LEFT: Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize competition winner Scott Bowden at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France, on Anzac Day.

Mr Scott Williams talks to the Grade 7 students at their camp at Cliftonvale.

ABOVE: The Grade 3s on camp at Dru Point at Margate.

LEFT: Archbishop Adrian Doyle opens and consecrates the College’s Centenary History Centre at Austins Ferry during the centenary week in April 2011.

Archbishop Adrian Doyle and Major General Michael Crane officiate at the opening of the Memorial Wall, honouring Old Virgilians who have fallen in war.

Tracey and Koby Moschogianis at the Junior School Mothers’ Day Breakfast.
WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED after four years of planning we’ve finally begun our Centenary year? The year is rapidly getting away from us and many of the events to commemorate the milestone have come and gone and have been reported on in this edition.

In terms of the Centenary week celebrations themselves I take this opportunity to thank all those who took the time and effort to be involved in the organisation of the seven events that took place from the 7th to the 10th April. I would especially like to thank our Centenary Chairman Colonel Tony Mcgee, the Executive Officer Mr Chris Smallbane and our Development Officer Mr Rene Sluyters for joining me on the Executive Committee and taking the core responsibilities for ensuring all of the organised events had sub-committees for planning and that each event went off successfully.

Graeme Rainbow and Bruce Woods worked tirelessly on the production of the CD/DVD and are currently putting together a CD/DVD of all of the photos, speeches and videos from the Centenary week celebrations. For those who have purchased a CD/DVD you will see the amount of work that has been completed but we think that has only scratched the surface and if you have anything to contribute Graeme & Bruce would be very pleased to receive your pictures, stories or videos of the college.

Our school year began with the launch of our Strategic Directions document for the future. The document was outlined and officially handed to Mr Stuart Calvert, Chairman of St Virgil’s College Board on behalf of the St Virgil’s School community at our Opening Assembly and Commissioning of the College Leaders for 2011. The College Leadership Team and Board of Management will work through the document setting action plans for the future development and direction of the college.

With all our new facilities now completed the New Year has provided a wonderful opportunity for the staff and students to explore the learning possibilities available.

On both campuses we have seen significant progress and we are grateful to all who have contributed to and been a part of the use of our upgraded facilities.

As the Centenary year continues we look forward to the further celebrations that will take place. I thank you for your wonderful support so far and encourage you to support the functions for the rest of the year.

The major curriculum focus in 2011 is the introduction and exploration of the Australian Curriculum. The staff have undergone significant professional learning in the implementation and construction of the new curriculum. Over the coming years we will be working towards forward implementation in 2014. As this is an Australian Curriculum the opportunities that have been presented for consultation with colleagues in other schools and jurisdictions has proven extremely positive for our staff.

On the student front other significant events in the first half of the year have been the continuation of the Father/Son programme. In Grade 8 the Father/Son evening was held and in Grade 10 the Father/Son three day camping programme took place. Both events were well supported and continue that connection between Father and Son.

Grade 10 students took part in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme. The course sees students completing preliminary discussions and learning around driver awareness and the programme culminates with a whole day session at Glenorchy Showgrounds. After talks from personnel from the emergency services, police and other experienced drivers, the day finishes with a test drive in the anti skid driver awareness vehicle.

As part of the Digital Education Revolution, St Virgil’s has undertaken a trial of iPad technology for all Grade 9 students. The trial will see students using iPads in the classroom and exploring potential opportunities for development and positive use within the curriculum. The programme will be evaluated at the end of the year.

Each year as part of our support for the Christian Brothers Foundation the College supports a worthy cause through its Walkathon and Halfway Day celebrations. This year we will be supporting Mary Rice Day Care Centre in Nairobi Kenya.

The Centre’s Coordinator is former St Virgil’s Principal Br Russell Peters and caters for the needs of physically and mentally challenged children. It provides opportunities for social integration and rehabilitation care not readily available to these children. The centre also provides home visits and assistance to parents, a main meal each day for students and is working with the local community to break down the stigma of disabilities. Funds raised will go towards maintaining the Centre’s viability in the short to medium term.

As is the case every year sport has played a major part in the first half of the year. St Virgil’s has enjoyed success in a number of sports and continues to be well represented in all competitions by the students at the College.

As the Centenary year continues we look forward to the further celebrations that will take place. I thank you for your wonderful support so far and encourage you to support the functions for the rest of the year.

Damian Messer
Principal
IN THE SPIRIT OF EDMUND RICE

On Tuesday 7th of June to Friday 10th of June, Virgilians old and current were to be found out at St Virgil’s Austins Ferry Campus being leaders on an Edmund Rice Camp.

EDMUND Rice Camps Tasmania is an organisation that runs holiday camps for kids from differing and sometimes challenging backgrounds.

Staff member Renee Macgregor, Old Virgilians Jack Pears, Jack Ayland, Sam Childs and Damian Nilsson along with current grade 10 student Josh O’Doherty generously gave their time to participate in the camp for all four days and give the kids a memorable holiday while enjoying themselves at the same time.

In addition to this, three more past Virgilians, Alex White, Sean Boucher and John Tulk helped run a rock climbing program on the Thursday of the camp.

Well done to everyone involved and it was fantastic to see the spirit of Edmund Rice living on even after the boys have left St Virgil’s College.

The Edmund Rice Mass was celebrated at the Derwent Entertainment Centre on the 6th of May.

The Mass was attended by all students and staff from St Virgil’s College’s Junior school and Austins Ferry campuses; students from Holy Rosary, St Cuthbert’s, St Mary’s, St Bridget’s, St Paul’s and John Paul II primary schools and MacKillop College, St James College, St Patrick’s College and Guilford Young College.

The ceremony began with representatives from each school placing their school flag on the stage displaying the links connecting the Edmund Rice Network in Tasmania. The focus for this year’s Mass was the celebration of the Centenary of the Christian Brothers in Tasmania.

Father Mark Freeman was the Chief Celebrant and was joined by five other priests from the Archdiocese. Brother Tim Maloney reflected on the role that the Christian Brothers have played in Tasmania highlighting their involvement in the implementation of many schools across Tasmania.

The Mass was particularly special for a much loved member of the Edmund Rice community. For Brother Jack Higgins it was his final ‘official’ Edmund Rice Mass celebrated in Tasmania.

The Edmund Rice Mass was a wonderful celebration of the life of Blessed Edmund Ignatius and how his charism is alive and active in Tasmania.
WE are very fortunate at SVC to have access to the services of Mr Bill Jennings who runs three events each year where we help the boys communicate with their parents about their journey towards becoming a young man.

During the first term, two of these events occurred, with the Grade 10 Time and Space extended program and the Grade 8 Father Son night.

The seven boys from Grade Ten who participated along with their dad or mentor made a considerable commitment to the program incorporating a number of evenings and a weekend outdoor experience led by the boys.

The Grade Eight Father Son evening drew a huge crowd of boys and their dads and mentors again showing the popularity of the evenings. In August the Grade Sevens will have their opportunity with the annual Mother Son evening.

IN 2011 a new elective subject was offered to Grade 9 and 10 students called Youth Ministry Leadership. The introduction of this course follows a national initiative of the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Association (CSYMA) in 2009 after the success of World Youth Day in Sydney. This year, St Virgil’s College along with other Catholic Colleges in Hobart have launched this new course.

Youth Ministry is a unique opportunity for students to explore the theoretical and practical aspects of Social Justice. It provides a pathway for leadership, self development, and spiritual growth. The key aspects of Youth Ministry Leadership course are service and leadership, outreach to community and faith development. Students are offered opportunities to take action on social justice issues, understand the social justice teachings of the Church and participate in retreats with students from other local Colleges. The Youth Ministry class will also play an active role in College liturgies, assemblies and workshops throughout the year. A “hands on” approach gives Grade 9 and 10 students the opportunity to further develop leadership and service skills by participating in outreach programs.

The highlights this year include the attendance of a weekend retreat “Connect” at MacKillop College in Mornington by Youth Ministry students from across Tasmania and the National CSYMA team; leading the St. Virgil’s College Holy Thursday liturgy with a dramatisation of the stations of the cross and attending and helping run a workshop at Hobart Diocesan Centre called “Reconnect” with other Youth Ministry students from several colleges across Hobart.

