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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

When we look back on the year that was 2011 we will need to do it with much reflection and appreciation. The College continued to focus on educating boys but this year we added a small addition – the Centenary!

Four years in the making, culminating in nine functions in four days, is a brief but accurate summary of the Centenary Week. The week was full of many highlights and it was with great pride that I was given the opportunity to address our community on a number of occasions, relating stories of the exploits of students and staff and the indelible mark they have left upon a College that is 100 years old.

The support of the community and especially the Old Boys during this year has given the College great direction and purpose and that is something we will strive to maintain as we move into our next century.

On the student front we were again able to maintain an enrolment of over 700 students. Continued strong enrolment has provided the opportunity to look at some future developments which may not have been possible but for the Building the Education Revolution (BER) money that the Government has kindly provided over the past couple of years.

On the development front the major work this year has been undertaken at the Patrick Street site. Over the Christmas break we completed the installation of the synthetic surface on the grass area. The boys have definitely appreciated this development and even in the middle of winter were able to access the playing facility.

With the completion of the new classroom blocks in 2010 we were able to complete the renovation of the final classroom in the original classroom block. This has allowed for a flexible learning space to be created which is currently being utilised for art.

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At Austins Ferry we have been able to consolidate the many new projects undertaken over the past few years. One highlight is how the Main Oval looks following the installation of the reticulation system last year. The oval is immaculately manicured and is now being used by the Old Virgilian’s Cricket Club for competition. Around the grounds the continuation of the hard work of the grounds staff is evident for all to see. Due to the wonderful weather conditions this year, the environment is looking as good as ever.

Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) continues to be wonderfully supportive of the College. As the only Edmund Rice school in Tasmania the Executive, led by Dr Wayne Tinsey, are always conscious to ensure that they continue to support the College. Special thanks go to the Executive and especially Mr Bob White and Mr Peter Leuenberger who worked closely with the Leadership Teams and Board of Management of the College during 2011.

2011 witnessed the continued development of curriculum in line with the much publicised Australian Curriculum. On both campuses much work has been done with the current documents and this will continue towards full implementation of the new curriculum in the years to come.

Although the Centenary took up much of our year we cannot ignore the ongoing events that continue throughout the course of the academic year. Events such as the Blessing of the Bags, the Commissioning of the Prefects, Thanksgiving and Easter Liturgies, Edmund Rice Mass and Halfway Day Walkathon and Service activity continued our strong commitment to rituals and tradition. Again, I would like to thank all those who contributed to make these events so special.

The Catholic Education Review of Secondary Education in Tasmania was one of the major focuses for the Board of Management in 2011. Consultation with the community, reception of the report and development of a planned response all kept the Board busy. Included with this edition of Words and Deeds is a summary of the process for the College’s response to the review. I would strongly encourage all community members to read this information and provide feedback for the Board as prescribed in the document.

The Board undertook a strategic weekend and communicated all findings to the wider community. The Board and its sub-committees worked diligently throughout the year to ensure the College’s progresses in line with its stated strategic directions. I take this opportunity to thank all our Board members and especially outgoing members Mrs Michelle Boutchard and Mrs Sue Saunders for the wonderful contributions made during their time in office.

The highlight of the Arts programme in 2011...
was our musical, ‘Smokey Joe’s Cafe’. The cast and crew put on an outstanding series of performances and I take the opportunity to thank all involved for their wonderful effort. A very close second was the Gala Concert which as ever proved to be a great success. The coming together of students from both campuses is always a highlight. The most impressive part of this year’s performance was the wide range of bands, choirs and drama performances. This was complemented by a great viewing of the different arts across the year groups. The strength of our programme is a credit to all those who work so hard to put it together.

It is always encouraging and gratifying to attend Parents and Friends Association meetings on both campuses of the College. The goodwill and community spirit that both committees create and the much needed funds that are raised and distributed is a credit to all involved. I take the opportunity to thank the Executive Committees on both sites for their continued support of their sons’ education.

During this year we had a number of staff who have finished up their time at the College. Br Jack Higgins moved to St Kilda in April after 30 plus years of service to St Virgil’s. In August, Michael Robottom retired from the Grounds and Maintenance staff after 23 years of service and in December Mr Rene Sluyters retired from the Development office after 13 years. We sincerely thank these men for their wonderful contribution to the College.

On the teaching side Mr Mark Brothers moves on from the Music Department after nine years. Mr Raymond De Bono leaves us to return to Melbourne, Mr Steele Anderson will continue his extended holiday, Mr Allan Badalassi decided to change direction in the music industry and Business Manager Mr Chris Ryan decided to move to another financial sector. We wish all these staff members success in their future endeavours and thank them for the time and effort they put into the College.

I would like to thank the Leadership Teams on both campuses for their wonderful support during the year. At Austins Ferry we welcomed Mr Terry Blizzard as Deputy Principal and he has led the campus exceptionally well in 2011. At Patrick Street Mrs Jo Messer and Mrs Fiona Chambers continued their role as Acting Heads of Junior School until late in Term Three when Mr Luci Brigella returned from his secondment. All these people have engaged our students actively and led their campus with great success and I thank them for their efforts.

As we celebrate the achievements of the Centenary year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of our community for engaging in all the celebrations that were on offer. We have enjoyed an extremely busy but very rewarding year with many great highlights which become part of our rich ongoing history. An exciting point to acknowledge is that for our current students the future is ‘here and now’ and each day, each boy adds to the College’s history and traditions and the legacy passed down to them by generations of outstanding Old Virgilians and gifted Catholic educators. 100 years down and many to come!

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Mr Damian Messer
Principal

TRANSITION LEADER

In only the second year of this role 2011 was an opportunity to consolidate and review many of the new strategies and practices that had been implemented with a change to the vertical house structure.

In particular, this year has been a major focus on improving the transition into the College for Grade 7 students.

Although there have been some improvements in this area, a lot of work has been occurring to make this transition as smooth as possible.

A major focus this year has been in efforts to strengthen our links with the feeder primary schools. I have visited or met with the Grade 6 teachers of nearly 110 of the 145 boys coming to SVC in 2011, and throughout Term 3 I have been a regular visitor to the Junior School to spend time in class getting to know the Grade 6 students, who will join us at Austins Ferry next year.

The other main focus has been a review of the Grade 10 Leaver’s Celebrations and practices. Similarly to ensuring there is a smooth transition from primary to secondary schooling, we must also ensure that all boys leaving Grade 10 have a clear pathway into further study of some form.

We are mindful that all boys after Grade 10 are required now to be involved in full time study and therefore are not ‘Graduating’ from schooling at this stage but just transitioning into a new phase of their education.

There have also been a variety of other jobs that have fallen within the role of the Transition Leader, including:

• Successful social days for all grades with both St Mary’s and the Mount Carmel College Grade 7/8.

• The successful running of a DIY Day for Grade 10s, where they organised their own timetable for the day to help prepare for exams.

• 25 Grade 9 boys attending the Try-a-Trade day at the Derwent Entertainment Centre.

• Eleven Grade 9 boys assisting with the Junior Woodworking exhibition at the Royal Hobart Show.

• Student representation and banner carriers at a number of war memorial events including, the Claremont RSL ANZAC Day School Flag Parade and also as standard bearers for the main Hobart ANZAC Day March.

• Offering Grade 9 and 10 students the opportunity to apply for Tax File Numbers.

• Assisting in the organisation and running of the various Time and Space programs with our facilitator Bill Jennings. These include: the Grade 8 Father/Son night, the Grade 7 Mother/Son night and the Grade 10 Time and Space Weekend programme.

Mr Cameron Alexander
Transition Leader
Landcare

The focus for the Land Care team was the restoration of the area below the new library. The area was in poor condition after the construction of the library. The site had been compacted by heavy machinery. There was very little native vegetation left; it was weed infested and unsightly. The Land Care team had started some planning and preparation for this project in 2010. We had collected native plants seeds and cuttings and propagated over 1,000 shrubs and ground covers ready for this area.

The Land Care team started weeding and mulching the area at the start of the year and were ready to plant out by Half Way Day. This is also National Tree Day. The Land Care team dug 1,000 holes and supervised the Junior School and Grade 7 students in planting out the area. Since then we have infill-planted and maintained the area by weeding and further mulching. The Land Care team is very happy with the outcome as the site already looks fantastic with many of the plants in flower attracting native birds. All members of the Land Care team have worked very hard and deserve to feel proud of what they have achieved this year.

Mr Mark ‘Bushy’ Smith
Land Care Coordinator

Health and Physical Education

2011 has been a huge year as we are gearing up towards the Australian Curriculum being implemented in at the start of 2011. We have seen from the implementation of the first four subjects that it is a very long process. We have been heavily involved in transforming our curriculum and assessment to match what is being done in other learning areas. There has been significant work with network schools on the development of key health units for all Catholic schools. In 2011, we have been working on a Sexual Health Unit for all grades with close support from the Catholic Education Office.

