FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in all four canonical Gospels”.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage
This Sunday, March 29 the Catholic Church is celebrating Palm Sunday and I encourage all who are able to participate in any of the events during the day to join in. As Sunday is also World Youth Day, it would be particularly great to see our students getting involved in the day.
Listed below is a timetable.

10.15am  Pilgrimage Walk begins at the Church of the Incarnation, 3 Bay Road, Lindisfarne – 7km walk to St David’s Park, Hobart.

12.30pm  Festivities in St David’s Park – music, dancing, face painting, sumo suits and much more. Drinks and food available for sale or donation.

St Virgil’s Senior Band members will be playing from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

2.00pm  Blessing of Palms and street procession through Hobart to St Mary’s Cathedral for Mass.

Camp Gallipoli
In this, the 100 year anniversary of the landing of Gallipoli, Tasmanians are urged to be involved in the celebrations. One way our students can do this is by participating in the Camp celebrations which take place on Princes Wharf One on Friday April 24 from 5pm to 10 pm. The cost of the event is $25. Significant time and effort has gone into the programme and it will be a wonderful event. Full details of how you can get involved are available in this newsletter and at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
On April 1 the Interim Reports for secondary students will be posted home. Parents have the opportunity to discuss the progress being made by their son as indicated in the Report. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews are being held on Thursday April 23 at Austins Ferry campus from 9.00am to 8.30am. Instructions for making online appointments will be included with the Interim Report.

Extra-Curricular Activities
It is pleasing to see the continued interest of our students in the many extra-curricular activities always on offer. As the season for some sports is now coming to an end, I urge students to become involved in other activities offered by the College. Thank you to all parents and supporters of these College events.

Musical
The cast has been chosen for our musical this year ‘The Pirates of Penzance’. This comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan is guaranteed to be a highly amusing and entertaining evening. I encourage all to come and re-live the familiar songs as the pirates take over! I look forward to you joining the cast from St Virgil’s and St Mary’s for the musical on August 6, 7 and 8.

Junior School Open Day
The Junior School annual Open Day will be held on Wednesday April 29 from 9am to 5.30pm with tours of the fantastic facilities available for families wishing to enrol their son. Please contact the Junior School Office on 6234 2440 or jsadmin@stvirgils.tas.edu.au if you are interested in having a look around the campus.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
“Teaching boys is sometimes a “tough gig” but always rewarding and always a privilege”.

We are very fortunate at St Virgil’s to have such a strong sense of spirit in our community and every day we are blessed with examples of this. Whether it is the Grade 7 boys in their start at the College, the amazing togetherness shown by this week’s winning cricket team or our Student Leaders who care so much about improving the College, we are all contributors to this spirit. Overwhelmingly our boys are pleasant and well-mannered ambassadors of our community.

It is clear that these characteristics come from having supportive parents who share the values of the College and want the best for all. I would like to also acknowledge the staff for the way in which they contribute to our College life as well. I am regularly touched by the level of care shown by members of staff towards our boys. Teaching boys is sometimes a “tough gig” but always rewarding and always a privilege.

The support of parents in all aspects of College life is always very much appreciated. Numerous studies have shown that the home/school partnership is crucial in the development of strong learning communities. Much can be done when we work together rather than individually.

As always I would like to assure parents that they are welcomed members of our community and that encourage all parent to feel a part of the education process of our boys. Integral to this will be the upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences in the first week back after the holidays (Thursday April 23). These conferences are ideal for teachers and parents to communicate and work together to acknowledge the great efforts of the boys and to also highlight ways that things can improve in the future.

End of Term
A Reminder that Term One will finish next Thursday April 2 at 3.15pm and that the normal bus service will operate.

Lost Property
I am concerned with the number of lost property uniform items that do not have names on them. Could I please ask parents to please take a moment and check that all uniform items are clearly labelled.

Pedestrian Crossing
I had a call from a concerned citizen this week expressing his frustration with boys who do not use the designated school crossing at the front of the campus. His
contention was that he obeys the road rules, i.e. 40 kph and stopping at the crossing, and that why shouldn’t the boys. I could only agree with him. I will be addressing this with each year level and enforcing the rules with consequences if necessary.

COLLEGE MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

I attended the Time and Space Father and Son dinner when the fathers presented their sons to the gathering. I left the occasion mightily impressed with the immense goodness that was present in these fathers and their sons. (Mums and sisters did not get a word in!) I know, that with some exceptions, this is the situation with most of the boys at the College who grow up surrounded by love and goodness. The evidence is visible every day around the Campus.