In 2012 a Senior Youth Ministry team will be formed from the senior campus of St. Virgil’s College. With the enthusiasm and active participation currently it is hoped the Senior Youth Ministry can continue taking a lead role in the liturgical life of the college as well as opportunities for peer to peer ministry with students from the junior school, Grade 7s and other primary schools.

Raymond De Bono
Leading Teacher
Religious Education
MY ANZAC JOURNEY

On Remembrance Day 2010 Scott Bowden was declared one of six winners of the Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize Competition. Here he writes about the experience of a lifetime that was his prize,

THE Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize Competition is conducted annually and is open to all year 9 students in Tasmania. The prize was a trip of a lifetime to the World War I battlefields of Belgium, France and Turkey departing on 19 April 2011 and returning 6 May 2011.

When Frank MacDonald MM died in 2003, at the age of 107, he was Tasmania’s last World War I veteran. The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize is a joint initiative of the Tasmanian Government and the RSL. The Prize ensures that young Tasmanians continue to honour Frank MacDonald MM, recognise the sacrifices made by Australians during war, and that we continue to embody the Anzac Spirit that helped define our nation.

The selection process for the competition is based on a thousand word essay or audio-visual/ICT presentation accompanied by a written statement of up to five hundred words. Entrants address one of two questions relating to World War I. I chose to answer the question; World War I had a devastating effect on Australian society. Why should we commemorate our participation in this conflict? How relevant is this continuing commemoration for children of the 21st Century?

In addition to giving me greater knowledge and understanding of World War I, writing the essay provided me with the opportunity to investigate my own family’s involvement in the war. Included in the prize was a day trip to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra which took place in December last year. I also attended monthly meetings in preparation for the trip and visited the Military Museum at Anglesea Barracks.

Prior to the overseas trip each of the prize recipients, the two accompanying teachers, the RSL representative and the Department of Education Prize Coordinator each researched a World War I soldier so we would have a personal connection to the battlefields and memorials visited. I conducted my research on founding St Virgil’s student William Albert Hammond. One of the highlights of the trip was visiting William’s grave in France. While at William’s graveside I shared my knowledge of his life with the group, and Emily, also a prize winner played the Last Post on her cornet. I placed a poppy, an Australian flag and a St Virgil’s College Centenary badge near William’s headstone.

I also found my great great uncle’s name on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. The memorial lists the names of 10,773 Australian soldiers who were killed in Belgium and France between 1916 and when the war ended in 1918. Attending the Dawn Service at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial on Anzac Day was a truly memorable experience.

One particular facet of the trip that left a lasting impression was the continuing recognition and gratitude displayed by the French people for the contribution made by Australians during World War I. We gained an appreciation of the relatively short distances over which most of the battles were fought and on what was mostly flat and exposed ground. Cobble streets, amazing architecture, good food and witnessing the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres were memorable features of my Belgium experience. Eating snails, visiting the Eiffel Tower, being on top of the Arc de Triomphe and seeing pick pockets in action added to the excitement during our brief stay in Paris.

After ten nights in Belgium and France we boarded a plane bound for Turkey. There was a distinct difference in the landscape and culture. We made friends with some local teenagers at Canakkale which is where we commuted from to explore the Gallipoli battlefields. The rugged sheer cliffs at Anzac Cove served as a reminder of the challenges faced by the Anzacs on 25 April 1915. The swim I experienced on the Gallipoli Peninsula was the extreme opposite to that of the Anzacs when the waters were bloodied from the deluge of the Turkish attack.

Sightseeing in Istanbul included visits to the Blue Mosque, St Sophia’s Basilica and the Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is a shop-a-holic’s paradise with 5,000 shops to browse. We also visited Topkapi Palace which was home to the Ottoman Sultans for approximately 400 years from 1465.

The homeward journey included a brief hotel stay at Dubai. Seventeen days after our departure we returned to Tasmanian shores much richer for the experience. I feel privileged to be one of the 39 Tasmanian students to have embarked on this significant journey and will do my utmost to keep the memory of the Anzacs alive.
FOR THE FALLEN

ANZAC Day 2011 was the focus of several of the college’s Centenary activities.

IN a strong demonstration of its commitment to honouring those who have died in the service of their country, SVC undertook a range of commemorative activities.

- researched 6000 past students to identify those killed in the service of their country;
- compiled profiles of these veterans in a number of volumes kept in the new History Centre;
- opened a memorial wall featuring the names of those Old Virgilians who have died in battle;
- opened a dedicated History Centre which features military memorabilia and records;
- participated in the major Tasmanian Anzac Day service in Hobart.

Our 2011 Anzac Day was made even more memorable when one of our grade 10 students earned a trip to Europe as a winner of the Frank McDonald Memorial Prize. Frank MacDonald was the last Tasmanian World War I veteran who died in 2003. A competition was set up as a joint initiative of the Tasmanian Government and the RSL to continue the commemoration of Australians at war. Scott Bowden, a current grade 10 student wrote a passionate essay about the importance of continuing to commemorate ANZAC Day. As part of the award, Scott undertook research into a World War I soldier with whom he had a link; the person Scott chose to research was an old Virgilian named William Albert Hammond.

This was a story worth telling the broader community and a group of grade 10 students did just that by entering the college in the Anzac Day Schools Competition conducted by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans Affairs.

The group of boys worked in the new History Centre and wove together all of the interrelated elements of SVC’s commemoration of Anzac Day during 2011. The application includes photographs, speeches and documents from all of the college’s activities.

Leading Teacher of Society and History, Sonny Azzopardi, said he was delighted with the calibre of the boys’ application, and importantly, it would serve to bring to the attention of those responsible for the commemoration of Anzac Day, the now significant body of records held at the college.

A copy of the boys’ application can be viewed at the History Centre.

Sonny Azzopardi
Leading Teacher, Society and History
BLUE, GREEN AND

St Virgil’s College was represented in a multitude of events in the first half of 2011 including cricket, swimming, surf life saving, tennis, rowing, multi-sport, sailing, surfing, basketball, soccer, and AFL.

IT STARTED with the Swimming Team at the SSATIS/SATIS carnivals. While not enjoying quite the success of past years, all the boys swam well and SVC finished third in the Junior Boys Shield. Well done to Jack Fairhurst (Grade 7), who had a successful day at both.

Cricket continued to be popular with two Grade 8 teams competing in the TCA 20Twenty Schools competition as well as the First XI competing in the SSATIS Seconds Roster. All teams played very well in their rosters and the First XI came away with the southern premiership.

SVC rowing continued well with a large group of boys taking up the demanding sport. It was great to see the commitment and passion from all involved and the large number of Grade 7 boys who began the season.

Highlights for the season included the u/15 and u/16 group who won numerous races, including several State Championships, Jack Harrison and Alec Patterson convincingly winning the State u/17 Double Scull as u/15 rowers and the fantastic result from all rowers at the Head of the River, just missing the Junior Boys Shield by 3 points. A special thanks to the Rowing Committee and parents for their tireless work behind the scenes to ensure the boys were well catered for with not only the coaching and administration but also ensuring the boys were competing in the best equipment and learning lifelong the lessons that come with this sport.

The SVC Sailing club continues to grow with some good results coming from the teams that raced in the Schools Teams Racing competition. Well done to all boys involved and a special thanks to Br Peter Flint who continues to ensure that the SVC sailing program is one of the best in Australia.

A special mention goes to Jonny (Grade 10) and Tommy Cooper (Grade 8) who booked a spot to represent Australia at the International Cadet World Championships in Kühlungsborn, Germany, from 27th July to 5th August. We wish them the best of luck in what is a great honour in representing their country.

The SVC tennis teams equipped themselves well in all their rosters, including the First tennis team, which competed in the SSATIS Firsts roster. Not only was this team competing against older and bigger students, they showed they were more than competitive. Well done, boys.

The winter sports program is now under way with Soccer and AFL proving as popular as ever. Other sports the boys are involved in during the winter include water polo,
GOLD, GOLD, GOLD

Solomon Henderson sets up an attack.

