week we have teams out and about playing in a variety of sports. In the coming weeks a couple of our major teams will be in action with the rowing squad competing in the Head of the River this Saturday at Lake Barrington and our Senior Swimming Team is in the pool next Wednesday in the Southern Swimming Sports. The Junior Swimming Team commence their season with the STCPSSA carnival on Friday March 13.

I take this opportunity to wish all those competing for the school well, and thank them for their time and commitment and hope they enjoy the experience and whatever successes come their way.

Combined P&F AGM- Wednesday March 18
The Parents & Friends Committee at both campuses do a wonderful job in supporting our College and raising valuable funds. I remind you about the AGM which is rapidly approaching and encourage anyone who is interested in joining the Parents & Friends to come along to the meeting. Full details of the meeting and nomination procedures are outlined later in The Star.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“Please be aware that this Friday, March 6 is Formal Photo day at Austins Ferry. Formal Uniform is required for this day”.

Formal Photos
Tomorrow, Friday March 6 is the scheduled Formal Photos day. These photos are most important for two reasons: (1) for parents these form an important memory of their son’s school years, and (2) they form an integral part of the College’s history. It is for these reasons that I encourage parents to support us in ensuring that all boys are in attendance and that all boys are suitably attired in their formal uniform.

Homework
Homework is an important aspect of the educational process because it fosters improved learning and independent study. Learning does not only occur in the classroom and homework assists in the development of habits and skills that promote independent and effective learning. Whilst homework can be an issue for many parents and boys, there are a number of key benefits in doing homework.

Obviously it is important for us as teachers to recognise that there is life outside of school and so work within the College’s homework guidelines of one hour per night for Grade 7 & 8, and 1.5 hours per night for Grade 9 & 10. When homework has been set it needs to be done well and submitted on time. It is always appreciated when a parent is able to communicate with the teacher if for some reason set homework was not able to be completed.

I have included below several strategies to support students with their homework that may also be of benefit for parents in helping to get their son’s into the routine of study. You may want to discuss this with your son.

Each evening do the following:
• Check your diary for homework – sounds obvious but not always the case!
• Decide which tasks are most urgent. (Are all the due dates in your diary?)
• Spend some time on any long-term projects and assignments each night, (don’t leave these until the night before) and write long-term projects in your diary each day so you don’t forget.
• Revise for tests and other assessments. (Everything you are taught will be assessed in some way.)
• Re-write/organise your notes from the day’s class (this should happen every day).
• Proof read any written work.
• Let your parents know when you need more paper, pens, equipment etc.
• Clean out your schoolbag when you finish homework, then pack it ready for school the next day.
• Make sure your iPad is charged.

I have spoken to most boys in the past fortnight about the importance of positive habits and simple processes such as these assist boys to develop good study habits. We understand that homework is sometimes just as stressful for parents as it is for the boys – just remember that the St Virgil's College teachers are committed to helping your son, so please communicate with us when there are problems.

COLLEGE MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

On Tuesday night, I visited the New Beginnings Camp as I had a ‘Gig’ with stars, planets and related matters. Fortunately the sky was clear and when it darkened there was a lot to see. I spoke of Orion and on the Southern Cross and its pointers. It was a bit cold to have the boys there longer. I should have alerted the very talented musicians from Grade 10 who were present to sing Elvis’ song, ‘How Great Thou Art’. I cannot look into the heavens and not hum that music. Long gone for me is the image of God as an old (white) man with a beard and robes ‘up there’. I live with mystery and question.

May I commend the following book. Best read with a basic knowledge of fundamental physics. Amazon have it, but not in Kindle format

Quantum Theology: Spiritual Implications of the New Physics Paperback – April 1, 2004 by Diarmuid O’Murchu (Author) Here, best-selling author Diarmuid O’Murchu presents a vision of the intersection of quantum physics and spirituality. It is now revised to reflect the most recent advances in physics. From black holes to holograms, from relativity theory to the discovery of quarks, this book is an original and rich exposition of quantum theory and the way it unravels profound theological questions.

As Easter comes closer, may I also recommend “The Last Week” by Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. This is available from Amazon for Kindle, and for iPads with the Kindle App installed.

"Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus. As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson’s blockbuster The Passion of the Christ, they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus’s crucifixion.

Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus’s final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church’s traditional teachings.

The Last Week depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.”