This year we saw the continuation of the Health Blocks, introduced in 2010. Generally this has been a positive result. However, some boys still need to learn the benefit of the topics discussed and the necessity to include these topic in the course. Also, some students struggle to grasp the concept that two thirds of the course is assessed through the theoretical part of the course. A focus for 2012 is to apply themselves fully in all areas of the course.

From a physical perspective, the boys are given a fantastic opportunity to let off some steam and burn some calories. However, we have seen a growing number of boys choose not to participate in some practical lessons or offer very little in terms of effort. As a department, we would definitely like to see this trend reverse.

In Grade 7 and 8 the focus is on skill development and an introduction to tactics and strategy. Learning sequences covered included hockey, tennis, athletics, AFL, touch, gymnastics, T ball, cricket, soccer, volleyball, basketball, touch, tennis and softcrosse.

In Grade 9 and 10 the focus is on tactics, strategy, teamwork and leadership. Learning sequences covered included AFL, softball, orienteering, badminton, games making, cricket, volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis and softcrosse. Fitness testing is covered at the commencement of each term for all grades to get an indication of student’s fitness levels.

Mr Justin Mahoney
Leading Teacher of Health and Physical Education
ICT - School Reports

The ‘C’ in ICT stands for ‘Communication’. And what an amazing time we live in where now, more than ever, our ability to communicate and be connected to our global community is so easy. Social networking sites are going from strength to strength and with widespread media adoption; and using Twitter during live broadcasts, and ‘liking’ a product on Facebook for example, the Internet is continually evolving. The web, once used primarily by scientists to share data and graphs, now boasts a rich set of tools that allow people to connect to and share with other people. As it evolves, people find more and more ways to use the web for their benefit. “Where to from here?” becomes an interesting question. There are some trends we can predict: social networking sites will likely continue to be popular, cloud computing is likely to take off, reliable Internet connection is likely to increase.

At St Virgil’s College, we have been busy this year planning for the future. We’ve put in place some key technologies to test and worked on improving our infrastructure so that we can make best use of these technologies. We have also put in place planning to ensure that we will be in a good position in the coming years to expand our resources to match what we predict will be our expanding demands on communication technologies.

At the Junior School and Senior School, we have increased our wireless coverage to allow us to take technology to the places we want to learn, instead of the other way around. The College has also improved our Internet connection at both campuses – more capacity at the Junior School and doubling the speed at the Senior School.

Of particular highlight for this year was the introduction of the iPad Programme. This involves Junior School classes having access to a set of 28 iPads and each Grade 9 student at the Senior School having full-time use of an iPad. As well as technological change, we have also planned for curriculum change. Recognising that ICT is a general capability under the Australian Curriculum, we have planned to ensure that ICT is more relevant to our students and more tightly integrated into the curriculum, both at the Junior School and the Senior School.

2012 is set to be another exciting and challenging year for ICT at St Virgil’s. Bring it on!

Mr Richard Lawler
Director of ICT

LEARNING AND TEACHING

This year has been a very busy one for the Learning and Teaching team. The imminent arrival of the Australian Curriculum has meant changes to many aspects of curriculum, assessment and reporting here at the College.

All members of the team have engaged in valuable and relevant professional learning through attendance at Catholic Education Office network meetings and other teacher education programs. In addition to this, each department has been provided with a number of extended curriculum planning sessions in order to review, rewrite and document the curriculum and their assessment plans. We are very grateful to Mr Damian Messer and the Leadership team for their support of this engagement through the provision of time release.

Parents will have noticed changes to the reporting format at St Virgil’s this year. These changes will continue into 2012 as we seek to develop the best possible ways to inform students and their families of their progress, while still meeting the legal requirements placed upon us. The Learning and Teaching team have spent and will continue to spend time, considering this very important aspect of what we do.

As well as the mechanics of managing curriculum change, the Learning and Teaching team have committed themselves to investigating ways to improve the quality of education and student performance here at the College. We have initiated the PB Murphy Award for Academic Excellence to acknowledge significant and consistent performance by a Grade 10 student. We are engaging in professional reading specific to boys’ education and using NAPLAN data to inform our teaching. This year has also seen an increase in the number of boys participating in subject related extra-curricular activities such as the Australian Maths competition, the Australian Brain Bees Challenge and the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition.

I would like to thank all our Leading Teachers for their commitment and hard work during 2011.

Miss Heidi Gregg
Director of Learning and Teaching
LOTE Japanese and French

It is no accident that Japanese and French are the two languages offered for study at St Virgil’s. In an international survey, Japanese, French and English were named as the three languages most essential for future communications with other nations. Japan has long been Australia’s major trading partner and in recent years Japanese tourists of all ages have been making Australia their preferred business and holiday destination.

Japanese – Yaizu visit to Hobart, 28th July

Yaizu High School students visited Hobart in July, as part of the Hobart and Yaizu Sister City Relationship. St Mary’s College and St Virgil’s College hosted Japanese students and teachers from Yaizu. Special events included an interactive excursion to Bonorong Park and a barbecue, sponsored by the Hobart City Council. Formal activities included Daniel Lee, James Coleman, Lewis Chamberlain, Benjamin Groom and Mrs Yvonne Hennessy attending the Lord Mayoral Reception at the Hobart City Hall, together with St Mary’s College students with Mrs Di Irons and Tarremah Steiner School students with John Kertesz providing translations for welcoming speeches. Yaizu and Hobart will be celebrating 35 years of this relationship in Hobart during February 2012 and we anticipate cultural involvement with the Yaizu delegation and planned celebrations in Hobart.

Cultural Excursion to France

Planning is well advanced for an overseas trip to France during the September holidays in 2012. French teacher, Mr Rohan Prior, outlined the proposed itinerary at a briefing for parents and students held in October. An exciting cultural lifetime experience will be enjoyed by all participants, as they explore the history, cultural diversity and language of France – especially Paris.

Language studies

French and Japanese teachers at St Virgil’s aim to provide students with an holistic language experience, including a look at the social, cultural, historical and geographical facets of the country being studied. Whilst study of a language at SVC provides the platform for further language studies in higher education, the goal of teachers is to challenge and enthuse the students about the fun and learning that is possible through the study of language.

We explore learning through multi-media resources, a variety of texts, calligraphy, research, role play, musical, creative and traditional activities, using a wide variety of academic resources so all our students enjoy – as well as achieve.

I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated teachers Mr John O’Keefe, Mr Rohan Prior and Mrs Yvonne Hennessy for their efforts this year in providing a solid base for future language studies for our young men.

SOCIETY AND HISTORY

Society and History remains one of the four core subjects at St Virgil’s and is studied by every student at the College. Unlike Maths, English and Science, it remains a subject in transition as additional content is to be added over the next few years.

The first stage in the transformation of what we previously knew as SOSE has been the introduction of History as a compulsory subject for all students. Next year will bring the gradual introduction of Geography as an additional content area. It is proposed that Geography occupies the same time and space as History by the commencement of 2013.

But the change won’t stop there!

It is also proposed to make Business and Economics and Civics and Citizenship part of an area to be nationally known as the Humanities and Social Science – quite a mouthful! At St Virgil’s College, unless there are compelling reasons to do otherwise, we will continue to call our subject Society and History and teach it in an integrated way – embracing all of the disciplines which will become part of this one curriculum area.

Whilst the National Curriculum will bring changes to teaching content across all grades, the central aim of our teaching in this faculty will not alter. In Society and History we will continue to pursue our objective to equip students with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence needed to achieve their goals, lead satisfying lives and participate in their communities as responsible citizens.

Society and History will continue to be about preparing students for life in a society which is undergoing unprecedented change.

2011 Highlights:

• Visits to the Risdon Prison and Magistrates Court by Law in Action students.
• Involvement in the staging of the St Virgil’s Fair by our Business Studies students.

• Visit to the Tasmanian Parliament to see the State’s lawmakers in action.
• Society and History display in the St Virgil’s College History Centre.

Electives

Senior students enjoyed the challenges presented by Elective Subjects offered by the Society and History faculty. The electives offered this year were:-

• Archaeology
• Business Studies
• Introduction to Sociology & Psychology
• Law in Action

Mr Sonny Azzopardi
Leading Teacher of Society and History & LOTE
Learning support at St Virgil’s College is all about inclusion. We have a number of boys who access the Learning Enrichment Centre on a regular basis to enhance their learning but we also welcome and support boys, on a needs basis, who might just need that extra assistance to facilitate their journey through secondary school. Our challenge is to tap into the individual needs of each student and to provide the appropriate support.

In our ongoing endeavour to achieve this we are extremely fortunate to have a highly-resourced centre, both in terms of an inviting learning space and an enthusiastic support staff that operates as a team to provide specialist instruction in all areas of the curriculum. Additionally, the Landcare Programme gives boys an authentic insight into our unique environment as they care for and enhance our campus for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Part of our mission in supporting students with special learning needs is to give them access to a wide range of learning experiences, both within and outside the College.

This year, our boys have engaged in monthly social activities with their peers from other secondary colleges under the banner of ‘Social Group’. Activities have included a visit to the Salmon Ponds, Ten Pin bowling, a Movement and Drama Extravaganza with Mrs White and fishing at St Virgil’s College. Social Group is an important part of the boys’ overall development because it promotes the use of social skills in gaining confidence, making new friends and, most of all, having fun.