Rowers Paul Moore, Alec Paterson, Josh Cunningham and Jack Henderson

The College Swimming Team with Mr James Dalton and Miss Heidi Gregg.

Daniel Chevalier serving up the best.

badminton, squash and hockey.

The cross country season started in the first week of Term 2 with the SVC cross country carnival on the grounds at Austins Ferry. The boys’ participation on the day was fantastic on what, with the heavy rain the night before, proved to be a wet and slippery course. Congratulations to Hessian House, who were triumphant on the day.

SVC sent the top seven boys from each age group to the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships at the Symmons Plains Raceway in early July.

On what proved a cold and windy day, the SVC runners were impressive with Scott Bowden u/17 taking silver and Australian champion Biniyam Hagos, winning the u/15 gold.

The teams event also was outstanding with the Grade 9 gold, grade 10 silver and grade 7 & 8 teams bronze.

Well done to all the boys who are representing the College in their chosen sport and who continue to show why people choose to come to SVC and be part of the Saints Tradition.
THE cast of Smokey Joe’s have been working very hard each weekend in preparation for the big event to be held from the 4th to 6th August at the Joyce Performance Centre, Austins Ferry Campus.

This year we have a cast of 27 from St Virgil’s College and St Mary’s College. Our lead guys include Jack Milbourne, James Bourke, Joseph Mackey, Nick Piscioneri, Ben Smith and Max Crosby. And our lead girls are Emily Dean, Shewitt Belay, Michaela Nichols, Megan Bird and Megan Dimsey.

The production showcases 39 pop standards, including rock and roll, and rhythm and blues songs made famous by two of the most influential American songwriters and record producers of the 50s/60s: Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller.

I would like to thank the students for the energy they have brought to each practice and for sharing the vision for a smokin’ hot musical revue!

Mrs Janelle Stowe
MUSICAL DIRECTOR

OFF TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JONNY and Tom Cooper are part of a 14 strong team representing Australia at the International Cadet Class World Championships in Kuehlungsborn Germany held between 27th July to 5th August 2011.

The team was selected on results achieved at Australian Championships held over Christmas and New Year at Sandringham in Melbourne where they finished 4th.

Since being selected Jonny and Tom have trained four days per week often in the cold and sometimes in the dark. In addition they have attended training camps in South Australia, Victoria and at home, where the whole team has worked under the national coach.

They performed particularly well in Victoria: the camp coincided with the Victorian State Championships which the boys actually won.

The International Cadet Class is a very strong youth sailing class that is sailed in 18 countries and has produced many Olympic champions.

LEFT: Johnny and Tom Cooper receiving their Australian team jackets from Paul Burnell, Immediate Past Commodore Derwent Sailing Squadron.
TASTES THAT TEST

In our second year, as part of the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Colleges Trade Training Centre (STCCTTC), VET is well under way at St Virgil’s College.

Over sixty students are enrolled in VET courses including VET Automotive, VET Construction, VET Engineering and VET Hospitality.

Students are studying up to four units in Certificate I and if they gain competency, these units are recognised when they continue on to complete the certificate.

Students have to work to industry standard and need to demonstrate employability skills on a consistent basis. Work placement will begin soon for many of the students.

Julia Denniss
VET Coordinator

SCHOOL FOR THE SKILLED

IN our second year, as part of the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Colleges Trade Training Centre (STCCTTC), VET is well under way at St Virgil’s College.

In Japanese and French, our students have been exploring the challenges of engaging with Japanese and French cultures, interactively learning language through traditional and online activities.

Career and employment opportunities are expanded for our students with cross-cultural communication in our global world.

We are also exploring the possibility of overseas student excursions to France and Japan for 2012 to expand students’ cultural awareness and facilitate wonderful exchanges between our countries.

Yaizu students will be visiting Hobart from the 28th July, hosted by St. Mary’s and Mt Carmel College and we plan to invite our visitors to St. Virgil’s for an intercultural activity. The Hobart and Yaizu City Councils are actively involved in the Annual Yaizu visit.

Yvonne Hennessy and students participated and visited the fascinating cultural activities during the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival earlier this year.

Each year students and teachers of Japanese fold cranes for peace for Hiroshima Day. However, Senbazuru are not just for peace; they also say Ganbare!! To those who need encouragement and support.

In 2011 we have the opportunity to show support for the people of Tohoku, collect funds to help recovery, and also present a reminder that even months later people in such awesome disasters as war and tsunamis continue to struggle to deal with their loss and rebuild their lives even when they are no longer front page news.

Funds help, but so does tangible evidence that people far away care and support us. This is proposed as a JATNET/Tasmanian teacher and student project.

Our senior language students are actively planning and teaching our Grade 7 students this term, and all are benefiting and actively learning from this engaging experience.

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, Mr. John O’Keefe – Senior and Junior School, Mr. Rohan Prior and Mrs. Yvonne Hennessy for providing engaging language and cultural learning opportunities for our young men.

Julia Denniss
Leading Teacher VAL

All foreign, but engaging, enjoyable and useful

IN Japanese and French, our students have been exploring the challenges of engaging with Japanese and French cultures, interactively learning language through traditional and online activities.

Career and employment opportunities are expanded for our students with cross-cultural communication in our global world.

We are also exploring the possibility of overseas student excursions to France and Japan for 2012 to expand students’ cultural awareness and facilitate wonderful exchanges between our countries.

Yaizu students will be visiting Hobart from the 28th July, hosted by St. Mary’s and Mt Carmel College and we plan to invite our visitors to St. Virgil’s for an intercultural activity. The Hobart and Yaizu City Councils are actively involved in the Annual Yaizu visit.

Yvonne Hennessy and students participated and visited the fascinating cultural activities during the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival earlier this year.

Each year students and teachers of Japanese fold cranes for peace for Hiroshima Day. However, Senbazuru are not just for peace; they also say Ganbare!! To those who need encouragement and support.

In 2011 we have the opportunity to show support for the people of Tohoku, collect funds to help recovery, and also present a reminder that even months later people in such awesome disasters as war and tsunamis continue to struggle to deal with their loss and rebuild their lives even when they are no longer front page news.

Funds help, but so does tangible evidence that people far away care and support us. This is proposed as a JATNET/Tasmanian teacher and student project.

Our senior language students are actively planning and teaching our Grade 7 students this term, and all are benefiting and actively learning from this engaging experience.

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, Mr. John O’Keefe – Senior and Junior School, Mr. Rohan Prior and Mrs. Yvonne Hennessy for providing engaging language and cultural learning opportunities for our young men.

Julia Denniss
Leading Teacher – L.O.T.E.
In May the Grade 3 class went to Coningham for their annual class camp. Once again the class was blessed with fine, sunny weather.

After checking out the view from the Mt Nelson Signal Station, we proceeded to Dru Point at Margate for lunch and a chance to play on all the wonderful play equipment there.

For many of the boys, one of the day’s highlights was going over to Bruny Island on the ferry. We left the bus at Kettering and went on the boat as foot passengers. They certainly enjoyed the view from the top deck of the boat.

There was great anticipation as we arrived at the former Mission Afloat site at Coningham where we were staying. Once we had unpacked, the boys were soon able to enjoy the indoor basketball court and the outdoor oval.

We also spent time walking on the Coningham beach before going back to the camp and gathering up firewood for a bonfire after tea. It was a great chance to toast marshmallows and light some sparklers as well as look at the stars and the full moon.

After an active day the boys were soon asleep once they had settled into bed for the night and the next day was spent outside making beach sculptures and playing soccer. After lunch we headed back to school having had a relaxing enjoyable 2 days together. The boys were all very well-behaved and this contributed to a most successful experience.
AN early camp gave us an opportunity to forge new friendships and really become comfortable with all the grade five boys.

There were many 'firsts' on camp; first time to catch a fish (and kiss it!), first time to build a volcano, first visit to the Tessellated Pavement, first time to make a brick, or first time to have a bird fly between our legs! With much credit going to the wonderful parents who came on camp, we all hailed it a great success!

