Dream big...
...achieve bigger
When we look back over 50 years at the Austins Ferry site it is amazing to consider the foresight of the Brothers when the decision was made to develop a second campus for the College in a remote site. Back in the 1950s and 1960s Austins Ferry would have almost been deemed as a ‘country locale’ and the thought of travelling to and from the College each day on the train would have been viewed by students and parents as an adventure!

In today’s terms, travel to and from Austins Ferry, a suburb which today is now very much connected to the Hobart CBD seems relatively easy however on any given day the journey to school for some boys still seems to be an adventure. This commitment that each boy makes to his education at St Virgil’s College and the support provided by parents needs to be recognised. Students now enjoy modern and up to date facilities with state of the art technology, all of which would seem a far cry from what began as a Brothers’ House with a small middle school attached.

This year we take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of all the Christian Brothers who have made a contribution to the Austins Ferry experience. The College certainly has much to thank these visionary gentlemen for and we look forward to celebrating their achievements and continually honouring their traditions and the legacy they have forged long into the future.

On the back of a wonderful centenary last year, it has taken some time to get into the swing of the Golden Jubilee celebrations but certainly the milestone has been acknowledged at all events so far this year. Many visitors to the History Centre have taken the time to view the foundation stone at the front of the building and have subsequently reminisced about their stories of adventure and many exploits undertaken as a part of their time at Austins Ferry.

The current students are part of the history of the site and each day add to the wonderful story and the traditions of the College. It is therefore fitting that they will be given opportunities at major events in the latter half of the year to acknowledge the significance of being part of the Austins Ferry campus this year of anniversary. These celebrations are important in connecting current students to our story and as with all things we do at the College, the touchstone for all events is our calling as a Catholic school in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice.

2012 has again been a busy year for the development and continual implementation of the Australian Curriculum. The staff have worked tirelessly on this implementation and it will continue until the completion in 2014 when all curriculum will be in place. Staff will continue to evaluate and refine all curriculum materials and it is a source of some pride that within educational circles the College is recognised as a leader in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

Of special focus this year is the process of registration of the College. As a requirement of receiving government funding and maintaining permission to operate a school,
every six years brings a cycle of re-registration and all members of the teaching and administration staff have been part of the preparation process. A significant amount of material has been provided to the Registration Panel for review. Whilst this is a time-consuming process it does serve to reinforce the excellent work done each day by staff and the nature and scope of programmes and opportunities available to boys at St Virgil’s. The actual registration review meeting will take place in June.

Through the efforts of our Buildings Committees capital developments have continued on both campuses. At Austins Ferry the creation of an outdoor classroom and modification of general playground space have taken place. At the Junior School the major capital project this year is the redevelopment of the bank between the classrooms and the Cathedral presbytery. This project has been kindly assisted by the generous donation of the Junior School Parents and Friends Association and will be completed by September.

As happens each year we are blessed with the opportunity to celebrate major achievements and provide opportunities for the boys to live the Catholic tradition and history of St Virgil’s College. Our major ritual events each year include the Commissioning and Opening Assembly which was highlighted this year by the presentation of the Edmund Rice Education Australia foundation document the ‘Charter’. The Charter complements the Archbishop’s Charter in setting the structural guidelines for what we do on a day to day basis as a catholic school for boys in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The Charter together with Foundations, Formation, and Renewal describe our distinct, though not unique, identity as Edmund Rice Education Australia. The Charter provides a practical expression of this identity and so is of crucial use in decision making, planning and review. Now, a revised Charter is being proclaimed. In the light of several years of reflection and wide consultation, the Charter uses four touchstones to describe the culture of an authentic Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. A touchstone is a fundamental or quintessential feature and takes its origins from earlier times where a touchstone was used to judge the purity of precious metals. A streak left on the touchstone was compared with a streak made by the pure metal. Hence authenticity was verified. The direction afforded by the touchstones will ensure that St Virgil’s remains an authentic Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The other significant event so far this year was the annual Edmund Rice Mass. In 2012 the focus of the Mass was the birth of Edmund Rice 250 years ago and the 100th anniversary of the death of Brother Ambrose Treacy, the first leader of the Christian Brothers in Australia. We were extremely fortunate to have the presence of nine Christian Brothers from around Australia at the event. Our Chief Celebrant was Old Virgilian, Fr Richard Ross. Fr Richard gave a wonderful homily and urged all students present to give a rousing rendition of the Edmund Rice Anthem. The students responded and literally ‘brought the house down’.

The Mass was the first coordinated by the Edmund Rice Network of Tasmania which incorporates St Virgil’s College as well as other ‘Associate’ schools that recognise and share our Edmund Rice traditions and story. Br Seam McManus and Br Peter Flint have been tireless in the establishment of the Network and we were delighted to be joined for the Mass by other Christian Brothers from other parts of Australia who were also present at the opening of the Edmund Rice Centre in Amy Street. The Centre provides a focus for the activities of the Network as is home for Edmund Rice camps in Tasmania.

Our Calling for 2012

Each year the College banners have a different message. This year it is:

St Virgil’s 2012

Community Justice Respect

We will ask each student to think of ways in which he can show these three values in all that they do in our College community to make St Virgil’s an even better place.

As each year progresses we are asked to meet the challenges head on as they come and we hope this year will be no exception. I thank you for your continued interest in St Virgil’s College and look forward to sharing our Golden Jubilee year with all members of our community.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
Principal
Edmund Rice Day Mass

On May 4, the eve of the Saint’s Day which celebrates the birth of Blessed Edmund Rice, the College celebrated the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice with Mass at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. This year in the Mass over 1000 people in attendance reflected on the great contribution of the Christian Brothers to education in Tasmania and also recognised the 250 years since the birth of Edmund Rice and 100 years since the death of Brother Ambrose Treacy, the first Congregational Leader of the Brothers in Australia. Br Treacy established the first school in Australia, Parade College in east Melbourne and in subsequent years established schools in other states of Australia.

Students and staff from schools and colleges around Tasmania and representatives from the wider Edmund Rice Network were in attendance at the Mass. The Mass was organised by the Edmund Rice Network which comprises the Brothers, schools and Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania. Whilst St Virgil’s is the only Edmund Rice Education Australia (ERA) school in Tasmania it was wonderful to join with Associate schools and other schools connected to the story of the Brothers, for example St Mary’s College, whose Patron Saint Nano Nagle was a close friend and inspiration to Edmund Rice.

‘Associate Schools’ are classified by ERA as those schools wishing to maintain a connection with the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and the story of the Christian Brothers. In most cases they are schools originally established by the Brothers which have subsequently moved to the governance of the Diocese. Some schools have not had a governance connection but wish to maintain a relationship which commenced with Christian Brothers having provided significant leadership or service to the school during its history.

Associate schools in Tasmania are Guilford Young College, MacKillop College, St Patrick’s College, St Paul’s Primary School, Bridgewater, St James College, Cygnet and St Brendan Shaw College. Other schools in attendance at the Mass were St Mary’s College, Holy Rosary Primary School, St Aloysius College and John Paul II Primary School.

Service

Mrs Renee MacGregor - Director of Identity

As a Catholic community we support our Catholic social justice agencies – Caritas, The Christian Brothers Foundation and St Vincent de Paul. During Term One, many acts of generosity have been displayed during our Project Compassion Campaign, and only last week a group of Grade Ten students organised a lunch time concert to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Junior School students have been busy through the ‘Minni Vinnies’ and have made an enormous contribution to Project Caritas (the Senior School raised $2760 and the Junior School $1700) through innovative and thoughtful fundraising and awareness raising activities.

Whilst most families are able to donate money to these charities, some other ways of contributing can be through prayer and education. In Term 1 we recognised National Volunteers Week, many of our students take up the challenge of volunteering through our service learning activities. Many students give up their time to participate in an Edmund Rice Camp or to use their lunch break to write letters supporting the human rights of those in conflict situations in the Freedom Redeemers group, or coaching a sports team at the College.

The challenge for us all is to create a culture that instils justice and goodness for all. Through these positive actions we can spread the Good News and do more than just give money; we can be thoughtful and compassionate people that have an awareness of those around us.

Austins Ferry Golden Jubilee Celebrations

In 2012 St Virgil's College celebrates 50 years on Austins Ferry Campus. The College was founded in 1911 and commenced with an enrolment of 58 students. The Barrack Street site was formally handed over to Br Mark McCarthy by the Archbishop of Hobart, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr Delaney on Sunday January 22 1911. 58 day students commenced school the following day, to be joined by a number of boarders, the first being Philip O’Reilly from Geeveston. By the end of 1911 the College had 113 day students and 55 boarders.

Following World War II and with the College starting to outgrow the Barrack Street Campus, Br EC Fields commenced the search for a suitable site to accommodate the boarding school. Br Field’s search was taken over in 1954 by Br Hessian who in July 1956 secured a 46 acre property at Austins Ferry. The site had the benefit of being serviced by a rail connection and was proximal to the growing centre of Bridgewater. It also provided the space to enable the College to finally boast its own football oval to take on rivals such as Hutchins.

The College took possession of the land in 1957 and commenced building works in 1960. The Austins Ferry campus commenced life on February 7 1962 and was noted as
being the only school in Australia with its own dedicated rail service! Having survived the threat of fire in 1967, a gale in 1984 and occasional bouts of snow, the campus has continued to grow and since 1995 has been the educational home for Grade 7 to 10 boys. In 2012, 558 students are schooled at Austins Ferry, complementing the 142 students at the Junior School campus at Patrick Street.