‘Special Olympics’ is another program in which our boys have participated enthusiastically. Coordinated by Old Virgilian, Lennon White, the program gives students the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of sporting events and ends with a Ribbon Day where participants experience the thrill and excitement of the real Olympics.

None of the above would be possible without the generosity of a dedicated team of Teacher Assistants. We therefore, acknowledge the committed and ongoing contributions of Mrs Rosemary Coleman, Mrs Sherry Coy, Mr Mark Smith, Mrs Julie Wakefield, Ms Leesa Baker, Mrs Bernadette Pogorzelski and Miss Natalie Fielding as we look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2012 with our boys.

Mrs Cherie Gibson
Leading Teacher of Learning Enrichment

2011 has been a very productive year for students studying VAL and VET subjects at St Virgil’s. The year began with VET Construction and senior VAL – Wood and Mixed Medium students, under the guidance of Mr Barry Maxwell and with assistance from Mr Jonathan Wadwell and Mr Greg Bannister, helping with the internal fit-out of the History Centre.

In 2011 many senior students selected VET subjects as an option. Units from VET Automotive, VET Construction, VET – Engineering and VET – Hospitality (Kitchen Operations), all at Certificate I level, were undertaken. VAL – Design Graphics was also very popular with three full senior classes learning under the watchful eye of Mr Tristan Cripps, Mr Terry Blizzard and Mr Simon Orlowski.

All students using the workshop have enjoyed the extra room in its expanded form. Many meals have been produced, cooking skills refined, food prepared and consumed in the kitchen and beyond. The new relocated kitchen garden is flourishing and is producing fruit and vegetables for use in cooking classes.
WORK EXPERIENCE

“One of the best things in the world is to be a boy, it requires no experience but needs some practice to be a good one” – Charles Dudley Warner

I could not agree with this quote more, however I believe that when it comes to work experience the ‘more’ you can get the better. Whilst boys in Grade 10 are still just scratching the surface of what they may want to do with the rest of their lives, for those who know work experience can be extremely valuable. It can either affirm their career choice or send them in a completely different direction.

Either way it is a very worthwhile experience. At St Virgil’s in 2011, 60 boys completed work experience, in varying employment fields.

This year was my first year coordinating the work experience programme at St Virgil’s and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the employers for giving us so much of their precious time. Thank you also to the boys for the way in which they conducted themselves in the workplace and in planning for work experience. The boys were always well mannered and a pleasure to work with.

Mrs Allison Aggenbach
Work Experience Coordinator

SCIENCE

It’s been the year for competitions in the Science department in 2011!

Our Science and Engineering team worked hard to solve problems using their ingenuity. The titration boys prepared their aliquots with care, delivered their titres with determined precision and calculated their concentrations with concentration. The Brain Bees (aka James Bourke, Tim McDonald, Sean Dwyer, Alfonso Cavarretta and Kyle Williams) nonchalantly waltzed into the University idly identifying the difference between the hippocampus and the Broca’s area and blithely explaining the inhibitory nature of Gamma Amino Butyric Acid. Impressive huh? Equally though, I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the other boys I saw in Science classrooms and out of them.

Some of them conducting controlled experiments to see if the splat from a water balloon increases its size when you drop it from higher up. Others having intellectual discussions around the whiteboard about what lies outside our expanding universe. And yet others using their iPads to record explosive reactions from a safe distance only to watch them over and over again. Science sometimes gets a bad name for being confusing and too hard. We are setting ourselves the challenge to make it active, interesting and accessible. Go Science!

Miss Heidi Gregg
Leading Teacher of Science
AGRICULTURAL STUDIES

Agricultural Studies students have had many ‘hands on’ experiences in the 2011 course. Students had the opportunity to visit several different agricultural enterprises throughout the year.

On our first trip we travelled to the Granton Nursery where we learnt about the critical factors influencing plant propagation and growth.

Over the next three to four months we spent most lessons in the field where we travelled to: Agfest, the Coal River Valley, Craigbourne Dam, Norton Mandeville, Ceres Farm at Mt Seymour and later on in October, the Royal Hobart Show.

All of these excursions gave us informative lessons from which the boys picked up many important ideas and knowledge. On the visit to Ceres we helped Michael Iles, the farmer, prepare his sheep for sale. We finished the day by sitting down to lunch and listening to Michael give us some useful pointers and tips in relation to sheep management.

Although we spent many lessons out, the boys had to keep their vegetable plots in shape, rewarding them with vegetables once they had reached full maturity.

To conclude the year Agricultural Studies students were offered the opportunity to partake in the Cows Create Careers Programme. This involved the students looking after two new born Friesian heifer calves for a three week period.

The students had to house, feed, clean and take growth measurements. The students’ work was then submitted to the programme’s officials, and we will be given our results at a presentation in December.

All of the Agricultural Studies students have appreciated the hands-on experience and have felt that they have gained knowledge of the Agricultural Industry and what it has to offer as a lifestyle and as an occupation.

Adam Henderson

Choir Programme

The choir this year has worked very hard and we have performed at a number of events throughout the year. A major focus for the members of the Choir was the musical ‘Smokey Joe’s Café’, but even outside of that, the Choir appeared and performed very well at other occasions.

We have sung at a Parliamentary Breakfast, a school Assembly, the Edmund Rice Mass, and at our Gala Concert. We competed at the City of Clarence Eisteddfod in October in the Secondary School section, where we won a Certificate of Merit out of eight choirs. We also entered the costume and Action Section, which we won.

Overall this was a great year for the Choir, with great improvements from lots of people. Thanks to all of the students who supported the Choir in 2011.

James Bourke
Choir Captain
SPORT REPORT

Sport continued to take a high priority throughout the year.

A record number of teams took to the field across twenty five sports with many of them achieving significant success.

This programme would not be possible if it were not for the wonderful support shown to the staff by the parents and friends of our community. It is always impressive to see the number of national, state and southern representatives that come out of each year group at the College. This year was no exception with boys representing fifteen different sports. This success is mirrored in our local and national competitions with many Old Virgilians representing their clubs and teams with great spirit.
This year at the Junior School teaching and learning in the classroom has been increasingly delivered and experienced ‘online’. This has been made possible with all classrooms fully equipped with interactive smartboards, classroom PCs, laptop pods and iPads shared between all classes as well as wi-fi available in all areas of the school. This equipment enables us to move forward with the implementation of the online Australian Curriculum.

All boys and teachers have enjoyed and benefitted from the use of the set of iPads that have been made available to us from the secondary school this year. Uses of the iPads throughout the school have been word processing, maths and spelling activities, keynote presentations and animations, just to name a few.

Ms Glynis Tully, from the CEO, has continued her regular visits to the Junior School throughout the year, assisting the boys in creating short animations. These animations display the boys’ ability to collaboratively produce creative pieces of work.

The Vegetable Garden is flourishing under the ‘green fingers’ of Mrs Graves, Mrs Scanlon and Green Thumb groups.

Once crops are ready they are harvested and sold to the general public. Proceeds from this venture are put back into the buying of seeds, utensils and other gardening equipment.

This year we entered a team of Grade 5/6 boys into the Tournament of Minds. The boys spent many hours working together after school and on the weekend to prepare their long term challenge in the technology category. They were extremely excited to be announced the winners of this category in the state. The boys were awarded with their trophy at a school assembly. On the day, they also had to prepare a spontaneous challenge. Mrs Ogle did a wonderful job guiding the boys through the whole experience.

Once again, Mr Fitzpatrick was responsible for the Robotics Programme which boys, predominately in Grade 6, are engaged in. Robotics, is basically constructing robots and controlling their movement through the use of computer technology.

Several teams of boys competed in this year’s ‘Robo Cup’ finishing in the top ten. Towards the end of the year, the Grade 5s are introduced to this technology in preparation for this.

Boys in all Grades participated in the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions. Some of our students also participated in the ICAS science, spelling and writing papers as well as the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Nicholas Ashlin, Grade 6, was awarded a prize for his results in the AMC, placing in the top three percent in Australia for his year level.

We were impressed with the overall results of the NAPLAN test for 2011. This year is the second year we have been able to track the progress of our boys who have been here since Grade 3. After analysing the results in detail, we have decided that one of the main focuses in literacy in 2012 will be grammar.

Mrs Josephine Messer  
Curriculum Coordinator
Twenty eight eager young boys joined the Junior School community at the start of the year and it wasn’t long before they fitted into the school routines.

The boys were part of the Centenary celebrations and they represented the school very well in the Mass at the Grand Chancellor in April.

The Class Camp at Coningham was a great success and the boys were a credit to the school. The boys particularly enjoyed the trip over to Bruny Island on the ferry, as well as time spent playing on the beach at Coningham.

The many sports on offer meant all boys had the chance to be involved in a team sport. A number of the boys also represented the class in the Independent and Catholic Swimming and Athletic Carnivals, as well as the Cross Country.