We went straight into our Swimming Carnival when we returned from camp. We all enjoyed barracking for our team and the fabulous weather.

The next few weeks we began to establish some routines of English groups and generally get our teeth into some 'real' school work! Our focus was on Tasmanian History and following on from our time at Port Arthur we visited the Penitentiary Chapel in Hobart.

Then came Grandparents Day. It was brilliant to be able to share what we do at school with some very special people in our lives. They loved our interactive smartboard.

The following week we were off to Richmond. We walked through Old Hobart Town miniature village; visited the Richmond gaol, had a surprise visit to a fabulous old home called Oak Lodge and, of course, the Lolly Shop!

Easter followed and we were all ready for a break. We were visited by a funny Easter Bunny who left big paw prints in our classroom! When we returned to school it was time for Naplan! Fun, fun, fun! But we all survived and realised that it wasn’t too much to worry about.

We moved into our Working Scientifically unit and tried to make some 'fair tests' for how high a ball will bounce and what makes a paper plane fly the furthest. Results were interesting! Next we went to the CSIRO to continue on this theme and had a fantastic time.

The next cool thing we learnt about in Science was Dry Ice. It was AMAZING! The Tasmanian Museum offer many great programs (also in the holidays!) so we took advantage of their Colonial Tasmania program. The boys also wore different hats and took on characters such as soldiers, convicts and free settlers.

In Term Two our focus has been Biodiversity and Aboriginal Culture.

Mrs K. Ogle
Class Teacher

At the start of the year we got to know each other, as we had 11 boys join St. Virgil’s College from other schools – and it was Mrs. Ogle’s first year full-time too!
MUMS COME TOO

Our annual Mother’s Day breakfast was another hit this year, with many of our mums been able to attend. Our new look P & F committee, put in a lot of hard work in the organisation of this. Once again we also had many dads turn up with their sons to help prepare breakfast and wait on the mums for the morning.

Kind of freaky, but a lot of fun

The Junior School hosted a ‘Friday 13th Disco’ in the Junior School Hall. The Grade 3/4s enjoyed a family oriented night and we invited St Marys College along for the Grade 5/6 session. All the boys and girls really enjoyed themselves and many made a tremendous effort to dress up. We owe gratitude to Helena (Mrs Moate’s mother) who spent a great deal of time and effort making fantastic spooky decorations for the night. The hall looked terrific. The event was a culmination of work on a lot of people’s behalf. We would like to thank all of those people who helped coordinate the night. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the night and their behaviour was excellent.
Run in the park, cracker of a day

ST VIRGIL’S Junior School and St Mary’s Junior School from Grades 3 to 6 held a successful combined Cross Country Carnival at Tolosa Park Reserve on Friday 1st July. After the actual running events, the boys and girls were offered a variety of activities to partake in such as basketball, football, polo hockey, parachute activities, soccer, tug of war, just to name a few.

Doyle House were the successful team on the day with a ten point winning margin over Hessian. Dwyer Captain, Thomas Wright and Vice Captain, Drew Aggenbach were proud of their team’s effort.

GROWING BY THE DAY

OUR Vegetable Garden is looking fabulous thank you to Mr Fitzpatrick, with assistance from his Green Thumbs group, which consists of boys from each grade in the Junior School.

In Term One we had a winter planting day with assistance from Carl Excell’s mum, Amanda and Mrs Graves.

The boys planted spinach, lettuce, garlic, carrots, spring onions, silverbeet, broccoli and cauliflower.

These are all almost ready to be harvested now. The Green Thumbs group have been responsible throughout the year for mulching, fertilising, looking after the worm farm, compost, recycling food scraps and much more.
SHOTS ON SITE

ABOVE: Senior School Principal Mr Damian Messer looks to hit one out of the ground.

LEFT: Charlie Bird is watched over by Mitchell Walker on the Climbing Wall.

RIGHT: Marita and Edward Wilkes at the Junior School’s Mother’s Day Breakfast.

ABOVE: The Centenary Mural
RIGHT: Some cast members from the SVC/SMC production of Smokey Joe’s Café.
GREAT DAYS INDEED FOR S.V.C.

A major highlight of the Centenary Week was the Mass on Friday 8th April in the Hotel Grand Chancellor Ballroom.

CHIEF CELEBRANT Archbishop Adrian Doyle was joined by thirteen Old Virgilian and five Archdiocesan priests as part of the celebration. The Archbishop spoke of the patron Saint Virgil and the founder of the Christian Brothers, Edmund Ignatius Rice, upon whom the values of St Virgil’s are based. These core values have shaped St Virgil’s as a college where the needs of boys are fulfilled through academia, sport and the arts, to shape well rounded men who can go on to contribute to their communities in a positive way. The feeling of community and sense of belonging to something special was obvious and the congregation of approximately 1400 joined in all aspects of the Liturgy with great reverence. The Mass signified the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate our Catholic traditions and will long be remembered in the minds and hearts of those who attended.

His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Mr Peter Underwood, and Mrs Underwood were the hosts of a formal reception which was held at Government House as part of the Centenary celebrations.

IN HIS ADDRESS to the invited guests Mr Underwood said the number of individuals who came from far and wide to attend the celebrations showed the obvious affection that old scholars retained for St Virgil’s. A highlight of the evening was the speech of Mrs Underwood who stated she was extremely excited to be in a room full of St Virgil’s boys once again! She told of the potential trouble she was in her days at St Mary’s College if she engaged in open conversation with the boys from Barrack Street. The rest of the evening provided a wonderful opportunity for many Old Virgilians and members of the St Virgil’s community to reminisce and catch up on what has happened in each others lives since they last met. For many people this was their first significant contact with the College since leaving school. For others returning to the State it was a welcome opportunity to rekindle friendships. The College was extremely fortunate to be invited to hold this civic reception and we are forever in debt to His Excellency for providing such a wonderful opportunity.

ON FRIDAY 18th March our Centenary celebrations began with a Staff Reunion at the Joyce Performance Centre at our Austins Ferry campus. This informal gathering was an enjoyable opportunity for staff, both past and present, to reminisce about old times, catch up with long lost work colleagues and renew friendships.

Above right: Principal Damian Messer with former Bursar Ray Gibson and Robert Gregg

Right: Former Teachers Margaret Eldridge and Maria Haig

Captains of Junior and Senior School, Thomas Maksimovic and Lincoln Street.
A GRAND OCCASION

A significant formal celebration of the Centenary week was the dinner at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on Saturday 9th April.

THE EVENT saw 700+ Old Virgilian and St Virgil’s College Community members come together to celebrate one hundred years of St Virgil’s College. The gathering included community members from each decade spanning back to the 1930’s with Br Jack Higgins and Mr Thomas Walker at 88 years of age being the oldest Virgilians in the room.

Mr Alan Robertson was the Master of Ceremonies for this highly enjoyable occasion which was a celebration that not only focussed on the past, but also the future. The keynote address was presented by the Chancellor of the University of Tasmania Mr Damian Bugg, a former pupil of St Virgil’s College. Damian spoke of what it meant to be a Virgilian relating many stories of his and others experiences at the college. It was a very entertaining addition to the evening. He concluded his speech with a toast to the college to which the Principal Mr Damian Messer responded.

The feeling in the room that evening was quite amazing. The reconnection for many Old Virgilians with former classmates and friends was fantastic to see. The College has meant many things to many people over the years but the one common element about the event was the feeling of being connected to the spirit of St Virgil’s College. The evening will be fondly remembered by all who attended.
Centenary Dinner MC
Alan Robertson
Former Principal
Chris Smith
Centenary Committee
chair Anthony McGee

John Devine and his wife, Marie.

Renowned cartoonist Geoff Hook and his wife, Pauline, from Melbourne, with Robyn Hook and her husband, Brian, from Queensland.

Former Premier Paul Lennon, with Kevin Shelverton, Ross Wise, Anita and Kevin Midson,

John Shaw, from Canberra, with Mr and Mrs John Moore from Melbourne

Kate and Geoff Doolan with Archbishop Doyle and his brother, Brian, from Melbourne

Centenary Executive Committee member Rene Sluyters with former Premier Doug Lowe

Renowned cartoonist Geoff Hook and his wife, Pauline, from Melbourne, with Robyn Hook and her husband, Brian, from Queensland.