On the weekend of November 17/18 2012, a full weekend of activities will be celebrated with old scholars, past parents, past and current staff and friends of the College as a ‘Golden Jubilee Reunion Weekend’ featuring ‘Back to Austins Ferry’ events.

Programme of Events
Saturday November 17

10 am Austins Ferry campus open for tours and visits to Golden Jubilee Photo display in Edmund Rice Hall and History Centre and Administration Corridors.

12.30pm BBQ Luncheon for Class of 2011 and 2007 (Grade 10 2009/2005) on Principal’s Lawn. Informal gathering for one and five year reunion groups.

2.00 pm T20 cricket match – 1st XI v OVA Invitational XI.

4 pm Tours conclude. College remains open for all ‘drop in’ visitors till 4pm.

OVA Reunion Programme Dinner

5.00 pm Guided tour of Barrack St Campus

5.45 pm Reunion Liturgy at St Virgil’s Chapel Barrack St for Peer Groups and members of OVA Committee.

Sunday November 18

9.30 am  ‘A Ferry to the Ferry’ – guests book to catch a boat from the CBD to the Austins Ferry Yacht Club. Students who made the walk from the train to the College in 1962 invited to lead participants on a symbolic walk from the water’s edge to the College. Participants provided with tour of College and morning tea from 11 am.

10 am  Austins Ferry campus open for tours and visits to Golden Jubilee Photo display in History Centre and Administration Corridors.

11 am  Morning tea served by Hospitality students in foyer of JPC.

12.30 pm  BBQ luncheon for the Class of 2002.

2 pm  Golden Jubilee Mass – if weather permits in Austins Ferry Quadrangle or in JPC.

3.30 pm  Golden Jubilee Music Concert in the JPC

4.30 pm  Blessing of Golden Jubilee Statue and Cocktail Function

4.45 pm  Cocktail Function to conclude Golden Jubilee weekend.

Grade 7 Orientation

‘New Beginnings’

St Virgil’s College Grade 7 students and staff embarked upon a challenging and exciting journey as they worked collaboratively to make the transition from primary to secondary school an enjoyable and successful one. The journey, titled the ‘New Beginnings’ programme has been developed and implemented in response to extensive research about issues faced by students in making the difficult transition from primary to secondary school.

The change from primary to secondary education has traditionally been daunting for students - dealing with many new teachers, fellow student’s names to learn, rooms to find, timetables to decipher, new subjects to master and those pesky locker combinations to remember! Similarly for a school each new group brings great diversity and with 145 new students from 24 different schools a one size fits all transition programme in the first few days will not meet every student’s needs. Research indicates that during transitional periods students are at a greater risk of a negative effect on their academic progress, with around 40% of students having a decline in their academic achievement during such periods of time. Alarmingly for some students negative transition experiences may impact upon their learning for as long as 12 to 18 months. In cases where students do not ‘settle’ the chance of school refusal or drop out increases significantly.

In response to this research St Virgil’s College staff developed an innovative, challenging and fun eight day transition programme to increase student connectedness to their new learning environment. Research highlights that the key factors for assisting students with transition include building strong student-teacher relationships as well as engendering a strong sense of belonging for the students in their new environment. The programme also incorporates the key cultural characteristics of the College to heighten connections and the feeling of belonging. This is fostered through faith, service, physical, academic and outdoor experiences which are conducted by College staff in partnership with Grade 10 mentors who are also key players in the transition experience for Grade 7 students.

The New Beginnings Programme was conducted across a four week period early in Term One with the boys undertaking four-two day activities in their House group. Activities include an overnight Outdoor Educational experience, retreats focused on the Catholic faith, traditions and history of the College, service activities both at the Austins Ferry campus and the Bellerive Coast Care project and Pastoral activities to build strong relationships with peers and staff. A highlight of the pastoral activities has been the ‘Amazing Race around Hobart’ where students have been working in small groups to navigate their way around the city and complete a series of challenges and problem solving activities.

Whilst some may raise their eyebrows at the prospect of boys missing eight days of classes, the outcomes of the programme have been spectacular for students, staff and parents. Grade 7 Students have settled well into their new environment and have quickly developed strong friendships, peer support and excellent work habits. All of which comes as a huge relief to parents who share their son’s anxiety about making a smooth transition to their new educational home. The programme will be comprehensively reviewed by Coordinator Mr Cameron Alexander in consultation with staff, students and parents and fine-tuned for 2013 but has already exceeded expectations in addressing transition issues for the newest members of St Virgil’s College.
Student Leadership

On Friday February 21 the College held its annual Welcome and Commissioning Assembly, the highlight of which was the Commissioning of the senior leaders of the College. The Assembly was due recognition of the commitment of senior students to leadership at St Virgil’s, a commitment clearly evident in leadership development sessions with Mr Messer, Mr Alexander and Mr Blizzard.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2012:

**College Captain**
Jake Doran

**College Vice Captain**
Luke Warrener

**Doyle House Prefect**
Quinlan Revell

**Dwyer House Prefect**
Riley Backhouse

**Hessian House Prefect**
Henry Hopwood

**Joyce House Prefect**
Nicholas Pangrazzi

**Service - House Leaders**

- **Doyle**: Connor Fox
- **Dwyer**: Max Crosby
- **Hessian**: Sean Oakford
- **Joyce**: Jack Norris

**Spirit - House Leaders**

- **Doyle**: Jack Sandric
- **Dwyer**: Callum Kennedy
- **Hessian**: Isaac Mathewson
- **Joyce**: Matt Doran

**Sport - House Leaders**

- **Doyle**: Nathan Williams
- **Dwyer**: Trent Millhouse
- **Hessian**: Liam Heffernan
- **Joyce**: Matthew Joseph
Welcome to St Virgil’s College

New Staff 2012

The College is delighted to welcome the following staff members who have taken up the challenge of enhancing the educational offerings of the College and inspiring boys to achieve excellence in a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

- **Miss Imogen Gray**
  Graduate English/RE Teacher
  Master of Teaching UTAS - Secondary English and SOSE

- **Ms Ali Morse**
  College Psychologist

- **Mrs Maryanne Saxton-Hillier**
  Religious Education Coordinator
  Previously Head of Life & Faith (RE) at The Southport School, Gold Coast
  Bachelor of Education – UTAS

- **Mr Mark Waddington**
  Director of Development
  Previously Director of Development and Boarding at St Patrick’s College, Ballarat
  B.Ed (PE), Grad. Dip Sport Management, MBA (Marketing), MBM (Management)

- **Mr Jeremy Williamson**
  Director of Music/Leading Teacher Arts
  Previously Head of Brass at The Southport School, Gold Coast

ANZAC Day 2012

The annual celebration parade for ANZAC Day at the College and through the streets of Hobart provided an opportunity to reflect upon the devastation that war can bring to families, communities and countries whilst commemorating the sacrifices made by generations of service men and women. Students respectfully participated in many aspects of the parade and Cenotaph service. At both campuses students and staff spent time acknowledging those men and women who have fought so hard to provide us with what we have today. It is always pleasing to see boys willing to put something back into the community and get involved with these significant celebrations.

We are indeed very fortunate to live in Australia, a very peaceful country. We pray that one day all countries may be free of war and that the world becomes a more peaceful place.

‘A Sleeping Giant’

Dr Ian Colrain

In May all students from Grade 7 to 10 had the opportunity to listen to world renowned sleep expert Ian Colrain – an old boy from the Class of 1979. He provided boys with some very entertaining and important insights into the value of sleep and its relationship to school, work and sporting performance. As Ian noted some of the world’s major man-made disasters such as the Space Shuttle explosion could have been avoided if key personnel working at the time had been able to have more sleep.

Ian is Director of the Human Sleep Research Program and Associate Director of the Center for Health Sciences at SRI International. He also holds an appointment as a Professorial Fellow in Psychology at The University of Melbourne.

Ian is an old scholar of Corpus Christi School (1968-1973) and St Virgil’s (1974 – 1979). After leaving St Virgil’s he attended the University of Tasmania where he received a B.Sc, in Computer Science and Psychology, a first class Honours degree in Psychology and a PhD in Sleep Physiology. Following a post-doctoral fellowship in Anatomy at the University of Tasmania Medical School, he held academic appointments in Neuroscience at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and the University of Melbourne.

Prior to founding the sleep programme at SRI he was the Senior Clinical Research Scientist at the Stanford Sleep Disorders Clinic. He is the author of over 200 papers chapters and presentations, is an associate editor for the journal SLEEP, and is an active member of the Academy of Sleep Medicine and the Sleep Research Society. He has been funded to conduct sleep studies on children adolescents and adults by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health in the USA, and works with early stage medical device companies to develop new treatments for sleep disorders.

Ian is currently living in America with his young family and the College was greatly privileged to have him give up his time during his short visit home to see his mother and father, Michael also a noted old Scholar and a member of the College’s esteemed Heritage Roll of Honour.

Whilst Ian’s presentation to students about the importance of sleep was invaluable perhaps his most poignant message to all students was to inspire boys to work hard, take risks and not to be continually open
to new ideas and challenges. With such a mindset they too could end up working in any part of the world and in areas they may not have dreamed of whilst at school. Dr Ian Colrain is a wonderful exemplar of the academic traditions of the College and the College is justifiably proud of his career and contribution to the wider community.