I got a similar message when I attended the four New Beginnings Camps and saw the student leaders of each House in action. Again the sheer goodness in these boys was palpable. We are indeed blessed by the presence of goodness and Godness. As Pope Francis says:

"God’s presence accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find encouragement and meaning in their lives. He dwells among them, fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice.” Evangelic Gaudier para 71

I find myself reflecting on Palm Sunday as it approaches. Did it really happen or did the three Gospel writers create the event to portray something significant about Jesus? The earliest Gospel, Mark, was written about 40 years after the event and there would have been few, if any, eye witnesses still alive. For me, the significance is in the other procession that was happening. The Roman Legions were marching into Jerusalem to “keep the peace” by their terrorising presence. There would have been shouts of “Caesar is Lord.” But down another street there is some street theatre happening with treacherous calls of “Jesus is Lord” by the powerless and marginalised who sensed a better future with Jesus’ idea of Kingdom. It was highly provocative theatre.

I find myself thinking of Pope Francis statement:

"What is called for is an evangelization capable of shedding light on these new ways of relating to God, to others and to the world around us, and inspiring essential values. It must reach the places where new narratives and paradigms are being formed, bringing the word of Jesus to the inmost soul of our cities.” Evangelii Gaudium Para 74

Blessings.

Br Peter
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*

Last week I wrote about the opportunities that the boys are afforded to participate in the Catholic tradition. It has been most heartening to see this in action during the last week. Our Mini Vinnies boys have been instrumental in a range of activities that have encouraged the other boys to look beyond themselves. The enthusiasm to have some fun with the coin lines on Friday whilst raising much needed funds for Caritas Australia are a great example of this. Possibly more significant though was the large number of the Mini Vinnies boys who attended the St Vincent DePaul mass on Thursday evening. The boys proudly represented St Virgil’s in front of a large congregation and enthusiastically joined with many of their peers from other Colleges.

The Mini Vinnies boys are also enthusiastically giving up their own time during break times to sell raffle tickets or to take guesses in our other Easter activities. While this shows a selflessness in this service, it also displays a desire to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The boys work together, share ideas and help each other out to achieve good things. I commend the boys for their efforts in this very important outreach and public act of helping all others.

All boys and their families have been invited to join with the larger Tasmanian Catholic community in the Palm Sunday procession, this Sunday March 29. I would encourage families to take up this opportunity to not only join with the St Virgil’s community and also the broader Catholic community.

**Mini Vinnies Mass**

We are most fortunate to have a very active Mini Vinnies group led by Mrs Chambers and President Max Marsh (Grade 6 W). A large group of boys from St Virgil’s College joined with representatives from many of the other Hobart based schools and Colleges to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Julian. I would like to thank the boys for their dedication to this very important outreach activity.
Congratulations to the Mini Vinnies boys for organising a great fundraiser for Caritas Australia last week by asking boys to bring along some spare coins for the coin line.

The boys are also organising our annual Easter Egg raffle. All families are being asked to donate Easter Eggs (or chocolate) to be included in ‘hampers’ for the raffle. These donations can be dropped off as soon as possible. Raffle tickets have started to be sold and will be drawn on Thursday April 2 (last day of Term).

**Grandparents / Special Persons Day**

There was a great buzz around the Junior School Campus as we welcomed in excess of 200 of our grandparents and special persons to the campus. The day commenced with a liturgy and assembly presentation by Grade 5M. Our visitors were then able to tour the classrooms to see the work that our boys are doing and different it is to when they, or their children, were at school. Our guests were encouraged to stay for morning tea and a catch up with each other.

**IPSHA Leadership Day**

This week, our Grade 6 student leaders travelled to Launceston with the St Mary’s College student leaders to join with students from all over Tasmania who hold similar roles from the Independent School sector. We were warmly greeted at Launceston Church Grammar school and moved to their Hall to listen to Australian cyclist Ms Louise Yaxley. She shared with the group her experiences growing up and the challenges she confronted on her journey to being a world class cyclist who represented Australia. She also shared the terrible events that happened in Germany when, along with her team mates, she was hit by an out of control car. Her story was very inspiring. The boys then joined in with the other students in mixed groups to complete a variety of different activities that aimed at getting them to think about their role and the service that they can do for their school community. Next year, St Virgil's College is scheduled to host the day.

**Representative Swimming Team**

Good luck to boys competing today in the JSSATIS Swimming Carnival against other Independent Schools and Colleges. We look forward to sharing results of this event next week in The Star.