Daniel Grabek, Paul Sluyters, Daniel Foster, John Rafferty, Richard Hanslow, Andrew Pepper. Class of '96

Former Principal
Chris Smith

Centenary Dinner MC
Alan Robertson

Centenary Committee chair Anthony McGee
THE FORMER STUDENTS met at the Junior School site in Patrick Street where they had the opportunity to inspect the current premises, enjoy morning or afternoon tea and purchase memorabilia, before being bussed to Barrack Street for a tour of their old school grounds.

At Barrack Street they were met by the staff of Guilford Young College and spent much time travelling around the corridors and rooms of their boyhood.

On exit many stories were told of the exploits of many famous incidents. Whether it involved a famous Christian Brother and his eagle eye, students hiding in the turret, boarders finding extra food, boys in trouble for fraternising with the girls from St Mary’s or just a funny incident from a class, these stories have grown over time but are a part of the treasured history of Barrack Street.
BR JACK HIGGINS set the runners on their way at 8.30am and then upon receiving the baton at the bottom of the Austins Ferry driveway the celebrations at Austins Ferry began with a cheer squad lining the road to welcome the runners. Together they made their way to the Joyce Performance Centre where the formalities of the day began. His Grace, Archbishop Adrian Doyle, officially blessed and opened the Centenary History Centre and Centenary Mural and this was followed by a day of activities, tours and displays. With all staff present to assist visitors an enjoyable day was had by all. The complimentary refreshments and BBQ provided by the Parents and Friends and entertainment by the College Band contributed towards a thoroughly pleasant and memorable event. The student leaders led many tours of the campus and had some great stories to tell on their return of the exploits of some of the Old Virgilians.

Under sunny skies at the Barrack St campus the baton relay began its journey to the Austins Ferry campus.

Top: Br Jack Higgins and the Relay Runners
Top left: Student, turned Tour Guide Matthew Ogle outlining features at Austins Ferry.
Above left: Jamahl Veneable passes Flag on to teacher and old scholar Matthew Derrick.
Above: Principal Damian Messer with Alfonso Cavarretta, left, and Jack Gallahar at the finish line of the Barrack Street to Austins Ferry Relay Run.
Left: College Band entertaining those attending Back to Austins Ferry activity,
Right: Teacher Melissa Thirgood looking to hand over the Flag.
WE ARE, WE ARE ...

One of the highlights of the centenary celebrations was the Class reunions, which were held on Friday the 8th April at various establishments around the city of Hobart.

SEVERAL CLASSES of the 1950s combined and had their celebration at the Tasmania Club, the 1960 leavers at the Old College in Barrack Street; the class of 62, 63 and 64 at the Waterfront Hotel at Bellerive with some 80 in attendance, the 1996 leavers at the Hobart Football Club rooms, whilst others were held at the Hobart Working Mens Club, and hotels in the wharf area. The Class of 1991 went one step further by combining with the past students of St Mary’s College of the same year at the Waterline Restaurant. It was reported that one particular Hotel had some 400 old boys in attendance late into the evening.

It was noted that many of those attending had come from many places on the Mainland with a smattering from Overseas including Canada, China, PNG and the UK.

Chants of Shoomalacka Boomalacka could be heard around the city as friendships were rekindled, memories relived and an unforgettable time was had by all.
THE OLD VIRGILIAN AUGUST 2011 — 7

THE ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE Centenary Memorial Wall was officially blessed and opened by former students Archbishop Adrian Doyle and Major General Michael Crane, honouring the 62 fallen Old Virgilians during the ceremony. The wall was built to coincide with the centenary celebrations, making it the first symbolic recognition at the Austins Ferry campus of former students who died in war.

The names of the 62 Old Virgilians are present on the wall, which is aptly located on the external wall of the newly established St Virgil’s College History Centre.

With a surrounding garden, Archbishop Doyle spoke of the potential for the wall and environment to become a reflective space for members of the St Virgil’s community to come and remember those former students who fought for Australia.

Major General Michael Crane spoke about the importance of not glorifying war but instead of pausing to remember those that served so others could live.

The St Virgil’s College Centenary Memorial Wall will be a focus for the school’s future commemorative services for years to come.

...S.V.C. FOREVER

Over the 100 year history of St Virgil’s College many former pupils have gone on to fight honourably for their country and many lost their lives doing so.

THE ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE Centenary Memorial Wall was officially blessed and opened by former students Archbishop Adrian Doyle and Major General Michael Crane, honouring the 62 fallen Old Virgilians during the ceremony. The wall was built to coincide with the centenary celebrations, making it the first symbolic recognition at the Austins Ferry campus of former students who died in war.

The names of the 62 Old Virgilians are present on the wall, which is aptly located on the external wall of the newly established St Virgil’s College History Centre.

With a surrounding garden, Archbishop Doyle spoke of the potential for the wall and environment to become a reflective space for members of the St Virgil’s community to come and remember those former students who fought for Australia.

Major General Michael Crane spoke about the importance of not glorifying war but instead of pausing to remember those that served so others could live.

The St Virgil’s College Centenary Memorial Wall will be a focus for the school’s future commemorative services for years to come.

...S.V.C. FOREVER

Over the 100 year history of St Virgil’s College many former pupils have gone on to fight honourably for their country and many lost their lives doing so.
THE CENTENARY HISTORY CENTRE was opened and blessed on the 10th April and is a hub for the College’s diverse history at the Austin’s Ferry campus. The centre is a permanent feature of the school that symbolises 100 years of celebration.

The centre covers the school’s history from 1911 to present day displays; its early days at the Barrack Street campus; its many sporting, academic and arts achievements as well as former pupils who have gone on to succeed in various endeavours. The Heritage Roll of Honour has been transferred to the hallway of the History Centre.

The Roll of Honour recognises significant achievements of old boys since leaving the College including military, religious, government and sporting achievements. The History Centre is a visual reminder of St Virgil’s history and will be a valuable educational resource for the school.

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN was a concept borne out of possible ways to attractively support and complete the setting for the Memorial Wall. The Kerin family offered their services to design and donate all the components of the garden. Following much consultation the concept plan was drawn up and work began. The major feature of the garden are the rosemary bushes that line the adjoining walls of the buildings. These rosemary bushes were created from cuttings of bushes from Lone Pine in Turkey. The Kerin family are responsible for propagating these plants and the planting at St Virgil’s was the first ever use of this particular plant in Australia. This plant known as ANZAC Rosemary will go on sale commercially later in the year. The garden provides a wonderful reflective area where members of the St Virgil’s community can gather to remember our fallen. We will be forever in debt to the Kerin family for their generosity in providing this donation to the school. The garden was blessed by Archbishop Adrian Doyle as a part of the opening of the Memorial Wall.

THE CENTENARY HISTORY CENTRE was opened and blessed on the 10th April and is a hub for the College’s diverse history at the Austin’s Ferry campus. The centre is a permanent feature of the school that symbolises 100 years of celebration.

The centre covers the school’s history from 1911 to present day displays; its early days at the Barrack Street campus; its many sporting, academic and arts achievements as well as former pupils who have gone on to succeed in various endeavours. The Heritage Roll of Honour has been transferred to the hallway of the History Centre.

The Roll of Honour recognises significant achievements of old boys since leaving the College including military, religious, government and sporting achievements. The History Centre is a visual reminder of St Virgil’s history and will be a valuable educational resource for the school.

BRICK BY BRICK, A HISTORY

WHEN the Centenary was initially launched five years ago one of the committee members who volunteered to be involved was St Virgil’s College art teacher Bridget Jenkins. She offered to run a Centenary Mural project ably assisted by her co-teacher Claire Graham. Over the past four years each of the current Austins Ferry students, as part of the Grade Seven Art Programme, were given a clay tile and asked to decorate it to symbolise what St Virgil’s meant to them. Each tile on the wall tells a unique story and will be a wonderful part of the College history in the future.