Dr Ian Lillico

On Monday February 6, the College was honoured to share a day with Dr Ian Lillico, arguably the nation’s leading authorities on the education of boys. During the day Ian worked intensively with staff about the specific issues and challenges related to educating boys. During the evening he conducted an entertaining, engaging and informative session with parents to provide practical tips on how to raise boys and assist them with the journey to becoming fine young men.

Ian is a father of three sons, a former Principal of City Beach High School in WA and an international consultant in gender, boys’ education and middle schooling. He has undertaken highly acclaimed action research in gender throughout Australia and New Zealand from 1992 and in the Northern Hemisphere during his Churchill Fellowship in 2000. He has been with the Education Department of WA for 31 years and has held the positions of Teacher, Head of Department, Deputy Principal and Principal.

Ian is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Boys Forward Institute. He has a PhD (Education), is a National Fellow of The Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) and was the ACEL 2006 National Travelling Scholar. Ian is a highly sought after presenter and the College is privileged to have him to provide practical
and informative learning opportunities for teachers, parents and students.

St Virgil’s College recognises and celebrates the different learning styles and needs of boys as they make the transition from boyhood to manhood.

Like St Virgil’s, hundreds of schools around the world are making a difference to the way that boys are performing and this will be further enhanced following the extensive work with Ian, as well as follow up actions including a comprehensive audit of the College’s programmes using Ian’s 52 point audit process.

Ian’s practical and hands on approach to issues such as bullying, curriculum delivery and behaviour management has been widely acclaimed by many staff as some of the best professional development they have ever attended. Parents found the presentation engaging and invaluable in understanding the development needs of their sons, particularly as they navigate the challenging teenage years!

Sustainability Expo
‘Ringo the Albatross’

A life size albatross made of discarded plastic rings formed the centre display at the ‘Living Sustainability Forum’ held at St Virgil’s College, Austins Ferry on Saturday March 31. ‘Ringo’ provided a tangible focus for the Expo and has also been featured at the the Long Gallery in Salamanca, where he has been extremely popular winning the People’s Choice Awards in the Tasmanian Annual ‘Art from Trash’ competition.

The ‘Freedom Redeemers’ group under the leadership of Mrs Bridget Jenkins created a life-sized wandering albatross from discarded plastic rings to highlight the plight of marine animals and the high price they pay for the waste and neglect of human beings.

Of particular concern to the group is the terrible danger that waste plastic products pose to our precious marine life, in particular animals such as turtles, sea birds, seals and even platypus whom become entangled in the by-products of humans’ opulent and wasteful existence.

To highlight this significant issue students constructed an albatross using the small yet potentially lethal plastic rings, which are attached to the neck of milk containers and other plastic packaging products. A bounty was set up to collect the rings ($1 for each 20 rings collected) and within a short period students had collected in excess of 14,000 plastic rings!

With the help of woodwork staff and students who created a life like beak, students attached the 14,000 rings to the skeleton of the albatross. The result is a stunning and poignant reminder of the dangers excessive and neglectful lifestyles can have upon the planet.

Ringo the Albatross will go on permanent display at the College and remains a powerful reminder for all students about their own responsibilities in regards to sustainability and custodianship of our environment.

Grease is the Word!

In 2012 students from St Virgil’s and St Mary’s College will join forces to perform the much loved classic musical Grease. The show will run from August 30 to September 1. After an extensive selection process the following boys were named in roles for the show.

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Other musicians and students will also be involved with the production which will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of students from both Colleges. Given the rave reviews from last year’s production, ‘Smokey Joe’s Café,’ it is sure to be a fantastic show and tickets will sell quickly.

Sharing the Bounty

During lent staff shared their produce and skills to raise money for Project Compassion. Through the leadership of Mrs Bridget Jenkins the idea was hatched to raise money for those less fortunate by giving of our abundance. For staff with a flourishing garden, laying chickens, good hunting grounds, knowledge of where the fish are biting or who are an expert cake maker or preserver of fruits and jams there was a great opportunity to contribute to this mini market. Staff supported the initiative by purchasing some fabulous products from the SVC farmers community! Over $500 was raised by staff by the venture which tangibly highlighted the key messages underpinning Project Compassion.
At the Junior School Commissioning Assembly a significant number of Junior School boys were commissioned to positions of leadership for 2012. These boys were recently chosen or elected to the following positions of leadership and responsibility.

**School Captain**  
Spencer Hall

**Vice Captain**  
Oscar Walker

**Student Representative Council**

**Grade 3**  
Ryan Borsboom  
and Harry Fisher

**Grade 4**  
Samuel Excell  
and Tyler Penwright

**Grade 5**  
Lachlan Sice  
and Riley Thomas

**Grade 5/6:**  
Alexander Fracalossi  
and Angus Rogers

**Grade 6:**  
Joshua Woodward  
and Thomas Clark

**House Team Captains and Vice Captains**

**Doyle Captain**  
Jacob Saville

**Vice Captain**  
Bodhi Kingston

**Dwyer Captain**  
Jackson Ebini

**Vice Captain**  
Brodie Sinclair

**Hessian Captain**  
Harrison Loveless

**Vice Captain**  
Sofoklis Flouris

**Joyce Captain**  
Angus Barrett

**Vice Captain**  
Julian Pangrazzi
A Growing Endeavour

This year the Junior School Veggie Garden has been overflowing with a wide range of fresh produce. Students have planted, cared for and harvested different varieties of tomatoes, pumpkins, zucchini, runner beans, carrots to date and will embark upon new plantings as the seasons dictate.

Under the guidance of Mrs Graves, groups of boys have learnt how to prepare garden beds, plant seedlings, mulch, water and maintain crops. This year we had a bumper crop and our Green Thumbs Team sold fresh produce to parents and staff after school.

Grade 5/6 used the excess of tomatoes to make jars of chutney and relish. Towards the end of Term 1 boys have cleaned up all our garden beds and planted our Winter crops including cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots. Students have really enjoyed working in the vegie garden and have in the process learned valuable skills that can be used at home as well as information that complements the College’s commitment to sustainability.

Bank Development Project

A highlight of the end of Term 1 Junior School Assembly was the presentation of a cheque for $15,000 to the College from the Junior School Parents and Friends Association President Michael Moschogianis. The money raised by the P&F will be used for the Bank Development Project. The College commends the P&F for their hard work and support of this important project and exhort all parents to continue to support the P&F.

Grade 3 Camp

Mrs Helen Fielding - Grade 3 Class Teacher

In the last week of term, Grade 3 students, accompanied by three teachers and three parents, went to Coningham for their class camp. The weather was good and this helped set the scene for a very enjoyable two days. For most boys it was their first overnight camp experience and all greatly enjoyed this challenge and new adventure.

Our first stop was the Mt Nelson Signal Station where the boys had a chance to explore the area. The next stop was Dru Point at Margate and the boys had fun using the play equipment and playing in the sandpit before having lunch.

A highlight of the day for many of the boys was going over to Bruny Island on the ferry after lunch as foot passengers. We took the return trip back and hopped on the bus again and headed for Montgomery Park at Coningham. After tea we toasted marshmallows and looked at the stars around a bonfire before settling down for sleep.

The next day the boys had the chance to play soccer, football or basketball on site followed by a sand sculpture competition down on the beach. We had a picnic lunch then we headed back to school after a very pleasant time. The camp was an excellent way to finish of the term and the boys participated very well in all the activities.

Music Programme and are greatly enjoying this wonderful new challenge and hitting a few high notes in the process!
via fundraising activities and working bees so that this important project, which benefits all boys, can be completed by July 2012. Thank you and well done to the P&F.

Sport

Congratulations to the following boys who have accepted the challenge and responsibility of being summer sport leaders in 2012 and have represented the College with pride and distinction in Term 1.

Summer Sports Captains 2012

Cricket
Captain        Riley Backhouse
Vice Captain   Matthew MacDonald

Swimming
Captain        Angus Denholm
Vice Captain   Jack Sandric

Tennis
Captain        Alex Wolff
Vice Captain   Daniel Groom

Sailing
Captain        Sam Tiedemann
Vice Captains  Tommy Cooper, Jake Cattaruzza

Rowing
Captain        Alex Paterson
Vice Captains  Jack Harrison
House Team Swim Carnival

On Monday March 5 Junior School boys participated in the Annual House Team Swimming Carnival. What a day it was! The weather was just perfect; sunny but not too hot and the competition was fierce. It was fantastic to see so many of our boys getting into as many events as possible, doing their best and having fun! Special thanks to all who assisted with this carnival; in particular, our staff members, parent helpers, House Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to the winning House team, Joyce.

Final results were:

1st Joyce 358 points
2nd Dwyer 348
3rd Doyle 295
4th Hessian 268

Tennis Triumph

Tennis
1st Grade SASS State Final

Marist Regional College
defeated
St Virgil’s College 6 – 0 (80 – 34)

Congratulations to the 1st IV Team of Alex Wolff, Daniel Groom, Henry Hopwood, Dylan Webb and Mitch Free who made it to the State Final against Marist in Launceston after winning the 1st IV tennis competition in Hobart after a strong win against Hutchins. Unfortunately the team came up against a very polished team of accomplished tennis players and went down in all rubbers. The biggest lesson that the boys took out of their performance is that you must make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. Well done to all boys who played for the team to make it a very memorable season.