I welcome conversations on these matters, preferably over coffee, but not arguments or debates.
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

At last week’s Renewal Assembly at the Senior school Campus, Dr Wayne Tinsey spoke passionately about the work of EREA and schools and Colleges like St Virgil’s. He also made special mention of the contribution and ongoing work of the Christian Brothers. St Virgil’s, unlike many Catholic Schools and Colleges is blessed to have on staff Br Peter Flint. We are also fortunate to have regular visits and contact with Br Sean McManus. The visible presence of both Br Peter and Br Sean are important reminders of the history of contribution of the Brothers to education not only in Tasmania, but around the world.

We are regularly reminded of the contribution of the Christian Brothers and that of Blessed Edmund Rice through the Edmund Rice anthem:

“Men brought faith and love with them to ride across the world.
Here at St Virgil’s his spirit is passed on.
Thousands strong have heard the word,
Taught with love and strength.
The work of Edmund Ignatius Rice is God’s and must endure.”

We are thankful that we have the presence of Br Peter and Br Sean and look forward to their ongoing support of our College.

Grade 5 Camp

Whilst you are busily reading this week’s edition of The Star, Grade 5 boys are enjoying themselves down at Port Arthur. We look forward to sharing stories of their adventures, and a lot of pictures, next week.

ICC World Cup

Thank you to all the families who have responded so quickly in regards to the ICC World Cup Cricket game next week. We are still discussing some of the logistics with Cricket Tasmania and would hope to have a letter with final details out as soon as possible. Thank you to all our families for your understanding and support towards this type of activity – I am pretty sure
the boys who are able to attend will have a great time. The SRC representatives randomly selected teams for their classes to support at the game with the following results:

Sri Lanka: Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6W
Scotland: Grade 5M, Grade 5O, Grade 6C

Sport
Thank you to all the families who have returned the expression of interest forms for out of school hour’s sport which is on offer for the remainder of the year. Special thanks to all those parents, grandparents and older siblings, who have volunteered to coach or manage teams. Your support of this opportunity for our boys is fantastic. A reminder that all boys are encouraged to play at least one of these sports during the year.

P & F Association
Despite less than ideal weather, we had a fantastic community gathering last Thursday evening for the P & F welcome BBQ. Special thank you to all of our cooks and the families who generously brought along salads or deserts to share. It was a great opportunity for all of our parents to get together in an informal setting and to talk

Junior School House Swimming Carnival
We were so fortunate to be blessed with beautiful weather for our annual House Swimming Carnival. It was great to have the support of so many parents and grandparents as either spectators or helpers on the day – we couldn’t do it without you. Thank you also to Mr Nichols, Mrs Messer and Mrs Moate for getting everything ready for the day. The boys are to be commended for their wonderful efforts and sportsmanship displayed during the day. Boys were wishing each other well prior to races and congratulating each other at the end. Congratulations to the Joyce House for being victorious.

Representative Swimming Team
As a result of our House Swimming Carnival, the following boys have qualified to represent the Junior School Campus at the upcoming STCPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnival on March 13 and the JSSATIS (Independent Schools) Carnival on March 26. Congratulations to:
Grade 6: Sebastian Brown, Max Newett, Joshua Wylie, Max Giuliani, Harry Fisher
Grade 5: Lachlan Brennan, Campbell Hills, Harry Williams, Dylan Graves, Sahib Singh
Grade 4: Charlie Banks, Ayrton Cooke, Jack Pritchard, Riley Ferguson
Grade 3: Darcy Berry, Ned Cunningham, William Faux, Daniel Wylie

Junior School Formal Photos
This week, your son should have brought home the order envelope for Formal School Photos. Formal photo day is March 18. It happens to coincide with St Mary’s also. All envelopes need to be returned whether a family wishes to order photos or not. All envelopes should be returned by Tuesday March 17 at the absolute latest. Family photos with siblings are also able to be organised. Please contact the Junior School Office to assist with these arrangements.

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday, the commencement of Holy Week, is on Sunday March 29. Schools have been asked to participate in a Catholic diocesan procession from Lindisfarne into Hobart city. This has been discussed with the SRC boys and many were enthusiastic to participate. They have also shared this information with their classmates. We would like to encourage as many boys, and families, as possible to participate. Further details will be shared soon but are also available from www.cymtas.org.au

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

More information about the card and the College’s arrangements for management of card requirements will be outlined in upcoming editions of The Star.