The umbrella theme for the design is the symbol of the Celtic cross. This cross is extremely significant to the Christian Brothers and forms the central theme behind our college crest. This cross was painted across all of the tiles as part of the final process and has provided a wonderful visual representation. The tiles now adorn the side wall of the Grade Seven Block and will be forever a part of the school’s history.
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN marked a century for St Virgil’s College – a great milestone that was thoroughly enjoyed by all and gave us a great start for our hundred and first year.

We held our first luncheon (Foundation Day Luncheon) in January at Barrack Street and I am pleased to report it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our luncheons in March and May were also well attended. This is a pleasing situation and thank you to all who were in attendance.

The Centenary Mass, dinner and tour of inspection were all well publicised. However, I would like to add the OVA thanks and congratulations to the College and all involved for a fantastic ‘show’.

I am pleased to pay special acknowledgement to Col Tony McGee for organising and presenting the Centenary Celebrations. A job well done and enjoyed by all. From the OVA Board, thank you Tony, you did yourself proud.

I would also like to thank Mr Chris Smallbame who supported Tony and provided much of the research information on Old Scholars who participated in the various wars and conflicts, as well as providing details of past staff members.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and pay tribute to Graeme Rainbow and Bruce Woods for the production of a CD and DVD which celebrates the first one hundred years of St Virgil’s College.

The CD is a glimpse into life at St Virgil’s in print format and the DVD is history and images in print format. An excellent production available at the Austin’s Ferry office for the giveaway price of $12.00.

Our Annual General Meeting held prior to our March luncheon had a larger attendance than in the past. However, there is always room for more.

There were no new applicants but all retiring Board members re-applied. For those who may not know the names of the Board Members they are: President: Adrian Coetzee; Vice President South: Ashton Shirley; Secretary: Rene Sluyters; Treasurer: William (Bill) Roach and Board Members: Peter Imlach (College Board Member), Dan Reardon, Barry Cooper, Roger Smart, Ed Gauden and Vice Presidents North Michael McGee and John Munro North West.

Our Mass was held at the College Chapel and celebrated by our association Chaplain assisted by old boys. Thank you Father Michael Tate.

The Edmund Rice Mass held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre with Father Mark Freeman as the main celebrant, was again an enjoyable occasion.

In April we farewelled Brother Jack Higgins who is now in retirement in Melbourne.

Thank you, Brother Jack, we will miss you and your camera and we are pleased that you will be visiting Tasmania annually. Don’t forget there is always a place at the President’s table at the bi-monthly luncheons.

ADRIAN COETZEE
President Old Virgilians Association

Br Reg Long, who came from Ballarat for the Centenary Dinner in Hobart, and Br Jack Higgins, who announced his retirement after 32 years at SVC and now resides in Melbourne.

PREFECTS INDUCTION
This is always a joy to attend and the precision is a great credit to all concerned. The parents who were able to attend (and there were many) filled the hall and their comments were complimentary and pleasing, the subject of discussion at a light luncheon which was well presented and served by the students.

IN THE DIARY
Annual Dinner: Friday 21st October 2011, 6.30 for 7.00 PM at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, at Sandy Bay.
Annual Golf Day: Monday 14th November at Royal Hobart Golf Club
Luncheons: The last Tuesday in the odd months - 12.30 for 1.00 PM - July, September, November (includes the Annual Mass).
Please put these dates in your diary. Finally, to have Years 11 and 12 reinstated and installed at Austin’s Ferry still remains on top of our list of Must Achieve with Your Help and Support.
LETTERS

Jason Turvey has spent the last 10 years living, travelling and working between Tasmania, England and Europe. Some of his biggest achievements have been walking the Camino de Santiago (Spain), followed by the Tour du Mont Blanc in France. He also attended the 100 years of Scouting celebrations in England and lived and worked for a year in The Peaks District in UK before returning home to work in Hobart. A month ago he was head-hunted and now works as General Manager of Year Basic Skills 2010 Apprentice in Plumbing.

K2 Base Camp/K2 Odyssey (Outdoor Shops) in Brisbane. He also extends his apologies as he will not be able to celebrate with St Virgil’s events this year. As he said, such a shame that he has been back in Hobart for the past 2 years, and now that he has gone again, the celebrations are just about to begin!

Vicki Turvey

Hello Rene

My son Matthew Smith (aka Spud) attended St Virgil’s between 2004 - 2007, completed year 12 at Guilford Young College in 2009 and commenced a Mechanical Plumbing Apprenticeship with Degree C (heating and ventilation business owned by Fairbrother) in 2010. He is now in his second year of his apprenticeship. Matthew received an invitation from Skills Institute to attend an award presentation to receive the award for ‘Best First Year Basic Skills 2010 Apprentice’ in Plumbing. Of course we are extremely proud of him.

Regards

Colleen Smith

Dear Rene

(Providing some information on a photo taken at the Class reunion function during the Centenary Celebrations)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MANZ</th>
<th>MANZ</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MANZ</td>
<td>MANZ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MANZ</td>
<td>MANZ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MANZ</td>
<td>MANZ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MANZ</td>
<td>MANZ</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The photo is of David Fitzgerald (now living in Qld.) Sid Sidebottom Federal M.P. (of course) and Bro. O’Hehir who turned up unexpectedly on the night.

A classic story of the night was Michael Geard, who now spends half the year in Qld., bringing along a detention card he was given in 69 for being caught not wearing his hat in public. The funny part was the card had been issued by the then Head Prefect and now NSW judge Richard Cogswell, who was present on the night. Great hilarity ensued. Richard was ‘called on’ to explain himself to the group and apologise to Mick; which he did very graciously.

Steve Wicks

Hi Rene,

Thought I had better write in as one of the returning Virgilians who finds themselves well and truly back in the Hobart community.

Just a quick note to say that after some time exploring the Northern part of our continent, mostly in Sydney and recently Melbourne (about 14 years) I have returned back to Hobart and am working as a private client adviser for Bell Potter Securities. I am looking forward to catching up with OVA.

Kind Regards

Bede Donnelly

PERSONAL PARS

Aspiring Tasmanian film star Toby Leonard Moore will make a guest appearance alongside Tom Sellick in Ten Networks hit show, Blue Bloods. “Everything has been going wonderfully well for me. It’s pilot season for TV Networks, so there’s plenty of auditions”...

A new grid connect solar panel installation course, offered by Skills Institute Tasmania has sparked enthusiasm with electricians across the State, including Brendan Dwyer and Jay Nibbs who attended the recent course.

ABC Gardening Australia presenter Tino Carnevale, was at his best, showing the assembled crowd at the Australia Open Garden scheme, held at his property at Brighton, how to prune olive trees, as part of the garden workshop and long Italian lunch.

Former Premier Paul Lennon said it was time the thoroughbred tracks at Tattersall’s Park were brought into the 21st Century, with no money being spent on the track since the 1990’s.

Broadmarsh trainers, Brendan and Walter McShane expressed disappointment at Tasracing decision to cut expenditure for the 2011/12 racing season after they had recently invested almost $1/2 million into their training complex.

Peter Lyons, grandson of Australian Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, recently donated a watch, to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. The watch was given to Joseph by former Canadian Prime Minister Richard Bedford Bennett, the two mates having met during the Great Depression.

Clarence premiership player Daniel Archer made his AFL debut for St Kilda in April against Richmond after being taken by the Saints with pick 36 in the rookie draft. Daniel had the chance to become a hero but missed a late shot on goal – the game finishing in a draw. In that same game Jack Riewoldt suffered concussion, and expressed his frustration at being benched.

Segway Tasmania owner Michael O’Halloran introduced the agile battery powered personal transporter to Tasmania with purchase of nine of the two wheeled devices. Michael runs regular small group tours at various locations.

John Skinner is a retired architect with a lifelong passion for wine. He started his own vineyard at Tea Tree in 2000 by planting out 15000 vines. After many years of hardship, John now averages 100 cases of Pinot and 50 cases of Riesling a year, mostly sold by mail order including several International locations. He named his vineyard and his wines, Third Child.

Sam Darley has been signed by the AFL newest club, Greater Western Sydney after successful seasons with North Hobart.