Doubles
Wolff/Groom
Lt
Johnstone/Jones
4-6, 6-3, 8-10

Webb/Free
Lt
Parke/Mooney
1-6, 3-6

Singles
A. Wolff
Lt
E. Johnstone
1-6, 2-6

D. Groom
Lt
C. Parke
5-7, 0-6

Rubbers
SVC 0
MRC 6

Games
SVC 34
MRC 80

Kelly Tames Shipstern Bluff

Lion-hearted Grade 9 Clifton Beach surfer Kelly Nordstrom has attracted national media attention after riding a monster wave at Shipstern Bluff. A Channel Nine news crew flew from Melbourne to film the teenager as he repeated the feat of becoming the youngest surfer to take on the terrifying big wave spot on the Tasman Peninsula. Kelly’s dad Johnno watched nervously from his boat as Kelly took on Shipstern for the second time in as many months. Kelly is a State representative and may well in the future take on the world’s renowned big wave surfers!

M. Free
Lt
F. Mooney
1-6, 0-6

H. Hopwood
Lt
C. Jones
1-6, 2-6

Rowing

Mr James Dalton
Rowing

In March I had the pleasure of attending the Australian Rowing Championships at Champion Lakes in Perth, WA. St Virgil’s College were represented by Alec Paterson and Jack Harrison, competing in the Under 17 Single and Double Scull.

In what proved to be very challenging conditions (37-40 degrees), the boys performed exceptionally well over the week, with both boys reaching the A Final of the Under 17 Single, with Jack winning a silver medal and Alec gaining sixth place. The boys backed up in the Under 17 Double, winning the bronze medal.

Congratulations must go to both boys on what was an outstanding result on the National stage. The win complemented their achievement if winning a State title at Lake Barrington in February.
An Athletics Star!

Well done to Biniyam Hagos of Grade 8 who won an astounding three gold medals at the Australian Junior Athletics Championship in Sydney. Bini won gold medals in the 3000 metres, 1500 metres and 2000 metre steeplechase, against the nation’s best junior athletes, a performance that augurs well for a very bright future in the sport.

1st XI Premiers

As in previous years the SVC 1st XI played in the Southern SATIS College 2nd XI competition in 2012. The team continued their recent tradition of strong performances in this competition by again claiming the Southern SATIS title with a comprehensive win over Guilford Young College by 61 runs.

Although the win, and the success for the whole season, was built on a strong team effort a number of individual performance warrant mention:

- Alex Wolff scored 106 off 66 balls against Hutchins;
- Jack Norris taking 6/11 including a hat-trick against Friends; and
- Caleb Jewell scoring an unbeaten 86 off 56 balls in the final.

Congratulations to a Riley Backhouse and Matthew MacDonald who were named Captain and Vice-Captain of the team for the leadership they displayed throughout not only this season but also the weeks of training the boys went through at the end of 2011 in preparation for this year.
The boys will continue to train as a team throughout the winter months and then play against a number of teams in Term Three culminating in the highlight of the cricket schedule each year the DiVenuto-Saunders Shield match against arch rivals Hutchins.

Excellence in Sport

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved outstanding results in Term 1 or have been selected for State representative duties.

- Aaron Harvey has qualified for the Tasmanian State Trampoline team to attend National age championships in Sydney. He has qualified in both trampoline and double mini. Aaron finished fourth in Junior international division on trampoline at the State age Championships.
- Joshua Harvey and his partner took out the state Under 11 synchronised trampoline title and also came third on double mini and fourth in trampoline at the State age Championships.
- Caleb Jewell and Harry Bradburn were selected to represent Tasmania in the National Under 15 cricket championships in February and March.
- Callum Barker represented Tasmania in the Under 18 National Basketball Championships in Perth from April 14 to 22 2012 and is a member of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport Programme.
- Alexander Peroni raced in the Victorian State Go-Karting Titles in March and acquitted himself exceptionally well against older and more experienced drivers.
- Joshua McDermott won an incredible four individual events at the SSAIS swimming carnival, Jack Fairhurst won two races with other winners of individual races being Josh Rice, Tom Gauden and Mitchell Hoare.
- Alex Wolff made an incredible century in the T20 competition, whilst bowler Jack Norris bagged a hat trick in the 2012 Premiership team.
- The following students have been selected in the Tasmanian Under 16 State Football Academy:
  - Matt Doran
  - Jack Sandric
  - Henry Hopwood
  - Jordan Arnold
  - Matt Joseph
  - Marcus Gardner

IceBerger Sailing

Br Peter Flint

While many were abed over the holidays, dreaming of Facebook and/or Call of Duty, a number of hearty lads were braving the winter gales, snow and hail, assorted icebergs and the encouragement of Flipper to sail the seas off Austins Ferry.

There were three sailing sessions over the break and each was attended by ten or more students, all well rugged up and occasionally with two wet suits on. Even the few who capsized and had to be assisted before they became human icy poles, reported through chattering teeth that they had a great time.

On the third and final session, several mini-races were held with some interesting penalties. One lad copped a “360” for having the wrong coloured beanie. Several others were advised of the ‘First Round the Mark’ penalty as they went around the mark - first. Others won a “720” for ‘Nothing at All’. All up it made for a fun session, and demonstrated the skills many of these boys have developed since they started sailing last December.

We are hoping for a ‘Mid-Winter Regatta’ especially for the newcomers to sailing. We were thinking of a Le Mans type start, where the boats would be moored off shore and the boys would have to swim out to them and get them under way. But there was not enough room on the pontoon for them all to dive in at once. We have let that one go.

These sessions could not happen without the support of many parents, and the expert instruction of ‘Flipper’. We have mums who wash the towels, dads who tow the RIB and do sundry other tasks, (Might get the Mums involved in the instruction of ‘Flipper’. We have mums who wash the towels, dads who tow the RIB and do sundry other tasks, (Might get the Mums involved in the instruction of ‘Flipper’). We have mums who wash the towels, dads who tow the RIB and do sundry other tasks, (Might get the Mums involved in the instruction of ‘Flipper’). We have mums who wash the towels, dads who tow the RIB and do sundry other tasks, (Might get the Mums involved in the instruction of ‘Flipper’).
Meanwhile, off Sandy Bay the boys training for the National Titles in July, are also getting cold and soggy as they train hard in cold conditions. There were mornings last year when they had to take ice off the boats before they could sail! St Virgil’s sailors are a hardy lot - Rowers, take note!

There is limited sailing these days, but room for the occasional newcomer. As the year progresses, activities will increase. We would welcome expressions of interest from boys interested, especially those in the Junior School. An email to Br Peter Flint will get you access to web based sailing information for St Virgil’s. brpete@gmail.com or visit: https://sites.google.com/site/svcsailing/

Photos and videos and a heap of other sailing information is available there.

St Virgil’s sailors are good little tackers!

Junior School Football Carnival

On Friday June 29 Last Friday, St Virgil’s joined a number of Northern Suburbs Catholic Schools in a round robin carnival at the senior school. The day was a great success and we thank Mr Messer and the Senior School staff for arranging to host the round robin at very short notice due to grounds at Hutchins being unavailable. St Virgil’s had three teams participating and they did very well throughout the day. Congratulations to our players for their fine play, great sportsmanship and willingness to give of their best throughout the day!
President’s Report

Edward Gauden - OVA President

At our recent AGM I was very privileged to be elected as President of an organisation that has been an encouragement to me by just simply providing a connection with my past school days. Some things we would like to forget but many more I believe we value. This was clearly evident last year in the centenary celebrations with classmates across so many years coming together and renewing friendships with a laugh and an ale. For past scholars of St Virgil’s College there will always be the connection with a College that provided them with memories and friendships that for some have extended well over 70 years.

Coming into the role as President is not an easy task, not only because I wish to build upon the work of our previous President Adrian Coetzee but also wish to address the significant and immediate need of keeping the association current, relevant and viable.

There is no argument that currently we are fortunate to have significant numbers who are old scholars of the St Virgil’s with just under 10,000. Our future membership however is challenged with students unable to complete their secondary education at the College. As an association we will continue to promote the importance of having the College continue beyond Year 10 but it is not in our power to do anything further. For this reason The Old Virgilian’s Association must take on a new direction to survive. To take us forward I am very fortunate to have a very talented team of committee members that share the passion for the association. Dan Reardon is the Vice President with Rene Sluyters as Secretary, Bill Roach Treasurer, Adrian Coetzee, Peter Imlach, David Clark, Michael Ball, Graeme Rainbow and Bruce Woods; I thank them for their support to me and their hard work.

In addressing this new direction a number of new initiatives are currently in development. The constitution is being redrawn allowing the association greater flexibility in order to raise funds to support the college as well as supporting old scholars who may face hardship. A web page is also being developed so better communication is available for old...
scholars as well promoting new functions for younger old scholars at times and places that are more convenient.

The discussions to date at meetings of the new committee have centred on what do we recognise our role to be and what changes do we need to make to remain relevant? I am very eager to hear the thoughts of scholars young and old who feel that they may contribute to strengthening the association. At the same time we are committed to continuing to nurture already existing events that assist past scholars keep their college and their friendships strong and alive.

In conclusion I do wish to acknowledge the commitment and hard work to all the previous committee members especially Roger Smart, Barry Cooper, Ashton Shirley and past Vice President North West, John Munro. Their tireless work along that of the past President, Adrian Coetzee have made it far easier for me and the new committee to lead The Old Virglian’s Association into the future.

St Virgil’s Old Scholars Cricket Club
The 2011/2012 season brought with it a new beginning for the Saints with the club joining the Southern Cricket League. This meant fresh start for our older players and the chance to pit our skills against more teams than our previous competition, the Southern Tasmanian Cricket League.