In Term 2, the class visited the CSIRO Education Centre at North Hobart to learn about the senses. Fire education, Book Week, Father’s Day breakfast, Cross Country, ICAS Maths and English Competitions were some of the other things the boys participated during Term 2.

During Term 3 we had a visit to a TSO concert at the Federation Concert Hall, a workshop with musician Peter Vardy, a trip to the History Room at Austins Ferry and a visit to Zoodoo.

As well as doing the usual school work, the Grade 3 boys have been able to do cooking quite a few times this year, as the classroom now has a kitchen area. This has given us the chance to try out some recipes and the boys have shown a lot of competence in this area. Of course, they have been very happy to eat the food they cooked but they have also been willing to help with the cleaning up!

The year has been a very happy and productive one and the class has proven to be a great group of young boys. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year with them.

Mrs Helen Fielding
Grade 3 Class Teacher
The Centenary year was upon us and we welcomed twenty nine young scholars to Grade Four.

Carl Excell and Logan Ahern were in for a great year as new students.

Learning about the history of St Virgil’s has been interesting. Br Jack was able to tell us about his early years and the changes he experienced. The boys agreed that St Virgil’s College a friendlier place for them now.

We have been able to have many and varied experiences with our Centenary Celebrations; listening to visiting author, Chris Morphew, at his book signing, visiting the Forestry Department and learning how to make bug catchers. Most of our excursions have been centered on topics studied in the classroom. Visiting the museum to view art and observe the Antarctic exhibits helped internalize our learning. After all, we are celebrating a 100 years of Antarctica too.

The highlight of Term 3 has been the camp to Waddamana Field Study Centre. Cooking at the camp fire, exploring the bush, a nocturnal walk and building shelters gave the boys an insight into survival skills. Mr Aiken’s ‘waterproof testing’ left some boys drenched.

Grade 4 have actively participated in the ‘Vegie Garden’ by weeding, digging, watering and learning about sustainability. We have continued striving to do our personal best in the classroom and in the sporting arena. Gaining house points and merit cards added to the competitive atmosphere, with the boys striving to excel.

They have excellent mentors in St Virgil, who fostered scholarship and Blessed Edmund Rice, who cared for the less fortunate.

It has been a privilege teaching the one hundredth Grade 4 class at St Virgil’s College and getting to appreciate their talents and personalities. I wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Chris Scanlon
We have had an extremely busy and productive year in Grade 5 this year.

Firstly we welcomed 11 new boys to the St Virgil’s Junior School. Our camp was in March so this gave us a fabulous opportunity to get to know each other and forge new friendships while at Port Arthur. Our camp held many 'firsts' for lots of boys; first time to catch a fish (and kiss it!), first time to build a volcano, first time to make a convict brick or, even, first time to have a bird fly through our legs!

Once we were back at school we continued learning about early Tasmanian history after invasion and went to some great places, including the Penitentiary Chapel and Richmond. Later we saw how this time was very difficult for the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and the wider community.

We enjoyed science this year and did a variety of things. A really scary, but exciting thing was when we played with dry ice – and learnt what 'sublimation' means. It was brilliant to make bubbles big enough for us to stand inside.

We learnt about Biodiversity and had some amazing excursions to help us understand how important this is. We went to the CSIRO (each term!), Molesworth Environment Centre and the Marine Studies centre at Woodbridge.

We were very fortunate to take part in the ‘Docs For A Day’ programme at the Royal Hobart Hospital and we amazed ourselves by having the skills to give Mitch a heart transplant! As well as going into the operating theatre we learnt how bad smoking is for your health. We even saw a disgusting black lung from someone who had, sadly, died of lung cancer. It was an important lesson for all of us.

In Term 3 we studied Our Solar System and enjoyed making rockets at the University of Tasmania with some students from the Engineering department and watching how high they went when we let them off on the oval. I think we might have a few budding scientists or engineers amongst the Grade 5 class!

Miss Barwick joined us for four weeks in Term 2 and she taught us some really interesting things – like how to make a Whirly Girly. We enjoyed celebrating her time with us by having a party on her last day.

There were many school based events during the year that were fantastic. Just to name a few:

- Grandparents’ Day
- Sports Carnivals and Cross Country
- Book Week
- Naidoc Week
- Half Way Day
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Fire Safety
- Footy and Sports Fun in Term 2

It has been a wonderful year full of great memory making experiences.

Mrs Karen Ogle
Class Teacher
2011 has been a wonderfully enjoyable year for both students and teachers in Grade 5/6.

The unique and positive environment of a composite class has given students a chance to work across a variety of levels and has provided them with opportunities to form new friendships. It is pleasing to see Grade 6s act as mentors for the Grade 5s and even sometimes Grade 5s act as mentors for Grade 6s!

Among the highlights was Grade 5 camp at Port Arthur in March and Grade 6 camp to Canberra in November. The camps demonstrated each student’s skills in responsibility and cooperation as well as their wonderful character and sense of humour.

Throughout the year the students have worked tirelessly in Mathematics and English and have studied integrated units including Tasmanian Aborigines, Health and Well Being and a States of Matter Investigation Unit. The students have also enjoyed working in ICT producing outstanding audio-visual presentations developing all-round learning, be it on the PC computers or the iPads.

Grade 5/6 children certainly love their sport and whether it is the annual sports carnivals or other sporting teams, all students have enjoyed success as well as great memories.

The Footy and Sports Fun during Term 2 was certainly a highlight.

The class has been lucky enough to experience MJR (Making Jesus Real in Our Lives) this year with Mitch. From these lessons students have grown in maturity and have started demonstrating attributes required for high school and beyond. As a result students are very quick to repeat the little catch phrases that are taught in these lessons. Like, “If you want to fly like an eagle don’t hang around with turkeys” or “be a winner and grinner, not a moaner and groaner”.

Grade 5/6 has such a wonderful mix of personality and skills which has made my time over the last 12 months a fun and fulfilling experience. I wish the Grade 6s all the best in their future, and I’ll probably see them again in my new role.

And I wish the Grade 5s a wonderful year in Grade 6 as they continue to prepare for Senior School.

Mr Mark Beck
Grades 5/6 Class Teacher
This year in Grade 6 we have had a particular focus on Science learning.

We started the year with a unit on sustainability. We made videos about how to make a worm farm and how to measure soil pH. We have been caring for our worm farm and we set up recycling, compost and waste bins in our eating area. The Green Thumbs group has been looking after our vegie patch and selling vegies after school.

In Term 2 we had a focus on the human body. We produced some excellent models, videos, board games and poster presentations and showed them to other Junior School classes during Science Week. We visited the Royal Hobart Hospital for ‘Docs for a Day’ and we learnt about the dangers of smoking. We also dissected a sheep’s heart and lungs.

In Term 3 we visited the University of Tasmania’s Engineering Department and participated in a session called ‘Roller Coaster Physics’. We also visited the Marine Discovery Centre in Woodbridge.

Other highlights for the year have been our Grade 6 Canberra camp and our participation in the MJR (Making Jesus Real in Our Lives) program with Mitch. I would like to wish the class well for their move to the secondary school next year and thank them for a fantastic year.

Mr Luke Fitzpatrick
Grade 6 Teacher
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The year that was 2011 (1911-2011)

As we come to the end of 2011 we can look back and say, “What a year” - truer words were never spoken as St Virgil's College celebrated its Centenary.

We started the year with our Foundation Day luncheon in January at Barrack Street Campus and it was well attended by students from the 1930s through to the present day. Many stories were told including who was first at this and that and Darby Quinn stating his Dad was the first boy to get the strap! The conversations during lunch were stories of past school days from 1930 onwards.

Our bi-monthly luncheon followed in January and there was a continuation of the stories from the Barrack Street event creating many happy memories that lasted throughout the whole year.

The play Smokey Joe's Cafe, presented by the boys of St Virgils with girls from St Mary's, was first rate and greatly enjoyed by all. This August production staged in the Joyce Centre Auditorium was followed later in the year by the Gala Concert which is always a marvellous event and this year was no exception.

The whole year was filled with many activities and our Annual Dinner, along with our Roll of Honour, was held at the Royal Yacht Club in October and was enjoyed by all present, even though the numbers were down. This situation must be rectified if we are to survive in the future. Only three Roll of Honour inductees out of approximately 43 attended. There were ten apologies received from members who could not attend because of sickness or absence from the State. I am thinking of holding a roll call at future dinners. In regards to the Honour Roll, those inducted at our 2011 dinner were: Rev. Father Terry Yard, former Premier of Tasmania Paul Lennon, President of the Old Virgilians Association Adrian Coetzee, Mr Graeme Rainbow and a Posthumous award to Mr Phillip Vincent.

Our bi-monthly luncheons were again well attended. Those who were present for the first time enjoyed themselves and are now regular attendees. Thank you one and all for your continued support.

As this will be my last report, may I take the opportunity to pay special thanks to my Secretary, Mr Rene Sluyters for his excellent and untiring efforts. I have been very lucky to have such a dedicated Secretary. Rene your support and attention to detail are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU RENE.