**JSSATIS Sports**

As the end of the term comes along, so to will the end of the Flippa Ball and Tennis competitions. I would like to congratulate all the boys involved in these sports during Term 1 for their dedication in playing and for their good sportsmanship. Just as importantly, I would like to thank those family members who volunteered to coach and manage the teams. This is a significant commitment especially on top of everyone's busy life. The College, and the boys, really appreciate your support so that we can make these opportunities available.
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 have been sent home this week but are also available from www.cymtas.org.au or from the St Virgil’s website - “In the School Bag” tab.

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.

Generous House Competition: Coin Line for Caritas
As part of our Lenten fundraising for Caritas Project Compassion, the Mini Vinnies group organised a coin line competition. There was much excitement as the boys waited in the amphitheatre and then added to their House’s line as they were called out in Grades. Under the supervision of our Mini Vinnies boys each line was measured.

The final results were:
In 4th place, Joyce with 2.56 m
In 3rd place, Doyle with 5.8 m
In 2nd place, Hessian with 7.67 m
and in 1st place, Dwyer with 9.93m
The money raised by each House was also counted. Read carefully; the results in dollars are different from the longest line!

In 4th place, Joyce raised $24.85
In 3rd place, Doyle raised $33.00
In 2nd place, Dwyer raised $54.80
and in 1st place, Hessian raised $56.25.

This is a grand total of $168.90 and is very generous.

If you look at the Caritas posters in the Library or class rooms, you will see that the total money we raised in a 30 minute activity, is enough to provide seeds, seedlings and manure for farmers in Fiji and Nepal; it can provide water storage containers to give families better access to healthy drinking water in Niger and can provide ingredients to teach families in Australia to cook meals that will lead to improved health.

The afternoon was a lot of fun, with chanting and encouragement coming from the stands. It was also great to see such generosity and support for our Caritas work.

Thank you to all boys and families for supporting the cause.

**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/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/)

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below

**March**

**Week 8B**

JSSATIS Swimming Carnival
Palm Sunday Procession

March 26
March 29

**March / April**

**Week 9 A**

Grade 5 Excursion
ATSI Excursion to TMAG
Last Day of Term 1

March 30
April 2
April 2

**Week 10 B**

Term 2 commences
Junior School P & F Meeting (day change for April meeting)

April 20
April 21

**Week 11 A**

Junior School Open Day

April 29

**May**

**Week 12 B**

Edmund Rice Network Mass @ DEC
Mother's Day Breakfast

May 7
May 8
Well Done Bailey
Bailey Cowen was lucky enough to be chosen to play a part in the new music film clip for The Wolfe Brothers. The clip will be shown nationally!

Junior School Sport

FLIPPA BALL GRADE 3 and 4

SVC Sharks 2 lost to Corpus Christi 5
Another great effort by the SVC Boys. Our boys had a great forward line with two strong goals scored.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: William Faux for great goal keeping.

SVC Dolphins 5 defeated Dominic Black 2
Great game from the boys this week with a fair competition against Dominic, SVC winning 5 – 2 and all boys played well.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Mickey Crouch for great effort on the night.
Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon

Friday March 27  K Bridgland / K McMillan
Wednesday April 1  K Watling / M Lipscombe
Thursday April 2  C Monks / L Jankowiak
Friday April 3  GOOD FRIDAY

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

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

Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVCtransition2015

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

Surfing
Five boys competed in the Tasmanian Schools Surfing Championships on Monday at Clifton Beach. In trying conditions, they all acquitted themselves well and progressed through to the higher rounds.

The team consisted of Bohdi Kingston, Angus Price, Kane Symonds, Liam Watling and Matthew Lynch. Well done to all boys.
Time and Space Programmes
Over the last week we have been fortunate to have Bill Jennings of Time and Space on campus running our Grade 9/10 Time and Space programme and the Grade 7 Mother/Son evening. Each of these events is a fantastic show of the strength of the St Virgil’s community, with students, parents and staff spending time to strengthen relationships and ensure the young men in our care are becoming the best men possible. A special thank you to the mothers who returned to assist with the running of the Mother/Son evening, this is a fantastic show of support to the Grade 7 mothers and is a significant contribution to the running of these programmes.

The Grade 8 Stepping Up Evening will be held on Tuesday May 19 from 7.15pm - 9.30pm.

ANZAC Day – Community Involvement
With 2015 commemorating the 100 years since the ANZAC landing, it is expected all ANZAC Day ceremonies will be special occasions. As in previous years St Virgil’s College will be participating in a number of the community ceremonies, including the main Hobart march.