As in most cases for a club who is joining a new competition, the first season is always challenging. We returned to Austins Ferry as our home after many years away and began to familiarize ourselves with our new opposition and their respective grounds. However, as always the Saints knuckled down and gave their all.

Unfortunately there was not the success of previous seasons. Both first and second grades missed out on finals action. That said first grade came perilously close. However, first grade were able to qualify for the state 20/20 competition and to the lads credit represented the club proudly.

A great success to come out of the season was the growth in our younger stocks. The rapid improvement of these players was not only great for the individuals but for the club moving forward. The club also hopes to see a lot more young and keen cricketers sign up with us in the coming years.

In regards to individual honours, congratulations goes to Jason Rigby – Club Champion, Leigh Nosworthy – First Grade Batting, Jason Rigby – First grade Bowling, Michael Varney – Second Grade Batting, Amey Jambekar – Second Grade Bowling and Shaun Willey – Clubman of the Year.

SVOSCC Board and players would also like to take this opportunity to thank the season’s sponsors, whom without their support would obviously make near impossible for this club to exist. A big thank you goes to Customs House Hotel, Andrew Jones Travel, Talbot Hotel, Tas Isle Trading and ABEL Cleaning.

The Club would also like to take this opportunity to invite any one interested in donning the whites for the 2012/2013 season to contact our club President Kent Millington on 0415 709 623. We are always looking for new players and members to join this great club.

The Club is working extremely hard during the off season to in order to provide on and off field success and one major part of this is the on going improvements of the facilities at the St Virgils College oval. The club is currently holding a raffle that will be drawn at the club’s quiz night in August. All money raised will be going towards building better facilities for players and spectators. For more details on either please check the SVOSCC Facebook page.

Go Saints!!!

St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club
Tom Pilkington - President

Last year was a tough end to the season for the Saints, with the seniors going out in the semi-final against Richmond after being up by 50 points at half time, and the reserves losing by four points in a preliminary final loss to Hutchins. Both sides were keen to atone for this disappointment. Jason Britten was again appointed senior coach along with Assistant Coaches Leigh Post and off another 100 goal season Adrian ‘Chopper’ Burdon. The team also has an injection of talent with the arrival of Glenorchy star Jon Bowring to help bolster an already talented outfit. Chopper Burdon was appointed as Reserves coach and he is keen to taste some more finals success with the team this year.
Pre-season began in November with a keen outfit wanting to make 2012 the year for the Saints. With one of the best pre-seasons under their belt there were high hopes for the team going into Round 1 against Richmond, with the team keen to make amends for the disappointment of the semi-final last year. A fast starting Richmond came out and shocked the senior side, but the side clawed its way back to see the score all square in the last quarter. Unfortunately Richmond kicked away and won by 15 points. The next week saw a much more improved effort against Channel securing a comfortable win. The game at Geilston Bay was seen as a vital contest and the boys came out firing, and went into the three quarter time huddle 27 points up. The cue seemed to be put in the rack though and OHA kicked six goals to the Saints one in the last quarter to win by five points. This seemed to really hurt the team and it has struggled to find its form since losing its next three to Uni, DOSA and Hutchins. The team is looking for a more consistent effort over four quarters in the following weeks to try and bounce back and secure a finals berth. The reserves have had a mixed season so far, with the team sitting at 3-3 and looking to consolidate its place in the four over the coming weeks.

Mark Beck was again appointed as Club Captain and is key to the Saints success this year, along with his deputies, Zac Batchelor, Patrick Midson and Marcus Parker. We wish these guys all the best for the remainder of the season.

I would also like to thank the committee and volunteers. 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 (Senior Match Manager) and Nathan Hartnett (Bench Coach), are vital in keeping the club alive.

I would like to thank our committee members; Bradley Canning, Cameron Gill, Jon Gill, Michael Grandin, Daniel Nicholas, Tim Nicholas, Jeremy Parker, Matthew Parker and Matthew Rice. You have been directly involved in every facet of St Virgil’s, 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.

The Trophy Cabinet
Premiers

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1972 St Virgil’s First XVIII
40 year Football Reunion
On a chilly winter’s day in August an eager group of Virgillians headed north, full of confidence to take on the Northern Premier’s, St Pat’s, in the State Final of the Independent Schools Australian Rules Football Competition. The Southern Saints had gone through the roster undefeated against Hutchins, Friends and Savio, with seven players returning to avenge the State Final loss by three points against Grammar on a drizzly afternoon at the Ferry 12 months before.

New coach and legendary VFL, Melbourne Demons, Premiership player of the 1950’s, Stuart Spencer, who had also coached Clarence in the TFL, had the boys fitter and more skilled than ever throughout a season which included a rare victory over the visiting Victorian Christian Brothers College team, St Joseph’s Geelong, 1st XVIII by 7 points in June. This was rumored to be the only time St Virgil’s had defeated a Victorian College team.

The Saints from the South lost the toss and started slowly against a strong breeze but a strong defence led by Phil Young kept St Pat’s at bay. The second quarter was a battle of defences, the third saw St Virgil’s hold storming forward repeatedly against the wind with solid work from Tony Gill and Joe Vasocz in the ruck, Herby Mundy (1 goal) took control and small men Fred Heerey (2 goals) and Laurie McGee (4 goals) cut loose.

The last quarter was a formality with the wind, centreman Vin Gerasimenok capped off a great game with a dynamic display of pace and kicking to be best on the ground.
The Southern Saints powered away to a resounding win 11.6.72 to St Pat’s 3.7.25.

The victory was part of a great sporting year for the College, the first time since 1954 St Virgil’s won the State football and Athletics and added to this the State Hockey and Cross Country Competitions. The view of the Brothers was that this was one of the three best teams in the 100 year history of the College.

Captain John “Ribbs” Ribbon had an inspiring year but was injured for the final coming off the bench to play out the last minutes of the game and picking up two late goals and star forward John “Herby” Mundy “a brilliant player on his day”; both went on to be a part of the infamous Sandy Bay team of 1973 winning all games for the season only to be beaten by rank outsiders Hobart in the TFL Grand Final.

Richard “Fred” Heerey with his “silky skills and natural ball magnet qualities” was a clear Best and Fairest winner and went on to play with North Hobart along with Vin Gerasimenok judged the Best on Ground in the State Final.

Grade 10 Twins Laurie and Gerry McGee two of the quickest athletes in the State were great young contributors, Tony Gill in the ruck “gave the rovers an arm chair ride in the final”, Peter Eaton son of legendary Tasmanian footballer Dasher Eaton “displayed great strength and courage”.

Kieran “Jack” Mahoney, School Captain, Best & Fairest Runner up and the team’s leading goal kicker (including one seven goal haul in the season and three in the final) “his lightning leads when resting in the pocket made him look even better”.

The team wasanchored with a very solid backline in Phil Young, Peter Monachetti, Glen Carey, Ian Brown, Peter Bresnehan and Ken Drake and damaging centre line and forwards David Conley, Kim “Polly” Lovering, Paul Tate (one goal in the final and a nine goal haul during the season) and bench warmers for the day with Ribbs were Chris Wright (father Geoff was coached by Stuart Spencer at Clarence and played in the winning 1948 St Virgil’s State Final against Grammar) and Stafford Bennett host for many team celebratory functions.

The Christian Brothers, especially Br Russell Peters, Team Manager (source of the quotes above along with the Mercury) and Br Bill Wilding, Sports Master, were great team supporters after arranging a controversial decision not to appoint a Christian Brother as coach.

Reunion celebrations are happening on the weekend of August 10, 11 and 12 with a Friday evening get together at Montgomery’s. On Saturday afternoon OVA play DOSA (Savio) at North Hobart and this will be followed by a Cocktail Function in the evening at the Royal Yacht Club Sandy Bay and a Sunday afternoon BBQ at Austins Ferry, to explore the History Centre and have a kick on the oval for old time sake! Player’s families and friends are welcome. For further details about what promises to be a great reunion weekend please contact Chris Wright - email chrisw@tcmpl.com.au or 0418136469.

Engagements, Births and Weddings

Engagements

January

• Luke McKinlay and Maggie Jones.

March

• Daniel Watson and Catherine Neale.

Births

January

• Rob and Pen Gourlay, a daughter, Amelia Charlotte.
• Andrew and Sarah McDavid, a son, Samson John.
• Jeremy and Simone Sharpen, a daughter, Ella Rose.
• Ryan and Grace Kinder, a daughter, Gabrielle Mae.
• Drew and Jessica Isaac, a son, Max Henry.

February

• Brad and Alexandra Canning, a daughter, Nina Lilian.

Weddings

January

• Jorrick Chivers and Claire Walsh.

May

- Adam and Alice Direen, a son Hudson Leo.
- Robert and Nikko Thompson a daughter, Mia Emilie.
- Joel and Melissa Thirgood (nee Canning), a daughter, Emily May.
- Craig and Allison Wilson, a daughter, Ivy Florence.
- Simon and Sarah Dodge, twins, Spencer Simon and Milla Sarah.
- Daniel and Kelly Hortle, a son, William Tasman.
- Troy and Michelle Williams, a daughter, Polyanne Rose.
- Ben and Bo-Dene Hardaker, a daughter, Milla May.
- Cameron Stuart and Kate Smythie, a daughter, Millie Belle.

May 2011

- Matt and Erin Gizselman, a son, John Anthony

June 2011

- Stuart and Julia Ralph, a son, Cohen Simon.