Our Annual Mass was again celebrated by our association Chaplain Fr Michael Tate in the Austins Ferry Chapel. Our monthly meetings have been held at Holy Spirit Church Hall in Sandy Bay thanks to Father Tate, with support from his Secretary Claire who always makes us welcome.

Our bi-monthly luncheons were held in the Joyce Centre at Austins Ferry, thanks to Principal Damian Messer who keeps us up to date regarding College activities and thanks our Association for their support.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in March prior to the bi-monthly luncheon and as I will not be nominating for another term as President, I would like to record some thank you’s and so as I don’t forget I will make them now hoping that I do not miss anyone or anything out.

During my term as President the College Principals have been: Brother Daryl Barclay, Mr Chris Smith and our present Principal Mr Damian Messer. They have all been generous with the use of the Joyce Centre and kind with their words when addressing us at our luncheons. To them I say thank you and best wishes to you. Damian, remember I am available should the need arise. Thank you for the use of the Joyce Centre. To Rev. Father Michael Tate, thank you for the use of All Saints Hall and Claire for her help. To my Secretary, thank you for your support and cooperation and for just being the special person you are. You will never know how much it has meant to me.

To those of you who have attended the many lunches and supported me it has not gone unnoticed and never will.

Over the years I have had the pleasure of attending many annual College functions, such as the Edmund Rice Mass, Gala Concert, school plays, Thanksgiving and Awards, Annual Memorial Masses and many other events and I hope to be able to continue attending these functions. Special thanks to the boys for their contribution at all times. They are a credit to themselves, the College and their parents.

As previously advised, I will not be seeking re-election at the March AGM as I believe it is time to step aside and make way for a younger person with new ideas. I have enjoyed my time as President and wish the incoming President best wishes for a successful term in office.

I will be remaining on the Board so in conclusion let me say I will look forward to sharing the bi-monthly luncheons with you all.

During my term as President there were many high lights however, two matters are in my opinion stand outs, the commencement of the Heritage Roll of Honour (2007) and the introduction in 2011 of the WOOD scholarship. The three students who received the inaugural scholarship were grateful and humble in their acceptance and it was a great pleasure to meet them and their parents it brought many pleasant memories.

The year that was 2011 (1911-2011)
First, I want to thank you for the personal invitation to attend this year’s OVA dinner and award recognition of my close friend, Phil Vincent. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend due to another commitment on that night.

On another OVA matter, I have just spent a very enjoyable morning with Athanasius Staun (a boarder at SVC Barrack St from 1966 - 1968) and his wife, Rokiah. They were in Hobart to attend a dinner for members of the Sabah-Australia Alumni Association hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, UTAS.

As I have previously mentioned, Athan has had a very distinguished career in education in Malaysia. He is a former Principal of Sabah College, the first government secondary school in his home state and eventually became the Director of Education in the Federal Territory of Labuan. Athan first came to Hobart as a Colombo Plan student. He attended SVC for three years before enrolling at UTAS where he obtained a BA (Hons) in Political Science followed by a Diploma in Education. I am still trying to get him to provide me with a copy of his CV as I know that he has represented his country at many international fora on Education. Despite an illustrious career he has remained a very humble, quiet and unassuming person. I believe that he would make an excellent addition to the Heritage Roll of Honour.

During our chat Athan mentioned that he had lost the Virgilian year books for 1966 and 1967 in a flash flood some years ago. He is particularly keen to obtain replacement copies of these books. Is there any chance that the College can assist him?

Paul Picone

My son Benjamin and husband Mike will be in Hobart from New Zealand next week from Thursday October 13 to Wednesday 20th attending the finals of the Tournament of the Minds at the University with a team from Wellesley College.

My mother who is now in her 80’s is the niece of Brother Edward Dominic Joyce who your Joyce house is named after. My mother was interested to know if there are any pictures of her uncle at St Virgil's that Mike and Benjamin could come and see while they are in Hobart.

Jane Wolynecwicz

Peter and Michael Roche, owners of Hobart famous harbour ferry, the Cartela, will celebrate the centenary of its launching in 2012. The Cartela was launched on the River Derwent, shortly after the ill-fated maiden voyage of the Titanic. Michael also took part in the Mason Commemorative Flotilla on the Derwent in early December. Incidentally staff of the College had a most enjoyable Christmas function on the vessel with many of them experiencing a view of Hobart from the river for the first time.

Reduced speed limits are not enough to end pedestrian fatalities in Hobart claims RACT General Manager of Public Policy and Communications Vince Taskunas.

ABC gardening personality, Tino Carnevale, expressed concerns that the roll out of water meters in Southern Tasmania could be spreading garden diseases.

Council of Hobart Community Association president, Leo Foley successfully stood for election as a Hobart City Council Alderman on the belief that Hobart needs fresh thinking to revitalize itself.

Tasmanian Conservation Trust Director Peter McGlone stated that his organisation was never opposed to the introduction of Tasmanian devils onto Maria Island but was staggered there was no reference in the proposal as to how to manage risks.

Clarence FC Chief Executive Richard Mulligan indicated that the Club is willing to pay the $2500 levy to have the State League broadcast on ABC TV next season.

Rowan Clark and fellow crew members on lightweight flyer Mr Kite believe they can slash hours off the Optus Launceston to Hobart race record if conditions are right.

Nick Nikitaras, co-owner of West Hobart’s popular Hill Street grocer plans to move to the vacant service station site on the corner of Hill and Arthur streets and plans to convert the existing premises into a speciality bakery and café.

Olympian Sid Taberlay tried out the new world class mountain bike track on Mt Wellington on a recent visit to Hobart. The final stage of the North South track which runs from the Springs car-park to Glenorchy bike path was recently opened.

Braddon MHA Sid Sidebottom was recently promoted to Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Energy.

Hobart model car enthusiast, Shane Fitzpatrick, is asking the public to look out for replica model cars, valued at $16000 which were stolen from his house in November.

From being promoted from dishwashing connoisseur, to trainee pizza cook, ensured Simon Robustelli’s future and with partners Dimitri Giovanaglou and Luke Rochia fellow OVs has resulted in the opening of two restaurants, Solo Pizza and Pasta and Cultura.

Brothers Billy and Alex Shaw headlined a lengthy cast of Tasmanian Hockey players earning National recognition with Billy recently returning from Malaysia, where he represented Australian in the under 21 men’s team in the Sultan of Johor Cup whilst his younger brother Alex has been preparing for the National Futures series in Canberra against New Zealand in the under 19 competition.

Brendan Dwyer of the Tasmanian Watch and Clock Company says there was less clock winding going on these days as more people relied on mobile phones and computers and said although watch and clock sales had diminished over the years, there was still an appreciation of fine time pieces. He caters mainly for collectors and antique clocks. Brendan looks after clocks at St John’s Park, Port Arthur, Richmond and Bellerive Oval.
Competing in the Hilary Challenge in Victoria, regarded as the toughest outdoor adventure available for Australian Secondary School students were a team from GYC including OVs Sean Boucher, John Tulk, Alex White, Sam Taylor and Marc Gluskie.

Green’s leader Nick McKim was part of the crew of Hobart based yacht Whistler which lined up in this years Sydney to Hobart yacht race. The yacht was co-skipped by Jory Lindsey.

North Hobart’s Sam Darley was given the honour of capturing the Great Western Giants football team in the NEAFL southern conference game against Tuggeranong. Sam was named best on ground with 37 possessions.

Sorell Antique Centre dealer, Richard Harris stated that the ever growing urban area of Sorell is a far cry from the rural township he remembers as a child albeit he was raised in Richmond but travelled to Sorell regularly. This follows a comment made by a popular travel magazine that labelled Sorell a town of petrol stations and fast food outlets.

After waiting decades, Stuart Prosser, in partnership with his mother Maree and brother Michael finally renovated their famed Prossers on the Beach restaurant. Having spent some $500,000 on doubling the seating capacity, provided a larger deck and lounge area and Hobart’s only live crayfish tank, the refurbished facility reopened recently.

Tim Langdale has not looked back since starting an apprenticeship at the end of yr 11, being named Tasmania’s best Industrial Electrical apprentice for 2011. Tim is a fully fledged electrician at Nyrstar Zinc Works.

Tasmanian Olympian Simon Hollingsworth has been appointed the new CEO of the Australian Sports Commission. Simon represented Australia in the 400 Metre Hurdles at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics as well as the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Federal Group trainee of the year for 2011 is Benjamin Wilkinson who is employed as membership consultant at the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Chief Executive of TASSAL, Mark Ryan, when announcing a $30.3m profit after tax for 2011, also stated that TASSAL is looking to double production with a new facility at Macquarie Harbour on the West Coast.

State trials champion James Blackwell created a slice of history when he rode his motorcycle on a trials course set up in Hobart’s City Hall during a Motorcycle and Recreation Expo. Also present was Michael O’Halloran with his electric Segway.

North Hobart Post Office manager, Jason Jones was excited about the listing of the historic building on the Commonwealth Heritage list.

Former state star Michael Di Venuto might have retired from first class cricket a few seasons ago but he continued to impress against Premier League bowlers with a quick-fire 73 against South Hobart – Sandy Bay.