Information will be available for boys next week of how they can participate and I encourage them to be involved in this special occasion.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MRS BEV PETTIT

Homework Club
Miss Lucy Dalton and Ms Clair Graham
Homework Club re-commences next Wednesday (March 18) in the College Library from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. A milo and biscuit awaits all attendees as well as specialist help in all subjects from members of staff. Homework Club is open to all students. Please register with Miss Dalton – ldalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Geography
Mrs Marianne Saxton-Hillier

Geography Excursion Grade 8B, 8D & 8E
Boys in these classes will be going on a Field Study Trip to Mount Wellington on Wednesday April 1. Students will leave the College at 8.45 am sharp and will return by 2.00 pm. The boys will be required to wear their full sports uniform (including Track Pants). They will also need to bring a warm jacket, beanie, a packed lunch (enough for Recess as well) and drink bottle. Scarf and mittens are optional. Boys may use a smaller day pack rather than their College bag on the excursion.

If you require any further information please contact either Mrs Saxton-Hillier or Mr Cripps at the Senior Campus.
Library News
Ms Louise Oldham

World Cup Cricket Trophy tour 2015 and Maze Runner@ the SVC Library and Resource Centre

Book Club and Book Reviews
If you are interested in joining a book club which meets regularly at the library, please email your interest to libraryAF@stvirgils.tas.edu.au Come and meet your friends and discuss what you are reading. Also, if you have read something really great, please submit your book review and share your reading experience with others. See below for a great book review by one of our Reader’s Cup entrants.

Suggestion Box is taking suggestions from students and teachers. Students can submit their suggestions for purchase in a suggestion box which is under the notice board in the library.

Teachers/parents can submit their suggestions direct to the College Librarian Ms Oldham or to the libraryAF@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Author Talk
We are fortunate today to have A Local Author Mr Stephen Brown coming to talk to two Grade 9 classes at the Library On Thursday June. 25.

About the Author
Thanks for visiting my author page... sjbrown is my pen-name because it fits well with cover size and I have always enjoyed the novels of PD James (so a bit of homage, I guess).

My DL John Mahoney crimes series is set in my home state of Tasmania. You may know it from its stunning beauty or because of the cartoon character, 'The Tasmanian Devil'. It is also becoming famous of late due to the presence of the fabulous tourist attraction, MONA in Hobart.

Crime fiction has been my favourite genre to read for a very long time. Faves include Ian Rankin, Michael Connelly and Peter Temple. I’m reaching for the stars in hoping to emulate them but any writer has to look upwards and onwards. And then back to the page...the sequel to HIGH BEAM is DEAD WOOD and is due for release in October. Book 3 in the series is being written as long as I don’t spend too much time on the golf course or in the classroom doing my day job. I really hope you enjoy my work...any feedback (particularly reviews) is always appreciated.

Book Review
Brad Finch, the marquee player of the Tassie Devils Football Club, is the victim at the heart of a new murder mystery. Intense media scrutiny, interfering superior officers, and corrupt business interests all threaten to derail the homicide investigation conducted by the Serious Crimes Squad. Forensic analysis dogged detective work and inspiration may prove insufficient in the search for the true perpetrators. The team must face unpalatable truths about the nature of professional sport and the exercise of power in modern Australian society.

Detective Inspector John Mahoney, the hero of this international crime series of police procedurals, is an outsider in his hometown of Hobart. Disillusioned by his private life and shocked by the corruption he unearths, he queries his capacity to continue the job. He must decide if he has the courage to ‘speak truth to power.’
SCOTTISH AUTHOR, QUINTIN JARDINE, HAS CALLED HIGH BEAM –

“A first novel that is a seriously welcome addition to the Australian thriller genre. It’s tight and gripping from the start, leading to a conclusion that will leave you dazzled as if you’d been caught in the headlights of the title.”

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MRS JODIE WILLIAMS

Bus After Senior Band
For students going to the city after Senior Band on Monday afternoons, the College provides a bus and Mr Orlowski has kindly offered to drive it. The bus leaves from the basketball courts promptly at 4:30pm and transfers students directly to the city.

Palm Sunday – Senior Band Performance
The St Virgil’s College Senior Band has been asked to perform at St David’s Park this Sunday as part of the Palm Sunday celebrations.