**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 information that is available.

**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 5A**
Grade 5 Camp to Port Arthur
March 4 – 6

**Week 6B**
Labour Day Public Holiday
March 9
ICC Cricket World Cup Match
March 11
STCPSSA Swimming Carnival
March 13

**Week 7A**
Junior School Formal photos
March 18
Combined P & F Association meeting at Austins Ferry
March 18
Parent / Teacher Interviews (compulsory)
March 18 & 19
Grandparents Day (details to follow)
March 20

**Canteen**
**Mrs Olga Leon**

Friday March 6
J McLeod / M Careless

Wednesday March 11
R Smith / R Colrain

Thursday March 12
M Parssey / J Jacobson

Friday March 13
R Fisher / T Noble

If parents are able to assist please contact the Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (MIDDLE YEARS/TRANSITION)

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

New Beginnings
The Grade 7 New Beginnings Programme continues next week. Details are outlined on the next page:

SPORT

Please visit the SVC Sport Website!

The website featuring all fixtures and sport requirements is accessed from the front page of the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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

Grade 7&8 Basketball
SVC Gold 76 Defeated Hutchins 12

A great first up effort with the team working well for their first game together

P Walker 18, L Wilson 12, F Frame 10

2nd IV Tennis
SVC Defeated Hutchins
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**Time and Space Programmes - Save the Dates**

As published last week the Annual Time and Space Programmes will commence in just under a month. Last week all Grade 9 and 10 families will have received detailed information in the mail regarding their programme and attached to this edition. Families of Grade 7 boys will also receive detailed information in the mail this week. Attached to The Star is a flyer for both programmes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions in regards to this programme.

**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 – 7:00 – 9:30pm

Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening
Tuesday May 19 – 7:00 – 9:30pm

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MRS BEV PETTIT

Public Speaking and Essay Writing
Miss Lucy Dalton, Leading Teacher of English

Rostrum Voice of Youth 2015
Public Speaking helps boys to develop confidence in their communication skills. Standing up in front of a group of people to present a speech can be quite confronting; both for teenagers and adults!

Rostrum Voice of Youth is ‘a national student development program which provides an excellent opportunity for secondary school students to gain experience and confidence in expressing their views and communicating a message’.

Contestants are required to present a:
• Prepared speech - 6 minutes - JUNIORS (11 and under 15 years of age at 1st January 2015)
  - 8 minutes - SENIORS (under 18 years of age at 1st January 2015)

• Short notice speech - 3 minutes with a preparation time of 15 minutes

For further information regarding this excellent opportunity please contact Miss Dalton or Mrs Wolfe. Please feel free to visit the website for more details: http://www.rostrum.org.au/rvoy-tas

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The Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition 2015
Are you a writer? Interested in the world around you? Want your voice to be HEARD by others? Then, the Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition is for you! The winner will be flown to London for a week of cultural and educational visits... wow!
If you are interested in receiving more information or entering, then please contact Miss Dalton.
Please feel free to visit the website for more details: https://thercs.org/youth/competition

Important dates:
The deadline for entries is May 1 2015
The results will be announced early September 2015

Who Makes the LAW?
Excursion
Mr Sonny Azzopardi
On March 18 boys in the Law in Action elective will be visiting State Parliament as part of their studies to see our elected officials in action. We will be visiting during Question Time and hope to see some spirited debate from our Law-makers.

After, we will make a quick visit to the Supreme Court across the road from Parliament House to see the Judiciary in action. When laws are broken, alleged offenders can sometimes find themselves before a judge and jury in the Supreme Court. It is an opportunity for the boys to see our legal system in action.

Both visits are part of the Law Curriculum. Later in the year we will also visit the Magistrate's Court and Risdon Prison.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MRS JODIE WILLIAMS

The College Musical
The male auditions will be conducted after school next week on Friday March 13 from 3.30pm – 5.00pm in the JPC. Each student who would like to audition must prepare a short song (verse and chorus only) and a short dialogue piece. The dialogue is available from Mrs Williams in the music room. We will also ask the boys to perform some simple choreography as a group. There may be callbacks for lead roles on Friday March 27.

Female students will be auditioning after school on Friday March 20 from approximately 3.30pm-5:00pm in the Hall at the Junior School. Each female student will have to prepare a similar audition.