Handling issues dampened Josh Burdon’s successful homecoming at Symmons Plains relegating him to third place in the F3 National Series race. Josh also had to rely on one of his biggest fans during the season, none other than his Grandmother Heather who came to his rescue by sending some money to enable him to repair his race car following a crash in Queensland. That accident cost him outright third place in the championship.

Cherry grower Tim Reid expects the lengthy negotiation with Chinese officials should be completed by the end of 2011, enabling Tasmanian cherries to be exported to China.

Tasmanian women’s soccer coach, Michael Edwards had his first taste of the W-League when he took the reins of Melbourne Victory in the fourth round clash with Canberra. Michael is the Tasmanian Institute of Sport National training centre coach.

Tasmanian Robert Fahey world domination of Real Tennis continued in September when he won the French Open title for a record 13th time. Robert has now won 43 Real Tennis Grand Slam events.

George Mamacas, President of Olympia Warriors Soccer Club, who loaned the club $400k in 2010, has waived the loan. This significant contribution illustrated the passion and commitment George a life long supporter had for his Club.

One of Tasmania’s top track athletes and aspiring Olympian, Tristan Thomas came back to see where his career began by watching the State Independent Schools...
TOTE Chairman Doug Fry’s journey with Tasmanian Industry superannuation fund Tasplan concluded recently with his retirement after more than 22 years on the Tasplan Board.

Chief Magistrate Michael Hill believes that programs like Court Mandated Drug Diversion (CMD) is very important. “In all my years here it is one of the most satisfying and effective sentencing options”. “You can actually see it working and I think that is really positive”.

Tasmanian Beerfest, organised by Adrian Charlesworth and Ben Hickey has been named the best beer event at the 2011 Beer and Brewer awards in Sydney, held during October. Tristan won bronze at the World Carnival at the Domain athletic Centre in October. Tristan won bronze at the World’s most favourite modern wizard, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 which opened to sell out crowds.

TOTE Chairman Michael Kent said the business was facing increasing costs and he predicted the Company’s expansion in the Asian market would deliver real dividends for the State.

New Town Bay Golf Club has three members who have had an organ transplant, including Club captain John Leamey, who has had a kidney transplant, received from his sister Elizabeth.

Justin Wilson, PRD Nationwide Director is handling sales for developer Lanco of an impressive seven storey apartment block in Hobart’s CBD which Justin regards as the most significant project of its kind in many years.

Nick Propopiec caught a 35 kg Bluefin off Tasman Island off a private vessel whilst many of the charter operators had already hung up their gear for the season.

Diminutive Nathan Ross, nicknamed “The Weapon” easily won the 2011 William Leitch medal for the SFL Best and Fairest player. Nathan, who played for New Norfolk was six votes ahead of his nearest rival.

Old Scholar Medical entities, Richard Bourke, Luke Galligan, John Mills and Andrew Mulcahy plus other cyclists including friend, Jonathan Isles spent the past two years designing their own Tour de France, and left for Italy a week after the start of the 2011 race to ride the same road and mountain stages of the Giro d’Italia cycling race. Following that they went to France’s Savoy region to tackle some thigh bursting climbs of the Tour de France. The group faced 1200 km in its three weeks as opposed to the Tours 3430km. Wives, partners went as well hence riding only took place in the mornings followed by afternoon sightseeing.

Fans including past students, Bram Harris and Zac Hardaker were certainly dressed for the occasion of the final adventure of the World’s most favourite modern wizard, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 which opened to sell out crowds.

The Lindisfarne Football Club celebrated its 100th year in 2011 with an Gala Function at Wrest Point at which Rod Busch was present.

Tasmanian businessman Michael Kent urged philanthropists Jan Cameron and Graeme Wood to take swift and transparent action in development plans to transform the Triabunna woodchip mill into a tourist hub. Michael and his business partners Keith Pybus and Stephen Powell were hopeful of securing finance for the development of a $25m boatel development in Spring Bay.

Hobart City Council candidate Adrian Bold who runs a multimedia studio in Hobart says he would regards it an honour if he could realize the late Tim Burbury’s vision of a cable car for Mt Wellington. Hobart MLC Doug Parkinson has also expressed his support for Adrian’s plan.

The full extent of Jack Riewoldt’s injury at the end of season 2011 revealed the need for four post season operations including hip, ankle, rib and finger.

Myer Hobart Manager Peter Monachetti together with Myer CEO Bernie Brooks announced an exiting new retail, hotel and Restaurant development for Hobart’s CBD with the first stage to be completed by Christmas 2013.

Cameron Thurley (Clarence) and Ryan Sullivan (Hobart) were rated first and third in the State League in terms of possessions. Cameron also won the RACT State League Player of the Year for 2011.

Warren Lucas returned to his boyhood club, Prince of Wales Wellington, as Captain and Coach and in doing so won the Southern Men’s Hockey Best and Fairest award for 2011, the third time Warren has won this award, previously won by him in 2005 and 2007.

The first left hander to win a major, NZ Sir Bob Charles renewed his battle with one of Tasmania’s greatest golfers Peter Toogood. Charles and Toogood played in New Zealand, 55 years ago in the Amateur Championship which Peter won. Peter also won the rematch.

OBITUARIES

MARCH
Paul Alfred Carrick (SVC 1972-1978) in Melbourne, son of Owen (dec), husband of Claire, brother of Mark, Anthony (dec).

JUNE
Bessie Veronica (Beth) Hope nee Thomson, mother of Christopher and Gregory.

JULY
Mary Curran, mother of Brian.

Mary Edwin Forster (SVC 1953-1955), husband of Christine, father of Natalie and John.

Anne Patricia Smith, wife of Max (dec) and brother of Mark, Anthony (dec).

Bessie Veronica (Beth) Hope nee Thomson, mother of Christopher and Gregory.

Graham Alfred Glover, father of Leigh.

Bessie Veronica (Beth) Hope nee Thomson, mother of Christopher and Gregory.

Kathleen Agnes Appleton, mother of Les.

Bessie Veronica (Beth) Hope nee Thomson, mother of Christopher and Gregory.

Paul Alfred Carrick (SVC 1972-1978) in Melbourne, son of Owen (dec), husband of Claire, brother of Mark, Anthony (dec).
mother of Peter, David, sister of Joseph, Thomas and Leonard (all dec).

John Dennis Tegg (SVC 1942-1949), husband of Shirley, father and father-in-law of Lisa and Martin, Justin and Allison, Rachael and Greg.

Veronica Elaine (Bonnie) Willson, mother of Peter.

Joseph Suta, father of Peter and Ivica.

Irene Dorothy Hawkes, at Buderim, wife of Harold, mother and mother-in-law of Christopher and Lynette, Adrian and Christine, Rodney (dec), Virginia and Phillip, Bernard (dec), Joseph (dec) and Bernadette, Gerard, Damien and Rachel.

Robert Edwin Smith (SVC 1950-1952), husband of Grace, father of Winnalyn, Joseph, Maricel, Gregory (dec), Katherine and Andrew, father-in-law of Corey and Madeleine, brother of Margaret, brother-in-law of Frank Charlesworth.

AUGUST


Frank Stary, husband of Mary, father of David, Phillip, Carole and Janet.

Wendy Henderson, mother of Neil and Brett.

Xavier Joseph Keating (SVC 1956-1959), son of the late Frances and Joyce, brother and brother-in-law of Michael (dec), Brendan and Vicki (dec) and Louise, partner of Kay, stepfather of Kim, friend of Mario, Shane and Liz.

Geoffrey Laurence Bullock, son of Max. Dulcie Kathleen Hayes, wife of Jim (dec).

Darlene Anne Haigh, wife of Anthony David (dec).

June Patricia (nee Dillon) Denne, mother and mother-in-law of Chris and Sandra, Tony and Judy, Mark (dec), Michael, Andrew and Paul.

Marlene Rose Rider (nee Glennon) wife of Greg, mother of Tim, Joseph, Vaughan, Benjamin and Kane.

John Douglas O’Rourke (SVC 1946), son of Hilary and Aileen (both dec – Late of Cygnet), brother of Barbara, Monica and William Brady (both dec) Hilary and Joan (both dec), Terry and Barbara, Alan and Denise, David (dec) and Evelyn, Mary and Peter Hutchison, Brian and Sheila, Rodney and Jacqueline (both dec) and Nairn.

Eric Jack Morgan (SVC 1931), husband of Jean, father of Suzanne and Glenn.

Gail Zantuck (nee Mulcahy) wife of Raymond (dec), mother of Meredith, Christian and Julia, daughter of Rita and Sidney Mulcahy (both dec), and sister of Maureen (dec) and Lola.

Terence Anthony O’Rourke (SVC 1942-1948), husband of Barbara, father of Angele and Robert Groom, Julia and Gerard McNulty, Rosemary and Richard Wasell, Melissa and Jeremy Holloway, and Fiona. Son of the late Aileen and Hilary O’Rourke of Cygnet, brother and brother-in-law of Barbara, Monica and Bill Brady (both dec), Jack and Margaret (both dec), Hilary and Joan (both dec), Alan and Denise, David (dec) and Evelyn, Mary and Peter Hutchison, Brian and Sheila, Rodney and Jacqueline (both dec), Nairn and Douglas Williamson.