The Band will perform from 1:00pm – 1:45pm in the rotunda at St David’s Park. It would be wonderful if as many as possible could come along and join in the festivities and support the boys while they play. Nick Machin, Carl Renshaw and Harrison Bantick will also be performing as a small ensemble during this time. Please note all boys performing must be in College Formal Uniform.

Pirates of Penzance
Over the past two weeks Mrs White, Mr Ellis and myself have been conducting auditions for the male and female roles for our 2015 College Musical with St Mary’s College. We have been very impressed with the talent on display and the number of boys and girls that have gone through the audition process.

Students who have auditioned have been judged on three criteria – Choreography, Singing and Acting. To even go through an audition process is a real test of character as it builds resilience. Well done to all the talented students that auditioned.

I am excited to announce the full cast list below –

Female Leads
Cassie Ogle Mabel
Hannah Hull Ruth
Layesh Gebru Edith
Caitlyn Cooper Kate
Lucinda Smith Isobel

Ensemble
Claudia Fone Lead Ensemble
Jaime Murzecki-Hince Lead Ensemble
Isobel Kuo Lead Ensemble
Molly Hunter
Anna Seymour
Lily Seymour
Oakland Smith
Grace Boxall
Polymnia Flouris
Chloe Anning
Sarah Cooper
Gianni Posadous-Len

**Male Leads**
Alec Hastie – The Pirate King
Tim McGuiness-Terry – Frederic
Hugh Gable – The Modern Major-General
Montgomery Piesse – Sergeant of Police
Bryce Collard – Samuel

**Ensemble**
Nicholas Machin – Lead Ensemble
Nicholas Manser – Lead Ensemble
Alexander Tsarakiris – Lead Ensemble
Andrew Bourke – Lead Ensemble
Jaidyn Gluski
Brodie Marley
Carl Renshaw
Alex Munday
Dallas Burgess
Tom Messer
Kerem Turhal
Joshua Bearman
Jaxen Bone
Sebastian Williams
Joshua Crane
Edward Okey

**Instrument Borrowing**
All students who study Music in the Senior School are allowed to borrow instruments on the proviso that they are for **OVERNIGHT** borrowing only.

Lately, there have been students who have borrowed instruments and taken several days to return them. This presents issues with our classes, as there are not enough instruments for students to play. Can you please remind your sons that they must return their instruments - the day after they are borrowed.

**Year 8 Concert Band**
We are fortunate to have a significant number of Grade 8 boys who have been practising very hard on their instruments and progressing well. Next term we will be starting a Grade 8 Concert Band. Presently, we are deciding whether to have the rehearsal Tuesday morning before school from 8:15am – 9:00am or Tuesday after school from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Please email me if you are interested in your son being part of this and for a preference of time.

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

Yours in tune,

**Mrs Jodie Williams**
SPORT NEWS

1st XI Cricket

Mr Cameron Alexander

SVC Blue 4-161 (Declan Waddington 56 n.o., Andrew Bourke 24)
Defeated
GYC 8-156 (Austin Keeling 4-18, Reece Williams 2-23, Brad Percey 1-20)

In a fantastic performance SVC were able to win the final of the SSATIS Seconds Cricket roster against a previously undefeated GYC team. Bowling first we made a fantastic start taking three quick wickets thanks to some tight bowling from Austin Keeling and Brad Percey. GYC were then able to establish a quick scoring partnership which was finally broken by the return of Austin into the attack. From here the SVC boys all bowled well to restrict GYC to 156.

Our chase started well with an opening partnership of 38 between Nick Haydon and Oscar Walker, we then lost a few quick wickets to be 3-61 and in a little trouble. At this stage Declan Waddington and Andrew Bourke put on a fantastic 74 run partnership to put the win within reach. Austin Keeling came in with some late hitting and with Declan reaching his 50 we were able to claim the title.

SATIS Swimming Carnival Report

On Wednesday March 25, the senior swimming team represented the College at the 2015 SATIS Swimming Carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. The boys represented the College with pride and gave 100% in their events.

The day kicked off with the 200m Medley Relay. Our Under 14 team consisting of; Tom Bennett, Liam Watling, Jackson Devine and Jack Stevenson, started us off well with a first place win and a time of 2.23 mins.

Soon after, Jack Stevenson gave the College our second win of the day, finishing 1st in the Under 14 50m Freestyle. Lachlan Rice, Will Laycock and Tom Bennett all got places in their 50m Freestyle events. Joseph McMullen stepped up to complete in the 100m Freestyle and walked away with a 2nd place win.
After a short break to re-fuel, Tom Bennett started the afternoon off well by coming 2nd in the Under 14 50m Butterfly. Jackson Devine also swam a great race to win the U13 Backstroke.