July 2011

- Marty and Donna MacFarlane, a daughter, Elodie Emmanuelle in Perth WA

(Apologies Matt, Stuart and Marty for not including these in the last edition.)

Obituaries

January

- Nancy Irene Edwards, wife of Baden.
- Antonio Di Virgilio, father and father-in-law of Nick and Tracey and Giuliano and Adelina, Rita and Joe.

February

- Pat McCormack OAM (SVC 1948-1950), husband of Judy, father and father-in-law of Deborah and John Franklin, Paul, Craig and Kate, Jane and Courtney Adams, brother and brother-in-law of Max and Peggy, Murray and Beverley.
- Leon Frances Brue, husband of Patricia, father and father-in-law of Felicity and Patrick Oxbridge and Elizabeth Dwyer, brother and brother-in-law of Wallace (dec) and Mary Brue, Barbara (dec) and Patrick Kennedy.
- June Fazackerley, wife of Paddy (Snr) (dec), mother of Patrick, Gregory (dec) and Christopher and mother-in-law of Sophie and Elaine.
- Patricia Margaret Fisher, wife of the late Barry Darrell Fisher.
- Judith Mary Hutton nee Carnegie, in Melbourne, wife of Pierre Hutton (SVC 1935-1945), mother of Paul, Anne Claire, Caroline and Josephine, daughter of Ernest Jervis (Jim) Carnegie(dec), and Jean Russell nee Gabb (dec), sister of Barbara(dec), Pamela and Jane

March

- Minnie Margaret Kilmartin, wife of Geoffrey (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Judy and Rod Clingeleffer, Debbie and Nick Goddard, nan of Jodie, Mathew, Meegan, Sean and Kate, Warwick and Catherine and Eleanor.
- Rosaria Eileen Cook, wife of Mark, mother and mother-in-law of Catherine and John Shaw, Elizabeth and Bill McMahon, Mark and Gina Cook, James and Donna Cook.
- Guido Fassina, father of Darren.
- Andrew Glenn Jackson (SVC 1993), son of Glenn and Barbara, brother and brother-in-law of Allen and Chantal.
- Leslie Charles Apted, father of Matthew.
- Dr Helen Rushton, wife of Father Peter John (dec), mother of Jim, Anne and David (dec).
- Pauline Mary Burke, sister of Ken.
- Lloyd Patrick Derrick (SVC), husband of Joan (dec), father of Julie, Helen and Teresa, father-in-law of Ralph.
- Margaret Mary Moon, mother of David and mother-in-law of Karen.
• Valmara Clair Coetzee, sister and sister-in-law of Adrian and Mary.

April

• Sydney George MacFarlane, husband of Aralia, father and father-in-law of Paul and Pam, Kathy and Rick, Peter, David, Michael, June and Aaron.

• Terence Sydney Healy, father of John.

• Nigel James Bradford, father of David.

• Firmino Favetto, father of Steve.

• Avis Mary Byrne, in Queensland, mother of Michael.

• Roderick Frances Gowans OAM, husband of Ella (dec), father and father-in-law of Carmel and Robert Torenius, Ann and John Gard, Gerard and Anne, Lynn Gowans and Bruce Hartney, Philip and Gabriella.

• Janice Andrews, wife of David, mother and mother-in-law of Paul and Melissa, John and Rachael.

• Kenneth Frances Lowrie OBE, OAM, ASM, (SVC 1941-1944), husband of Jean, father of Margot, Peter, Michelle, Helen and Richard, father-in-law of Lou, Guy, Errol and Mandy.

May

• Anthony John Crikli, father of Brett.

• Donald Eric Haydon (SVC 1952-1953), husband of Christine, former husband of Pat (dec), father of Gina, Brian, Grant, Kathlyn, step father of Andrew, Jane, Michael, James and Cherie, son of the late Jessie and Eric, son-in-law of Phyllis and Peter (dec).

• Rev. Father Daniel John McMahon (SVC 1950-1955), son of the late William and Susan, brother and brother-in-law of Margaret (dec), Constance and John Bennett and William (dec).

• Leo Phillip Byrne (SVC 1935), husband of Marj (dec), father and father-in-law of Inga and Greg, Bob and Maxine (dec), Ellen, Bernadette, John and Sue, Lu and Scott and Paul and Deb, stepfather of Wendy and Dianne, brother and brother-in-law of Jim (dec) and Betty (dec), and Elizabeth.

• Gayle Marcelle Poulson, wife of David, sister of Shayne and sister-in-law of Ian and Margaret,

• Cecily Cook, wife of Owen (dec), mother of Mary and Dominica (dec), Brendan (dec), Charles and Diane, Justin and Marjorie, Owen and Julie, Paul and Joanne, Damian and Kyle, Cecilia and Frank.

• Wendy Anne Dawson, wife of Michael, mother and father-in-law of Nathan, and Deb, Joshua and Bianca, and Nicholas, sister and sister-in-law of Merilyn and Brian Moore.

• Noel Edward Fannon, (SVC 1947-1953) husband of Joy, father of Gregory and Margaret, father-in-law of Suzanne and Peter, son of Lyla and Ted, brother of Ron (dec), Madeleine, Lorna and Frances (dec).

Letters

Hi Rene
Recently my wife Melita and I set off to complete a Quad bike ride across the top end of Tasmania raising money for Prostate and Breast cancer. We started on the beach at Scamander (East Coast) and finished on the beach at Couta Rocks (West Coast). We saw amazing parts of Tassie that you don’t see from hot and dusty to snow and hail! We raised $44,000 which took six months to organise. We had 27 quad riders including my wife on the back of my bike and nine support crew. It cost $8,000 for fuel and $6,000 for food. The next ride is the same time next year and the cause for 2013 is Bowel Cancer. Sorry haven’t got any photos – it’s all on the video camera!

Cheers
Mel and Craig Stubbs

Hi Rene
Thanks for including details in your January edition of the passing of our mother on 20 August 2011 – June Patricia Denne. I was her primary carer for some years after leaving the Commonwealth government in 2007. My brothers appreciated all expressions of sympathy from old school mates, some of whom were in attendance at the Holy Spirit Church in Sandy Bay.

The front cover of the January 2012 edition conjured up memories of the Austins Ferry train – which ceased in 1969 – the only year I spent out there and the same year as we were glued to the TV watching Neil Armstrong land on the moon in July 1969.

My older brothers Chris and Tony and their wives Sandra and Judy are off to Scotland and the UK in May and June for the marriage of Chris’ eldest son Matthew on June 3 on the Isle of Mull. No doubt there will be some touring around and maybe even attendance at the cricket whilst the Australians are on tour.

Andrew is still working with the Commonwealth government in Adelaide and Paul is keeping busy with the mining boom in WA and is based in Perth.

I am looking to do some volunteer work soon and to engage in more travel to South Africa to see friends there. I also hope to re-visit the World Vision Projects and other NGO activity in Lesotho that I was privileged to see first-hand in March 2006 on my last visit to that fascinating part of the world.

Thanks for you time …

Michael Denne (SVC 1967-70) and Edmund Rice College Bundoora (1971-72)

Hi Rene.
Simon’s Ball for Prostate Cancer was again a great success with over 400 in attendance, raising $34,000 and totallying $104,000 in the last three years, proceeds of which has gone directly to the Prostate Foundation, Clifford Craig Medical research trust and the Cancer Council of Tas. The Ball will be held again this year on November 17 at Albert

Letters
Hello Rene

Excellent articles in the last edition of Words and Deeds on Old Virgilians in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). This has prompted me to write of my own two sons who were two recent former students and now current members of the ADF.

Adam Hepworth (SVC 2001-2004) graduated from the ADF Academy in Canberra in 2009 with a bachelor of Science (Mathematics) from the University of NSW. In December 2010 he then graduated from the Royal Military College of Australia at Duntroon and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Australian Regular Army. Adam is based at Darwin.

Ben Hepworth (SVC 2003-2006) joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a trainee pilot in 2009. After graduating from Officer Training School, Flying Training School and the RAAF Advanced Pilots Course, Ben received his 'pilot's wings' from the Chief of the Defence Force and was been commissioned to the rank of Pilot Officer in June 2011. Ben is now based at RAAF East Sale in Victoria.

Regards

Stephen Hepworth

Dear Rene,

I have been attending the University of Tasmania Foundation dinner at West Point tonight.
It was pleasing to see Simon Hollingsworth receive the 2012 UTAS Foundation Graduate Award, for his personal and sporting achievements. This is the second year in a row that an Old Virgillian has been the recipient of this award

Regards

Simon Ralph

Dear Rene,

Sorry it has taken so much time to get on to you all and apologies to those I didn’t get to catch up with in Hobart before I left in early February. It was a mad rush to pack up and plan the move. I think this is my seventh week here now, the third with Lou and the kids. We are living in Doubleview – about 10km north of Perth city and about 1km inland from Scarborough Beach. Two of my sisters Kelly and Melanie live in Scarborough and my sister Anna lives in Baldivis which is about 40 minutes south of us. We get to catch up pretty frequently and get to see our kids’ seven cousins at least every second week. The kids are in kindly and childcare for three days a week as they were in Hobart last year. Oh and our house in South Hobart is now being rented out.