James (Jim) Wells (SVC 1946-1948) in Melbourne, formerly from Burnie, husband of Sheila, father of Jessica, Emily (both doctors) and Benjamin.

SEPTEMBER

Stephen James Nichols (SVC 1966-1971) in South Australia, son of Mary and James (dec), brother of Michael, Robert, Louise, Carolyn and Gillian.

Stanley Thomas (Stan) Haward, father and father-in-law of Paul and Patricia.

James Edward (Jim) Pocock (SVC 1943), son of the late Charles and Mary, brother of Don, Ray and Molly (all dec) Margaret, Teresa and David.

John Stuart Hodgeman, brother of Peter, Michael and Paddy.

David McShane, father of Guy and Cameron.

Mary Jean Barry, mother and mother-in-law of Lorraine and Bernie Matthews, Marie and John Devine, Rae (dec) and Yvonne Barry, Erin and Mel Arnold, John and Ann Barry, Jenny and Peter Sharp.

John Tasman Fraser (SVC 1955-1956), husband of Angele and Katherine, father-in-law of Rodney and Matthew, son of Harry and Rita (both dec), brother and brother-in-law of Ann and Wally Miller, Christine and Ross Howard.

Adrienne Louise Jarvis, wife of Rodney, mother of Damien, Rebecca and Alistair, mother-in-law of Meegan and Maurice.
Stuart Spencer, husband of Fay and father of Shelley and Loretta and Jon (dec) and father-in-law of Anthony and Gerard.

**OCTOBER**

Kenneth Patrick Drake, father of Ken Drake Mary Ikin, mother and mother-in-law of Paul and Karina, Robert and Marcia.

Brian Henry Freeman (SVC 1947-1948), husband of Val (dec), brother of Trevor, Doreen, Max (all dec) and Noel. Son of Victoria and Patrick (both dec).
Stephan Szinyei Merse, father of Alfred.

Hugh O’Halloran (SVC 1914), husband of Val, father and father-in-law of Maureen and Paul (dec) Burley.

Lucia Dilenno, mother of Mario and Marco, nan of Jamie, Damien and Christian.

Leonard Joseph Huxtable (SVC 1933-1939) in Melbourne, husband of Nancy Elma (nee Tuckerman)
Beverley Alice (nee Payne) Counsel, in Melbourne, elder sister of Fran Bladel and Pamela Margaret Parsley, former wife of Barry (dec).

Frederick Charles Ingram, father and Father-in-law of Peter and Sue.

Lawrence Adrian (LoL) McGee (SVC 1969-1974), partner in life of Susan, Dad to Aly, Lil, Dec, Sig, Cal, Trish, JUlu and Dormie, son of Laurie (dec) and Dots, twin brother of Gerry and brother of Kick, Nath and Ju, brother-in-law of Rob Adams.

**NOVEMBER**

Wayne John Sly (SVC 1955-1957), husband of June (dec), father and father-in-law of Michael, Mandy, Gaileen and David, Matthew and Angela and Geoffrey, son of Aileen and John (dec), brother of Lauren and brother-in-law of Barry.
Rose Anagnostou, wife of John, mother of Werner and Ingrid, mother-in-law of Tony Harrison, grandmother of Anthony.

Matthew Hamilton (SVC 1965-1971) husband of Lauren, father of Jocelyn and Johno, Darby and Eliza, Errol and Megan, Stefan and Jess, Ellie and Mitch, Sebastain, Mark and Lizzie and Lola. Son of Freddy (dec) and Frances.

Kate Scanlon, died tragically in India, daughter of Robert and Kim, sister of Michael and Anna, granddaughter of Patrick and Patricia (both dec), niece of Andrew and Chris, cousin of Matthew and Alicia.

**DECEMBER**

Gary Robert Ingram, husband of Maryanne, father of Callum and Charlotte, son-in-law of Peter and Barbara Patmore, brother and brother-in-law of Peter and Mandy.

Leokadia (Laurie) Osuchowski, wife of Wladyslaw (Wally)(dec), mother and mother-in-law of Bob and Anna, Henry and Janet, Babica of Daniel and Jason.

Daniel James Thomson, father and father-in-law of Peter and Veronica.

Janet Lena Gaul (nee Thorp) wife of Anthony (Tony).

Kevin Thomas Free, father of Simon, Nicholas, Martin and Brendan.

Sarah Louise Nicholas, daughter of Brendon and Ann.

Richard James Smith (SVC ) husband of Kaye, father, stepfather and Father in law of Shane and Maree, Jo-anne Hazel, Ricky (dec) Clinton and Odette, Susan and Darren Roberts.

Pauline Mercia Kerslake, wife of Angus (dec), mother of Gerard.

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Dennis Bernard Ryan (SVC 1957-1960), in Vietnam, husband of Christa, father and father-in-law of John and Leonie, Nadelle and Graeme, Renata and Shane, Karin and Glenn and Monica, brother and brother-in-law of Bill (dec) and Eileen.

Patricia Huxtable, wife of Kevin, mother of David, Natalie and Ashleigh

**BIRTHS**

**AUGUST**

Mark Chivers and Simone Phillips.

**OCTOBER**

Marcus Johnston and Emma Morton.
Joshua Hall and Sally Hayne.

**NOVEMBER**

Julian Vince and Paola Secondo.
Jason Turvey and Katie Green.
Sam Hardaker and Nicole Parodi.

**MARRIAGES**

**SEPTEMBER**

Daniel Osuchowski and Anita Johnson.

**NOVEMBER**

Mark Bartulovic and Tina Matson

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**MARCH**

Greg Ball and Megan Munday.

**JULY**

Damian McIntyre and Kate Rodrigue in New York.
Ben Wilkinson and Sarah Pestrucci in Santorino Greece.

**MARCH**

Adrian and Kristy Periera, a son Zachary Laurence.

**MAY**

Paul and Nina Strivicic, a son, Onri. Ashley and Elise Manson, a daughter, Olivia Jaime.

**JUNE**

Richard and Mandy Lowrie, a son, Will. Robert and Marijana Bolonja, a son, Daniel. Robert and Jenny Dillon, a son, Thomas John.

James and Skye Howard, a daughter, Audrey Rose.
Dimitri and Carey Tzortzis, a daughter, Evangeline Elizabeth-Rose

**NOVEMBER**

Joshua Hall and Sally Hayne.

**OCTOBER**

Marcus Johnston and Emma Morton.
Joshua Hall and Sally Hayne.

**DECEMBER**

Gary Robert Ingram, husband of Maryanne, father of Callum and Charlotte, son-in-law of Peter and Barbara Patmore, brother and brother-in-law of Peter and Mandy.

Leokadia (Laurie) Osuchowski, wife of Wladyslaw (Wally)(dec), mother and mother-in-law of Bob and Anna, Henry and Janet, Babica of Daniel and Jason.

Daniel James Thomson, father and father-in-law of Peter and Veronica.

Janet Lena Gaul (nee Thorp) wife of Anthony (Tony).

Kevin Thomas Free, father of Simon, Nicholas, Martin and Brendan.

Sarah Louise Nicholas, daughter of Brendon and Ann.

Richard James Smith (SVC ) husband of Kaye, father, stepfather and Father in law of Shane and Maree, Jo-anne Hazel, Ricky (dec) Clinton and Odette, Susan and Darren Roberts.

Pauline Mercia Kerslake, wife of Angus (dec), mother of Gerard.

**JANUARY 2012**

Dennis Bernard Ryan (SVC 1957-1960), in Vietnam, husband of Christa, father and father-in-law of John and Leonie, Nadelle and Graeme, Renata and Shane, Karin and Glenn and Monica, brother and brother-in-law of Bill (dec) and Eileen.

Patricia Huxtable, wife of Kevin, mother of David, Natalie and Ashleigh

**BIRTHS**

**AUGUST**

Mark Chivers and Simone Phillips.

**OCTOBER**

Marcus Johnston and Emma Morton.
Joshua Hall and Sally Hayne.

**NOVEMBER**

Julian Vince and Paola Secondo.
Jason Turvey and Katie Green.
Sam Hardaker and Nicole Parodi.

**MARRIAGES**

**SEPTEMBER**

Daniel Osuchowski and Anita Johnson.

**NOVEMBER**

Mark Bartulovic and Tina Matson

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**MARCH**

Greg Ball and Megan Munday.

**JULY**

Damian McIntyre and Kate Rodrigue in New York.
Ben Wilkinson and Sarah Pestrucci in Santorino Greece.
Mark and Kate Stevens, a daughter, Nina Eloise.
Brett and Lyn Dowling, a daughter, Killara Faith.
Jason and Melissa Fitzpatrick, a daughter, Ruby Fay.
Caleb and Emma Fraser, a daughter, Bree Jane.
Rodney and Shannon Huskins, a daughter, Lilian Thanom.
Stephen and Taneall Oakford, a son, Geordie Michael.
Gerard and Belinda Peters in Queensland, a daughter, Elsie Rebecca.