Trent Harvey, Jon Gourlay and Andrew Best were amongst hundreds of Tasmanians best dressed who attended the Cadbury Derby Ball at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Matt Bevilacqua finished second in the Open Board at the Australian Day Carnival at Freshwater Beach on Sydney’s Northern Beaches in January.

Nathan Earl will join Italian amateur outfit Groupo Lupo following a successful local season where he was the highest placed local in the tour of Tasmania.

Paul Crosswell won the Trans Derwent Swim at the Hobart Regatta in February, setting

The art of advice

Aequis is a financial advice business created through the coming together of two respected Tasmanian advice firms - Davey & Scurrin and Ritchie & Associates. Your future has great potential.

To begin your journey, please call 6282 2822
a blistering pace right from the start.

Meanwhile Daniel Coleman, who has returned to Hobart after a stint at the AIS in Canberra competed in his first 20km IAAF race walking challenge.

Nick Cooper attended the opening of the new $2.5 million Lexus Showroom in Hobart recently after winning a promotional competition. As part of the prize it also enabled him to drive the new Lexus at Albert Park.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL Principal, Stuart Kelly, proudly commented on the fact that the school had been long listed in the top sixty from a group eight hundred in the prestigious World Architecture News awards, being compared to schools in Vienna, Singapore and Sydney. This follows the opening of the new $1.3 million Josephite Learning Centre which was built with Federal Government Stimulus funding.

Tassal Chief Executive and Managing Director Mark Ryan was disappointed with the decision of the Marine Farming Planning Review committee to deny the planned expansion of his Company in North West Bay.

A three year hiatus has done nothing to slow Tassal's Scott Brennan and his Victorian double scull partner David Crawshay who in March powered to another National Title at the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships in Adelaide.

Josh Burdon competed at the Australian Formula 3 championships at Winton Raceway in Victoria in May, finishing in second place and was set to compete at Happy Valley in the Northern Territory, hoping to win the event and also hoping to impress the V8 Supercar teams.

Lauderdale one-man rampage Jamie Di Ilenno kicked a game high 4 goals in their 11 point loss to Clarence, but considers Lauderdale well placed for September action.

Tassie Tigers defender Billy Shaw has been selected in the Australian Junior Development team for a series of matches against the Malaysia Under 21 team in Perth following strong performances with the Tigers and also the State Under 21 team last year.

Liam Scott has been rellishing the switch from South Hobart to the Hobart Zebras and the new role as an attacking midfielder. Scott is regarded as one of the Southern Premier League’s most talented teenagers having trained with the Joeyes. (the Australian under 17 National side) the young Socceroos (under 19) and with Adelaide United and the Brisbane Roar.

Nick Di Giovanni and Roger Ferguson both attended the Olympia Warriors Football Club’s 50th Anniversary dinner at the Hellenic Hall.

Kieran Harrison recently appeared in the local press attending the MS Society of Tasmania fundraising function, the Red Diamond Cocktail Party. And it appeared from the photo in the local press that Daniel Morgan enjoyed his St Patrick’s day at the New Sydney Hotel.

Nick Nikitaras, one of four owners of Hill Street Grocer, said opening of a third store in New Town defied the trend of small businesses in Hobart closing because of pressures of the global financial squeeze.

Nick Treymayne can lay claim to arguably having the heaviest workload of any hockey player in Tasmania. Apart from his commitments with the National league team, Nick will also coach the Derwent men’s and women’s senior teams in the Southern competition.

RACT General Manager of Public Policy and Communication Vincen Taskunas said Tasmania’s “end speed limit” signs were party responsible for the high number of interstate and overseas drivers who make up more than 10% of all traffic fines issued in Tasmania.

RACT has launched a campaign aimed at getting rid of the signs.

The volume of house sales in Tasmania has fallen to a 20 year low as vendors cling to unrealistic asking prices, says REIT President Adrian Kelly.

A Glenorchy business that deals with tiny nooks and crannies at industrial sites has won a National Safe Work Australia award. Ricky Clifford is principal of Clifford and Co Response Service which was recently named the National winner of the Best Workplace Health and Safety Practices in a Small Business category.

The Central Auxiliary of the Royal Hobart Hospital president Paul Yard, stated that it had raised $175000 from selling sandwiches from its kiosk. The money was donated to the Hospital to buy a new high powered laser.

Chef Sam Ling’s dishes at the Riverview Inn are so popular that recent visitors came back twice in two days to enjoy their favourite meals all over again.

The College is again well represented with no less than five past students in the Tassie Tigers team competing in the 2011 National League. The side will be captained by Nick Tromayne, and includes Nathan Fitzpatrick, Patrick Ward, Billy Shaw and James Bourke.

College Vice Captain Scott Bowden was one of six Tasmanian young people having won the Frank MacDonald Memorial prize which entitled him to travel through Turkey, Belgium and France during a 2 week trip retracing the footsteps of a WW1 soldier. Scott said he was looking forward to the opportunity to visit places where so many Australians lost their lives to get a better understanding of the landscape they were fighting in.

“I think its important that we, especially young people, remember the soldier’s sacrifice and that their memory isn’t forgotten.”

T H E  O L D  V I R G I L I A N
Patrick Dwyer who resides in WA advised that his grandson Lachlan, a student at John XXIII in Perth, recently went to Canada in the Australian XI and under Australian Ice Hockey team and to New Zealand in the Australian II and under-in-line (roller blade) hockey team.

Legislative Council Government Leader Doug Parkinson confirmed he would not re-contest the seat of Hobart in next year’s Upper House elections. Doug, who is 66 years of age, said it has been a privilege to represent the people of Hobart for 17 years.

Trent Nicholls was inducted into the AFL Tasmanian Hall of Fame in June. Jonathon Cooper and his younger brother Thomas Cooper are part of a group of 6 sailors from the Sandy Bay Sailing Club that competed in the international cadet dinghies under 17 world championships in Germany in July. They are part of a contingent of six crews, the remaining crews coming from South Australia and Victoria with the Tasmanian crews qualifying by finishing in the top seven at the Nationals earlier in the year.

Former Tasmanian James Charlesworth now playing in Queensland for the Redlands Club, kicked seven of his side’s 14 goals in a best on ground performance in it’s 2 goal win over Broadbeach.

Justin Harvey finally broke Kerry Wilson’s record for the most number of games played with the Hobart Football Club when he played his 287 game against Launceston in Hobart.

FEBRUARY

Bruce Richard Darcey (SVC 1953 -1999), husband of Sadie, father of Tamatha, Michael and John, father-in-law of Greg and Mimi, son of the late Len and Ethel, brother and brother-in-law of Peter and Mary, Geoffrey (dec) and Roger (dec) and Pam and Richard. Paul Anthony Bennett (SVC 1965 – 1971) husband of Yvonne, son of Nelson (dec) and Heather Hocking and special friend of Geoff Hocking, brother of Ron and brother-in-law of Kim, brother of Sue and Frances.


Virginia Margaret Nichols (nee White) wife of Stephen, mother of Simon and Hayden.

APRIL
Edward Charles Chandler, father of Robert and Greg. Jean Evelyn Funslow (nee Smith), mother of Terence and Graeme.

Richard Barry Brown, step father of Oscar, Henry and John Gregory.

MAY
Margaret Phyllis Flanagan (nee Hill), wife of Les (dec), mother of Michael and Paul. Patricia Mary Edmondson, mother of Jeff, Christopher (Kit) Paul Bowering (SVC 1954 - 1964), son of Vin and Gwen (both dec), partner of Ellen, father of Kristie-Lee and Chris and Mark, friend of Jenny, brother and brother-in-law of Damien and Leonie and Anthony. Antonio Di Virgilio, husband of Nicola, father of Rita and Giuliana.

Bruce Richard Darcey (SVC 1953 -1999), husband of Sadie, father of Tamatha, Michael and John, father-in-law of Greg and Mimi, son of the late Len and Ethel, brother and brother-in-law of Peter and Mary, Geoffrey (dec) and Roger (dec) and Pam and Richard. Paul Anthony Bennett (SVC 1965 – 1971) husband of Yvonne, son of Nelson (dec) and Heather Hocking and special friend of Geoff Hocking, brother of Ron and brother-in-law of Kim, brother of Sue and Frances.