Throughout the rest of the afternoon the boys managed to place in most of their events and all swam their best. The final event of the day, the 200m Freestyle relay, turned out to be the highlight of the competition. The Under 15 team ended the day on a high, by not only taking out 1st place, but also by beating the previous record set in 2008 with a time of 1 min. 50secs. Congratulations to Lachlan Rice, Riley Oakley, James Drew and Angus Reilly on their record breaking swim. Overall, the team placed fourth in the Junior Boys Shield.

Well done to all the boys that competed in the carnival and a massive thank you to Mr Dalton for his assistance in organising the event.

Well Done George!
George Drew represented Tasmania in the double barrel, double barrel team shoot, double rise and the handicap shoot at the Australian Trap Shooting Titles last week in Wagga Wagga. The handicap shoot was his best shoot. Out of 436 shooters there were nine ‘possibles’, and after the first ten targets it went down to four shooters. George ended up shooting off against Darryn Nicholls who holds two world titles and is Australia’s best shooter. The shoot off was from 25 metres. George won second place after shooting 81/82 coming away with the silver medal. He was the youngest shooter taking part in the Wagga Wagga Championships.
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer
Parents are 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/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/news-publications/)

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Uniform Shop
House T-Shirts, Safety glasses, Blazer buttons and Junior school socks are now in stock. Please call Melissa on Tuesday/Thursday with any uniform enquiries – 6249 3610.

Lost Blazer
Alexander Tsakirakis has lost his blazer – Size 20. It may have been picked up by another student by mistake as Alex has handed in another student’s blazer to the Front Office. Please see Kristy in Front Office for more details.
Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Susan Roberts
President

Entertainment Book
The P&F on both campuses are again selling the ever popular Entertainment Book which this year has been even further enhanced to ensure all purchasers receive amazing value for money! Please support the St Virgil’s College Parents and Friends - Pre-order your 2015 | 2016 Entertainment™ Book now!

20% of every membership sold contributes to our fundraising. Help us achieve our goals by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support!

The P&F are ready to take pre-orders for this year’s book and all pre-orders will include 6 Bonus Vouchers!

JUNIOR SCHOOL:

SENIOR SCHOOL:

PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE – Sunday March 29
Every member of our school community – students, staff, families and friends are encouraged to join with other school and parish communities from right around Tasmania for the sixth Palm Sunday Pilgrimage event! Filled with energy, hope and faith, this is a celebration of World Youth Day 2015, Palm Sunday and all Catholic schools, parishes and organisations! This massive celebration includes something for everyone: Pilgrimage Walk from Lindisfarne to St David’s Park (Hobart) for Festivities in the Park; Free music, dancing, giant slide, sumo suits, kid’s activities. Food and Drink available for sale; Street Procession to St Mary’s Cathedral for an inspiring celebration of Palm Sunday Mass!
Great opportunity to unite as one Archdiocese and have loads of fun!

You can find the Facebook event for Palm Sunday Pilgrimage at: https://www.facebook.com/events/792999204087948/

If you click on the link above it will take you to the Palm Sunday Pilgrimage facebook event. Click on 'Invite' and this will give you a dropdown menu to either 'invite friends' or 'share'. Select 'Share'. This will create another box with a post ready to share the event, and you can select at the top of a box to share on a 'page you manage'.

Please ensure you register! For more information and to register go to: www.cymtas.org.au or contact Rachelle Smith: rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au or 0400 045 368

CLAREMONT CATHOLIC PARISH
St Bernard’s Church
Wyndham Road, Claremont

Holy Week Ceremonies for 2015

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Camp Gallipoli
April 24 2015
5 pm – 10 pm
Princes Wharf No. 1, Castray Esplanade Hobart

A Once in a lifetime night for all school children in Tasmania featuring:
- The ANZAC Flame ridden in at dusk by the Light Horseman
- Ray Martin interviewing VC Recipients
- A Tribute to all who have served their country
- Never before seen footage of ANZAC Cove
- Damien Leith will perform
- Special screening of The Water Diviner
- All this and much more for only $25

For further information www.campgallipoli.com.au

- 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
- Tasmanian Sports Camps – April Holiday Programs
- Tapping Inner Strength Program Flyer
- Holyoake Focus Program Flyer
- Camp Gallipoli Flyer
- Entertainment Book Flyer
- From Selfies to Six Packs Forum

School Surfing Titles at Clifton Beach
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