I am working in the city at Western Power, the electricity distribution and transmission network service provider (like Tassie’s Aurora and Transend combined without electricity retail). I work in the strategic asset management systems area of their Networks division, similar work to what I was doing at Aurora but I’m ‘off the tools’ now and flat out talking, meeting and writing reports. It is good fun and challenging. It takes about 30 minutes to get to work via train. Lou is keen to start back at work next week – she transferred with her Commonwealth job. We’ve been hitting the beaches pretty hard, especially on the hotter days. They are great beaches and I’m even planning to make a surfing comeback after nearly 20 years! We’ve had a few warm spells, Perth has experienced a record eight heat waves since November 2011 (a heatwave is three consecutive days above 35 degrees C). The last few weekends were all high 30’s to low 40’s but relatively easy to handle as long as you stay out of the sun! We’re looking forward to travelling around a bit and are madly trying to plan what to do over Easter given accommodation is probably all booked out by now… Socially things are going well. I work with a great crew which consists of a lot of new starters like me from all over the world. We’re in touch with an old uni friends of Lou and I’ll hopefully catch up with Johnno soon (gudday Johnno!). Off to visit my old Tamami Mine boss Bill “Bilby” Makar on Saturday which’ll be great. It’s been 11 years since I saw Bill, he has been a great influence on my career since the mid 90’s and still sounds the same on the phone. Anyway better go, take care and if you are ever out west please let me know!

Best regards

Tim Wicks

Hi Rene.

Thanks for the latest copy of the Old Virgilian, in which I read that Laurie McGee died.

When I was at Saints in the 80s, sometimes at lunchtime when it was raining I would read the Old Virgilian magazines from the 60s and early 70s. I remember that Laurie and his twin brother Gerard McGee seemed to dominate the sporting pages in those days. Gerard was an excellent sprinter, and went on to represent the Sandy Bay club and the State. I always wondered what happened to Gerard - do you know if he is still living in Tasmania, and is he a member of OVA?

Regards,

Simon Taskunas

The recent edition of the University of Tasmania alumni magazine contained some wonderful articles on three prominent old scholars, all of whom are members of the OVA Roll of Honour, Damian Bugg, Simon Hollingsworth ad Dr Scott Brennan.
When and chairing a few meetings! So much for handing out degrees two to two and a half days of his working with the Chancellor's job, which takes up juggle these more recent responsibilities Australian Taxation Office. He manages to get him to follow me around for a week,” he laughed. In addition to his UTAS commitment to the council.

“I wish Philip Ruddock was here … I’d get him to follow me around for a week,” he laughed. In addition to his UTAS stewardship, which began in October 2006, Mr Bugg is also chairman of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens Board, chairman of the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board and integrity adviser to the Australian Taxation Office. He manages to juggle these more recent responsibilities with the Chancellor’s job, which takes up two to two and a half days of his working week. So much for handing out degrees and chairing a few meetings!

When Damian studied law at UTAS the student body numbered 2,500 students: “Today, as Chancellor, I shake that many student today winning gold at the 2012 Olympics. The St Virgil’s community will be closely following Scott’s progress in London and representing Australia in the men’s double scull at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and represented Australia in the men’s quad scull at the 2004 Athens Olympics. In London this year Scott and Victorian David Crawshay hope to become the first double sculls crew in the modern era to defend an Olympic gold medal. As Scott acknowledges “I believe that success lies not in the exceptional but the mundane. It rests in the approach taken to the smallest of tasks, every single day”. This is a simple yet profound mantra that should inspire all current and past St Virgil’s scholars. The St Virgil’s community will be closely monitoring Scott’s progress in London and hoping he can realise his dream of again winning gold at the 2012 Olympics.

Congratulations to old scholars Joshua Direen (lead), James Bourke, Jacob Kean, Joe Cavarettta, Joe Machev, Michael Berry, Jack Milbourne, Sam Childs, Ben Kowald and Pranish Prakash who starred in the highly successful and entertaining 2012 GVC production ‘By Jeeves’. The play was a huge hit running from Wednesday June 27 to Saturday June 30 at The Playhouse Theatre, Hobart.

Gerard Thompson attended St Virgil’s College from 1955 to 1960 and is finalising a book with the interesting title of ‘Baby Boomer – Tales of a ‘boomer’ childhood from the arse end of the world!’ Gerard’s brother Barry also attended from 1943 to 1953. Both Gerard and Barry have decorated sporting careers which commenced on the fields of SVC. Barry played football for Hobart in the TFL. Gerard became a professional athlete with some success, winning the Burnie Gift in 1975 and several other Gifts and other events (see http://www.tascarnivals.com/thompsongerard/). Gerard is a second cousin of Ashton Shirley - Ashton also winning the Burnie Gift in 1949 along with his first cousin Ray Geary in 1945 and Ray’s son Michael Geary in 1982. Gerard’s book will be published by 40 Degrees South and is a record of my life growing up in Hobart, and was written primarily for my six children. There are many references to St Virgil’s College in the light hearted and amusing tales told by Gerard. To highlight the connection Gerard and Barry’s next door neighbour in West Hobart in the 1950s was Archbishop Adrian Doyle. “His brother Brian was my sponsor for Confirmation!” The book is available through 40 Degrees Publishing.

One of Tasmania’s most successful batsmen Michael Di Venuto (SVC 1986-91) has retired from first class cricket. Michael retired from the Tiger’s Shield Team at the end of the 2007-08 summer, but has continued playing county cricket in England with Durham. The dashing left hander scored 9974 runs in 140 matches for Tasmania – the second most for the state behind Jamie Cox – at an average of 41.73. He also scored 6488 first class runs for Durham and from his first season in 2007 with the English County until 2010 he scored over 1000 runs a season, including a massive haul of 1654 in 2009, when Durham won the LV County Championship for the second time. Michael in calling time on an outstanding career said, “My body won’t allow me to prepare and play the way I want. I set high standards for myself and if I was to continue playing then it would be below these standards. While I know I still have some quality short-form cricket in me, the day-in-day-out nature of first class cricket I physically can’t do any more. My time at Durham has been incredible. To play with a great bunch of blokes in some history-making teams is something that I will cherish and look back on fondly. My family and I have loved our time in the North East and have some wonderful memories to take home with us. I’d like to thank everyone involved with the club for...
making our time here so enjoyable. We will miss Durham CCC”.

Michael is a Heritage Roll of Honour member highlighting the esteem with which he is held by the St Virgil’s College community.

• Andrew Pearce has been chosen as one of Australia’s top 40 young business leaders. He currently works as a Principal with Collins SBA. Andrew’s inclusion in the list is well-deserved. Having shown a keen interest in business from an early age after reading Robert Kiyosaki’s Rich Dad, Poor Dad while still at school, his career has followed a trajectory characterised by a string of smart business decisions. In fact part of his role is to advise clients on ways they can improve their own lifestyles by taking a step back from their business. Andrew features alongside high-profile bankers, chief executives, finance directors and managers as the one of CPA Australia’s 40 Young Business Leaders. The honour is a highly sought-after industry accolade and due recognition of his work performance and studies at SVC and at University of Tasmania. Andrew is no stranger to entrepreneurship. Leaving university, he bought a takeaway food business, followed by a record store with an adjoining cafe, selling both for a significant profit. In 2003 he joined Collins SBA where he heads the Business Advisory and Taxation team.

• Captain Nicholas (Pinkie) Williams has recently retired from the defence forces after 16 years service and is joining the reserves. His career spanned both the navy and the army. Ships he served on include HMAS Manoora HMAS Newcastle and HMAS Brisbane. He is full of praise for the defence force chaplains who not only look after the spiritual welfare of service men and women but also provide valuable counsel to all regardless of belief. While in the defence forces his favourite passion, when time allowed, was sailing offshore. He recalls one incident in Bass Strait at night during a rough race where he had to climb to the top of the Navy yacht’s mast to carry out a repair on wildly gyrating mast—something he said he would be reluctant to do now days! He was also a successful skipper winning the Defence Forces Cup. Nicholas is a member of the Parish Council of St Anthony’s Eastwood NSW. He is a member of the NSW DLP (Democratic Labor Party) State Executive. Nicholas is married to Michelle who also served in the Navy and they have four children.

• On May 30 Oscar Giudici (SVC 2005-2008) addressed the monthly OVA luncheon about his experiences in Africa as part of a service programme with the Christian Brothers in Arusah, Tanzania. Oscar was inspired to be part of the programme after being a significant contributor to social justice at the College and from discussions with Br Damian Price. He worked in the school in Arusah which is partially funded by donations from SVC and other EREA schools. The highlight of his trip was the ‘entering into relationship’ with the people and culture of Africa and he was fortunate to also spend time in a village where he was the only white man and was made to feel especially welcome. Apart from the inspiring African spirit and hospitality other highlights of his trip included a trip to Mt Kilimanjaro, spending time with other volunteers from EREA schools, Lake Malawi and visiting Kenya and Europe. Oscar was also confronted by the reality of African life including tribal wars in Kenya, extreme poverty and being present as bodies were retrieved from the water after the Zanzibar Players and supporters are cordially invited to attend the 85th Anniversary of the St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club
Saturday 25th August 2012
at the Hobart Function Centre, Elizabeth Pier
Cost: $75.00 per head
includes a 3 course meal
Dress: Lounge suit
Time: 7.30pm
(pre-dinner drinks from 7.00pm)
For further details contact...
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Ferry disaster. Such experiences have further shaped this very special young man and with the spirit of Africa deep within his heart he acknowledges that he is destined to return after completing his university studies at UTAS. All old scholars and staff in attendance were inspired and engaged by Oscar’s moving presentation which put much of our own daily challenges into context. Oscar will also address current students in the coming months which no doubt will further inform the College’s social justice efforts and probably inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

**Dr Leighton Kearney**, Austin Hospital cardiologist and research fellow, recently won the 2012 International Young Investigators Award from the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology for his work identifying a new risk marker for “aortic stenosis” a condition which involves the narrowing of the aortic valve in the heart. Dr Kearney’s paper has been accepted into the European Journal - Cardiovascular Imaging.