Virginia Margaret Nichols (nee White) wife of Stephen, mother of Simon and Hayden.

APRIL
Edward Charles Chandler, father of Robert and Greg. Jean Evelyn Funslow (nee Smith), mother of Terence and Graeme.

Richard Barry Brown, step father of Oscar, Henry and John Gregory.

MAY
Margaret Phyllis Flanagan (nee Hill), wife of Les (dec), mother of Michael and Paul. Patricia Mary Edmondson, mother of Jeff, Anthony and Greg.
**ENGAGEMENTS**

**FEBRUARY**
Nicholas Shaw and Lynne Blake.
Nathan Booth and Mel Ward.
Sam Turvey and Megan Howe.

**APRIL**
Brett Cassidy and Sally Newton.

**MAY**
Neil Hansson and Rebecca Jarvis.

**BIRTHS**

**JULY 2010**
Andrew and Marian Foong, a son Michael Thomas.

**NOVEMBER**
Gerard and Cathie Beven, a daughter, Chloe Francis

**JANUARY 2011**
Dominic and Alice Howe, a son, Oscar Aleksandras.
Andrew and Tameeka Krause, a son, Michael Jeffrey.
Simon and Nicole Hollingsworth, in Melbourne, a son, Edward Douglas.
Aaron and Sarah Brimfield, a daughter, Alanna Rose.

**FEBRUARY**
Chris Dalton and Kieran Bradley a son, Liam Francis Dalton.
Nick and Miranda Ackers, a daughter, Lucie Germaine.
Dean and Anna Harris, a daughter, Margaret Jane.
Jerome and Lisa Howe, a daughter, Charlotte Milly.
David and Andrea Mazengarb, a son Joseph James.
Richard and Anna Nicholas, a son, Harry James.
Marcus and Narelle Synnott, a daughter, Maisie Isabella.
Christian and Andrea Elliston, a son, Henry Jacob.
Shannon and Sarah Wells, a daughter, Olivia Ruth.
Matthew and Amy Williams, a son, Chance.
Patrick and Alison Murphy, a son Tadha Francis.
Simon and Danielle Thompson, a son, Quinten Simon.

**MARCH**
Rocco and Anne Caccavo, a son Alessandro
Raymond Bender.
Damian and Claire Vermey, in Brisbane, a son, Sam William.
Adrian and Kristy Pereira, a son, Zachary Laurence.
Mark and Selina Lovell, a daughter, Georgie Emilee.
Todd and Natalie Booth, a son, Charlie Jack.

**APRIL**
Darren and Andrea Booth, a daughter, Ruby Isabella.

**MAY**
Giuliano and Adalina Di Virgilio, a son Antonio.
Ashley and Elise Marsdon, a daughter, Olivia Jaime.
Jonathan and Rowena Childs, a son, Braxton Jon.

**OLY SCHOLARS CRICKET**

**RIGHT CHOICES, GOOD RESULT**

The potential of the St Virgil’s Old Scholars Cricket Club is enormous. Every year we strive to realise this potential but somehow manage to fall at the final hurdle.

The decision by Craig Jones and Kent Millington, the president and vice president respectively, to appoint Jason Rigby as playing coach and Leigh Nosworthy as captain was definitely the correct one.

“Riggers” and “Nossas” are both very talented and come from successful cricketing cultures. This was clearly demonstrated by our performance during the year with both grades making the finals only to be completely outplayed by a talented and tough Wellington outfit. St Virgil’s Old Scholars cricket club would like to take this opportunity to thank Jason Rigby and Leigh Nosworthy for their efforts as coach and captain of the club for the 2010/2011 season.

As always the club has built its success on the values and principles the boys were taught as students of the mighty St Virgil’s College. First and foremost the club prides itself on harnessing a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces egalitarianism that embraces egalitarianism that embraces egalitarianism that embraces.

This year we had five Indians, one Englishmen and an American play throughout the season. The mutual respect the players have for one another and the “mateship” built within the group throughout the year is a credit to the boys themselves, and underpins the culture that the St Virgil’s brand is built on. Our Indian “brothers” share the same enthusiasm and passion for cricket as well as teaching us more about the sub continent culture which the Aussie boys relished.

Moving forward the Old Boys Cricket Club are determined to go that one step further this year and finally put the demons of Grand Finals lost well and truly behind them. Unfortunately Jason has advised he cannot commit to coaching the club again this season, we thank him for his efforts last season and look forward to him having a big year as player.

Therefore the club is seeking a Head Coach and always welcomes new players as we look forward to a belter of a season in 2011/12. The boys are confident that the strategy we have developed on and off the field is appropriate. Importantly, the club is well placed with great training facilities and that strong bond of mates as well as being held in high regard in the association.

For expressions of interest in the Head Coaching role or as player please contact Club President Craig Jones on 0417 304 901 or email generalandwindow@bigpond.com

DAVID REID

**JUNE**
Evan and Allison Horswill, a son, Samuel Hugo Lukas.
Andrew and Giordano Puckett, in Barcelona, a daughter, Victoria Mary.
Richard and Mandy Lowrie, a son, William Thompson.

Robin and Antonia O’Brien, a son, Leonard Robin.

**T H E  O L D  V I R G I L I A N**

**THE OLD VIRGILIAN AUGUST 2011 — 5**
OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL

Mixing it with the best

WELCOME back everyone to a big 2011 and especially to Coach Britten returning for another crack at the big one, along with Adrian “Chopper” Burdon who will be going for another tonne.

Also a big welcome back to Leigh Post, who has made a speedy recovery from his knee injury and will be looking forward to a big 2011. There are also another couple of noticeable returns, one being the big Brendan “Noddy” Davis returning from his 2 years in Canada and will be excited about pairing up with Chopper and Brad “Sos” Hastie to have a goal feast.

The year so far has been one of ups and downs, with both teams being very inconsistent. The reserves have a tough task ahead of them to go back to back with Matthew Ferguson and Adrian Burdon at the helm. The team sits one game out of the four, but have won the last two games and are looking at having a much improved second half of the year.

The senior side like the reserves have had a mixed season, and are sitting a game clear inside the four. Things looked up after a convincing win against Richmond, but then had a tough loss against DOSA and will be looking at cementing their spot in the final four. There are also another couple of noticeable returns, one being the big Brendan “Noddy” Davis returning from his 2 years in Canada and will be looking at another crack at the big one, but then had a tough loss against DOSA and will be looking at cementing their spot in the final four. Things

enquiries@grahamfamilyfunerals.com.au

Faith?

Whatever your belief, the Graham Family will arrange a funeral to suit your religion, your denomination, or your philosophy on life, with sensitivity, compassion and care.

NEW TOWN (03) 6278 2722
NEW NORWOOD (03) 6244 8868
KINGSTON (03) 6229 1290
HUON VALLEY (03) 6266 3001
enquiries@grahamfamilyfunerals.com.au
www.grahamfamilyfunerals.com.au

The Saints are lucky to have a number of generous sponsors, which with-
Aaron Kaye as Pontius Pilate in Easter Vigil.

Thomas Walker and Jonathon Morgan check out the History Centre.

The 2011 Prefects and House leaders parade the colours after their formal induction.

Missioning of St Virgil’s College staff.

Aaron Kaye as Pontius Pilate in Easter Vigil

Cast and crew of the Musical “Smokey Joe’s Café”

Thomas Walker and Jonathon Morgan check out the History Centre.
Adam Gadomski soaks up the ambience of Double Falls campsite during the Herbert River rafting trip.

Nick Clark and Sean Colrain in a double scull at Franklin.

Cooper Smith, Lachlan Borsboom, Jordan Baker warming up.

Ben Kowaluk, Jake Dodge and Cameron Marsh are launched off Frilly Falls by Mr Harder as safety paddler Dan Hall watches on.

James Burnie and Zander Barisic sailing in Montrose Bay

Mr Rowlings gives instructions to the Grade 3s before the start of their cross country race.