SEPTEMBER
Tim and Nikki O’Neill, a daughter, Isabella Peyton.
Phillip and Emma Boyd, a son, Tait Caspar.
Mathew and Kylie Hay, a daughter, Ruby Grace

OCTOBER
Samuel and Hayley O’Brien, a daughter, Isla Juliet.
Ben and Nicole McKay, a son, Lachlan Percy.
Andrew and Gabrielle Hutchinson, a daughter, Annabel Bridget.
Julian and Belinda Harrington, a daughter, Amelia May.
Eric and Nicole Monaghan, a daughter, Beth Margaret.
Lincoln and Jackie Hanslow, a daughter, Isla Sophie.
Damian and Michelle Mizzen, a son, Alex Jack.

NOVEMBER
Ben and Louise Buckland, a son, Oliver Edward.
Mark and Simone Chivers, a son, Thomas Anthony.
Andrew and Jackie Hovington, a daughter, Sophie Eloise.
Matthew and Anne Rainbow, a son, Drew Joakim.
David and Elizabeth Moody, a daughter, Alice Joy.
Adam and Sarah Henley, a son, Oscar James.
Matthew and Sharni Rickards, a son, Xavier Matthew.
Claire and Richard Lennon, a son, George Rene.
(Grandson to Rene Sluyters and John Lennon – Editorial Privilege)

DECEMBER
Rohan and Adrienne Kile, a son, James George.
Dean and Tara Gibson, a son, Quinlan Anthony.
Adrian and Mel Morrisby, a daughter, Amber Lilian.
David and Anita Mason on the Gold Coast, a daughter, Lily Rose.
Timothy and Elizabeth Baker, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.
Justin and Alison Conley, a son, Aiden Edward.
Sam and Jacqui Coles, a daughter, Grace Ella
Paul and Rachel Graham, a son, Jack Leslie.

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The Association thanks the following:
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OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL

Presidents Report

Last year saw the Saints have mixed results, with the seniors falling agonisingly close, finishing runners up and the reserves tasting premiership glory. Jason Britten was re-appointed as senior coach for season 2011 with assistants Leigh Post and Adrian Burdon. All three of these men were instrumental in our victories this season with Adrian ‘Chopper’ Burdon kicking another ton for the club; an outstanding effort. Matthew Ferguson was re-appointed as reserves coach along with Adrian Burdon to try and defend the title.

Both sides had slow starts to the season. The senior side had two heavy losses and some mixed results, but were able finish off the year strongly to finish third on the ladder and book a semi final match against Richmond. Playing Richmond at Richmond is always a tough task, but the side looked up to it and had a healthy 45 point lead at half time. Unfortunately the side was over-run in the second half by a resilient Richmond side to be knocked out of the finals. This was obviously a devastating loss for Britto and the boys at what looked to be a promising run into the finals.

Our reserves side struggled in the first round of matches and it was looking as if it would be an impossible task to defend their title. However, after the return of some key players and a consistent team the boys were able to finish strongly and clinch a finals berth in the final round of the season. The side did not let their opportunity slip and came out firing in the semi final against OHA, booking themselves a preliminary final spot against Hutchins. High hopes were held for the Reserves side, but went down by four point in a nail biting affair.

Mark Beck again took the reigns as Club Captain and Tom Pilkington took over from Premierships Captain Joe Hooker in the reserves. The club would like to thank Joey for all his hard work as captain of the reserves. I would also like to congratulate our seven senior players who made the OSFA team of the year for 2011; Jason Britten, Leigh Post, Adrian Burdon, Mark Beck, Marcus Parker, Michael Collis and Zac Batchelor. This is a great result for the club and a great achievement for these players.

The Saints are lucky to have a number of generous sponsors, which without them our club would not exist. I would like to thank our numerous sponsors including; Butler, McIntyre & Butler, Cascade, Directions Wealth Management, Dobson’s, Hulton’s Electrical, Modbuild, Moonah Banjos, Observatory Bar, Sony Central and The Talbot Tavern.

As a club we would like to take this opportunity to thank the College for working with us to make the transition as smooth as possible.

With a new competition and new teams to face each week the first half of the season for both first and second grades did not start off the way the club had planned. Our club has had a lot of on field success in the past ten years, so the slow start to the season has not sat well with the boys. However this has been subject to a number of circumstances; new rules and regulations, synthetic wickets and a lack of numbers in the early part of the season. However being the proud club we are we have stuck to our guns and now we are starting to see the fruits of our labour with first grade being undefeated in the last five matches and making a late charge for the final and second grade making a good start to the new year.

First grade also had some success in the STCA 20/20 competition making the final against St Aiden’s. After a strong victory against our arch rivals Wellington in the semi final unfortunately the result did not go our way in the GF. All was not lost however, by making the STCA final we qualified for the State 20/20 competition and the opportunity to take on NTCA club South Launceston at the NTCA ground. This was obviously going to be a tough assignment but the boys did the club proud. Batting first SVOSCC made a competitive 107 with major contributions from both openers Seb Wishart and Ken Millington. We could not have started any better with the ball with Jason Rigby taking a wicket off the first ball of South Launceston’s innings and with the bowling and fielding being first class whispers of an upset were starting to be heard around the ground. The match came down to the last over but unfortunately South Launceston held their nerve and hit the winning runs with a ball to spare.

The club is looking to finish of the season well and if results go the way of first grade, finals are certainly achievable. Unfortunately for second grade the finals look too far off but are looking to continue their good form and are buoyed by the performances of our new young recruits Nick Varney, Sam Duigan, Stephen Burke and Nick Weidmann.

I would also like to thank the committee and volunteers for their efforts in 2011. The ability to attract people to provide volunteer support to organisations such as ours is becoming increasingly difficult and is threatening the existence of our clubs. The efforts of people such as Bob Hope (Head trainer), Brian Parker (Match Manager), Denis Meredith and Ross Meredith (Bench Coaches), Sam Duigan (time keeper) and Tristian Martin (reserve’s runner) are vital in keeping the club alive. I would like to thank our committee members; Jon Gill, Michael Grandin, Daniel Nicholas, Tim Nicholas, Jeremy Parker, Matthew Parker, Tom Pilkington and Matthew Rice. You have been directly involved in every facet of the St Virgil’s Football Club ensuring that it’s a great club to be involved with. Thank you all for your assistance.

I would also like to thank all players, supporters, wives and girlfriends who make up what is the wonderful St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football club community.

Bradley Canning
SVOSFC President

OLD SCHOLARS CRICKET

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Go Saints!!!
A belated note to say many thanks for hosting our group at the College on 26 November. The tour brought back lots of memories and your commentary certainly enriched the experience for us. We went on to have a very successful evening together down at the Salamanca Inn, with a total of 39 old boys altogether for dinner. I was amazed at how little most had changed, although there were a couple I didn’t recognise at all. We had a somewhat quieter BBQ at the Waterworks next day, which provided an opportunity to catch up at greater length. All in all, it was a terrific weekend, and we are now looking forward to our 40th in 2016! Many thanks again for playing your part in making our reunion such a success.

Mike Crane

HERITAGE DESK

1. A POST CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE 2 CD PACKAGE is currently being put together. The College employed a professional photographer to attend key centenary functions as well as several of the year group reunions. All up he took 1260 photos. These, together with additional photos from other sources, as well as transcripts of speeches given at the various functions, are being incorporated onto CDs. We are prepared to delay the burning of the disks for a couple of weeks post the circulation of this edition of Words & Deeds to enable additional photos taken to be forwarded for possible inclusion. If you have a photos that you might wish to submit for possible inclusion please forward to Bruce Woods: email bcwoods@bigpond.net.au

The cost of the package will be $10.00 (postage included). Should you wish to order a package, please contact Graeme Rainbow (email: grainbow@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or write to: G Rainbow St Virgil’s College 195 Main Rd Austins Ferry Tas 2011) and an order form will be forwarded.

2. It is still possible to PURCHASE THE INITIAL 2 DISK PACKAGE PREPARED FOR THE CENTENARY. Disk 1 contains 38min. of historical footage and a 48 min. still photos sequence. Disk 2 contains a 248 page pdf compilation of lists, stories etc. Well worth the buy at $10. Contact Graeme Rainbow for package – details as above.

3. WANTED – ACHIEVEMENT STORIES, RIPPING YARNS....

Teachers at the College are telling me that the current students want to hear the stories – it is through the stories of those who have preceded them will be imbued more deeply with spirit of the College enabling students to feel a closer affinity with the ‘tribe’. On the centenary CD I was able to recount approximately sixty achievement stories (in addition to the write ups of the Heritage Honour Roll recipients) as well as a number of ripping yarns. Please forward stories of former students or events and yarns that you feel are worth the telling. Alternatively, if you feel that someone’s story ought to be told, provide me the appropriate contact details and I will follow up. The intention is to put these onto CD and make them available to both current and former students.

Take the time to do a little - "When a lot of people do a little - it’s a lot; when a lot of people do nothing- it’s still nothing.” (Harvey Diamond)

Graeme Rainbow
Heritage Committee