For all enquires about music @ SVC - please contact Mrs Williams - jwilliams@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Yours in tune,

Mrs Jodie Williams
Director of Music
SPORT NEWS

1st XI Cricket

Mr Cameron Alexander

SVC Blue 6-129 (Andrew Bourke 52) **defeated** Hutchins Black 7-55 (Austin Keeling 1-1, Nick Haydon, Luke Swinton and Harry Burgess all 1-5)

An easy win for SVC Blue over a depleted Hutchins outfit. The highlight of our performance was a well compiled 52 from Andrew Bourke, continuing his recent fine form. All bowlers bowled well with seven different bowlers taking a wicket.

SVC Gold 6-138 (Hudson Wakefield 52, Calvin Coles 38, Zac Berry 13 no) **lost to** Friends 5-154 (Jordan Cowen 1-15).

A great team effort led by skipper Hudson Wakefield with a stylish 52, well supported by Calvin Coles who made a dynamic 38 featuring three towering sixes. The team fought the game right out but in the final analysis were out-gunned by a couple of big hitters from Friends.

**Round 4 Game Details: (March 11)**

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Grade 7&8 Cricket

Week 3 of the Development programme involved two games at Hutchins and a very competitive game at Austins Ferry. Both teams won comfortably at Hutchins with some impressive batting and bowling performances.

**Scores**

SVC Blue 2/85 (Isaac Manson 38, Ryan Graham-Daft 18 ret. Will Collins 14) **defeated** Hutchins 5/83 (Tom Kemp 2/12)

SVC Gold 2-109 (Riley Smith 39, Hayden Nuss 17 Ret. Joshua Pitt 18 no, Vishal Verma 13 no) **defeated** Hutchins 2  6-79 (Sam Lucas 2/8)

SVC Green 6-92 (Josh Eyles 16, Tadhg Waddington 16, Dylan Browning 14 ret. George Lazenby 2-1) **defeated** SVC White 4/56 (Riley Wilton 8 ret., Josh Robinson 2-2)

A break next week for the long weekend before another round of games against Hutchins and internal games at the College.

**March 16 Match Details:**

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*Named after old scholars Michael Di Venuto (Australian ODI player) and Caleb Jewell (Current Tasmanian Tigers 2nd XI player)
From the Admiral

Br Peter Flint

Yesterday saw a howling gale ripping through Austins Ferry and I judged that the same gale would be at Sandy Bay where we were due to sail, and sure enough, it was. So we cancelled for the day. The Nutgrove series is half way through the short season and we are improving with each sale. (Translation: we have not won anything yet - but we will.)

It is unfortunate that the State Titles are four days after the finish of the Nutgrove Series – it makes it difficult to form and train a team. Thanks to Mr Chris Thomson, Jonny Cooper and Jacqui Kingsley we are able to manage the team, and thanks to the boys themselves for improving continually. The three helmsmen are among the best sailors in Tasmania as proved by their results in State and National titles. Angus Price has been selected to represent Australia in Italy later in the year.

We also have newcomers attending the Learn to Sail sessions at Austins Ferry. These have been going well, thanks to the experienced sailors who come along and help it all happen.

Part of the Learn to Sail is the "Learn to Handle a Capsize." In the photo, you will notice the crewman acting as a sea anchor to swing the boat into the wind, while the helmsman gets on the centre board to get the boat upright. A fun part of sailing - but necessary for safety.

Br Peter
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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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Uniform Shop
House T-Shirts are now in stock. Please call Melissa on Tuesday/Thursday with any uniform enquiries – 6249 3610.

Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Susan Roberts
President

As previously advised the Wednesday 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 coming meetings 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

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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) - 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

Please return to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by Friday March 13, in an envelope addressed to:
Susan Roberts, President, SVC P&F Association

I …………………………………………………………………………………. wish to nominate ………………………………………………………………………………..
for the office of ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. for 2015.

Proposer: ………………………………………………………………. 
Seconded: ……………………………………………………… Date: ……………………….

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

CLAREMONT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Under 13s & Under 14s

Would you like to play the great game of Aussie Rules Football?

Training has commenced on Tuesday Nights at 5:00pm.
Friday Night training will commence on 6 March at Cadbury Oval
U/13’s - 6:00pm & U/14’s 5:00pm

REGISTRATIONS are also being taken for other age groups!
For further information please message our facebook page or contact Shelley on 0408 149 474

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=1-110-31344-0-0&gID=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.

- 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
- React Drama Classes for ASD Students
- Tasmania Rugby Union Friday Sevens
- Hobart Under 16/18s football club flyer
- Mona Gasp Fun Run
- TIS Cycling Talent Identification Flyer
- Tasmanian Sports Camps – April Holiday Programs
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