**Alex Cisak** is being touted as Tasmania’s future Socceroo, following his meteoric rise to prominence in English Football. Alex, who left Tasmania aged 16, he is now 23, has played as a goalkeeper for Leicester City youth academy, Oxford United, Tamworth and Accrington-Stanley and more recently Oldham Athletic, after turning down an offer to play for Melbourne Victory. His lifelong ambition is to represent Australia.

Electric powered vehicles, that seat two to six passengers are the answer to Hobart’s transport woes according to Hobart Alderman, **Leo Foley**. This comes on top of transport proposals for ferries, light rail, monorail, and podcars as used at Heathrow Airport. **Dean Winter**, candidate for the Legislative Council seat of Newdegate, vacated by another old scholar, **Doug Parkinson**, is keen to set up a lobby group, Summit Action Group to demonstrate the Hobart City Council and State Government, that there is widespread for improving access to Mt Wellington. GN Electrical / Retravision Hobart manager, Darren Gray said customers were increasingly making decisions on which appliance they chose based on energy efficiency.

**Rex Mundy**, aged 85 has kept a diary for 64 years and a family tradition alive for more than 120 years. He records the number and prices of beef, pigs and poultry cut up and processed at Mundy and Sons meat processing and supply business which he established in 1977. He still works a 10 hour day and most Saturdays.

**Saxophonist Ben Price and Jabra Latham** launched their CD, Eleven Duos recently at MONA. The CD was recorded at Government House Ballroom and they performed the tunes at the Australian Clarinet and Saxophone festival last year and will also perform them at St Andrews in Scotland in July.

**RACT public policy General Manager Vince Taskunas** was pleased to hear three senior officers from the ACCC indicate that the situation of petrol pricing was of some concern to them. This follows the RACT calling on the ACCC to investigate petrol pricing in Tasmania.

**Dominic Mulcahy** has been appointed a Senior Private Wealth Advisor for Gordon Campbell and Associates Pty Ltd.

**Athens Olympian, Sid Taberlay** survived a puncture in the dying stages of the PURE Tasmanian Wildside MTB to capture his fifth title in Australia’s premier cross country mountain bike race.

**Movie buffs converged on the State Cinema in North Hobart to celebrate the opening of its rooftop screen, bookstore and café–bar. Built in 1913, it was taken over by John Kelly in 2002 with the site going from strength to strength ever since.**

**After battling injury for several seasons, Tristan Thomas** might not have had the best of seasons, but he did run for Australia at the World Championships in Korea in the 4X100 metre relay and he also won his third Australian 400 metre hurdles crown. He recently finished second in a grand prix met in Switzerland in an Olympic qualifying time, and he know joins rower Scott Brennan as Old Scholars in the London Olympics. We wish them every success.
• **Scott Cleary** made his debut at a round of the National powerboat racing series in February at Taree NSW in his dad’s boat. Scott’s father Michael was a multiple Australian Formula One champion in the 1990’s.

• **Frank Heerey** was awarded the OAM for service to veterans through the Royal Australian Air Force Association, a member of which he has been since 1945 and a life member since 1976.

• **Jordan Russell-Green** won his first open title at the Tasmanian Surf Lifesaving Championship.

• One of Australia’s top eye surgeons, **Dr Paul McCartney**, who trained under Dr Fred Hollows recently used for the first time the cutting edge LenSx machine, one of only four in Australia which removes cataracts in half the time, with twice the precision of a surgeon. Paul aid there was still plenty for the surgeon to do “I still drive it and get the cataract out”.

• **Martin O’Dea** prepared for the 2012 City to Casino fun run knowing the importance of diet, having transformed his routine over the past four years to improve his health and fitness. Martin has lost 52kg since changing his lifestyle.

• Of the 22 players who lined up for Lindisfarne FC one third came from three families, with **Stuart, David and Michael Clark** amongst them.

• **Jack Riewoldt** playing in his 100th match for Richmond against St Kilda managed to kick eight goals, which placed him on top of the Coleman medal table for the AFL’s leading goal kicker. Unfortunately his position there was short lived after Buddy Franklin kicked 13 goals a few days later.

• 2011 Grade 10 student **Ben Bradley** won the Australian Under 19 Mountain Bike Championship in Adelaide last weekend. Ben will soon depart for Round 1 of the World Cup in South Africa.

• **Paul Crosswell** was the winner of the 2012 Trans-Derwent swimming race held as part of the Regatta Day festivities.

• **Dan Rogers** (SVC 1957-59) on a recent trip to Tasmania from his home in Melbourne caught up with a number of old scholars including the Hiscutt brothers (Hugh, Terence and Desmond), Fr Daniel McMahon and Roger Smart. Fr Daniel was a Christian Brother for about 20 years, mostly in Western Australia. He then studied for Priesthood and was ordained in 1994 in Ulverstone - his home town. He was a much loved Parish Priest serving the communities of Bridgewater and Queenstown before he retired with ill health. Sadly Fr Dan recently passed away after a long battle with leukemia. **Dan Rogers’** cousins are the Hiscutt brothers and they spent some very pleasant days touring the Tasmanian countryside with them.

• **Peter Heerey** received an AM in the General Division of the Order of Australia in January. Peter’s citation reads ‘for service to the judiciary through the Federal Court of Australia, to the development of legal principle in the areas of intellectual property, trade practices and military law, and to the community’.

An overview of his appointments and achievements illustrates the merit of his recognition:

• Judge, Federal Court of Australia, 1990-2009.
• Presidential Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, 2005-2009.
• Deputy President, Australian Competition Tribunal, 2003-2009.
• President, Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal, 2000-2009.
• Acting Judge, Supreme Court of Vanuatu, 1992.
• Appointed Queen’s Counsel in Victoria, 1985; in Western Australia, 1987; in New South Wales, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory, 1986; and in South Australia, 1988.
• Chairman, Australian Electoral Commission, since 2010.
• Chairman, 2010 Stem Cell Legislation Review Committee, since 2010.
• Chairman, RSL Victorian State Branch Tribunal, since 2010.
• Vice-President, Arts Law Centre of Australia, since 2005.
• Supporter and Member of the Supporting Cast, Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company, for the past 10 years.
• Committee Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award (Victoria), 1991-1998.
• Chairman, Victorian Psychological Council, 1984-1990.
• Chairman, Advisory Board, Graduate Program in Intellectual Property Law, Melbourne University, since 1997.
• Member, Advisory Board, Masters Program in Competition Law, Melbourne University, since 1999.
• Council Member, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, 1987-1990: Honorary Secretary, 1981-1987; Founding Member.
• Co-Founder Victorian Bar News; Co-Editor, for seven years.
• Fellow, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, since 1986.

Awards/recognition include:
• Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Tasmania, 1998.
• Jack North, Grade 10 2011 has commenced a Diesel Mechanic apprenticeship with Andrew Walter constructions at White Store Drive Austins Ferry. His appointment was a direct result of his school work placement in 2011.
• Well done to Brent O’Leary, Andrew Blight, Sam O’Byrne, Sam Siggins, Calen Jeffery and Joshua Grant who are members of the Tasmanian Under 18 squad for the 2012 National Championships. All played in the team’s first game against the Western Jets and acquitted themselves very well with the team having a good win. Whilst the team struggled in subsequent games against North Ballarat, SA and Vic Metro the boys are giving themselves every opportunity to impress.
2012 Old Virgilian’s Charity Golf Day

When  Monday November 12 2012
Where  Tasmania Golf Club, Tasman Highway Cambridge
Time  Shotgun Start at 1pm
Cost  $50.00 per player includes an evening meal

Buggies available for hire.
Proceeds to Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania.
For further information contact Peter Fahey on 62280564 or Rene Sluyters on 62739739 or 0417565762. Stableford Competition.

2012 Annual Mass and November Luncheon

When  Tuesday November 27
Where  Austins Ferry Campus
Time  Mass commences at 12 noon with lunch to follow.
Cost  All inclusive lunch $25 per head
RSVP  By November 22
Contact  Rene Sluyters 62739739 (h) or 0417565762 or email rsluyters@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

2012 Annual Dinner

The Old Virgilians Association cordially invites you to attend The 2012 Annual Dinner and Heritage Roll of Honour Presentation
Also celebrating The Jubilee of St Virgil’s College Austins Ferry 1962-2012

When  Friday October 19 2012
Where  The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay
Time  6.30pm for 7pm
Cost  $50.00 per head
Bookings  close on Friday October 12

2012 St Virgil’s College Race Day

When  Sunday October 7
Where  Elwick Racecourse
Cost  $1050 for a table of 10 – includes a three course lunch in the members, race book and course entry.

Race naming rights sponsorship can be arranged for $1400 which also includes a table of 10 for lunch and the chance to promote your business across Australia through the racing networks. Sponsorship greatly supports the College in making this a successful fundraiser to benefit the boys of St Virgil’s – plus it’s a fantastic day out for your staff, friends and business associates!
To organise a table or to discuss naming rights race sponsorship please contact the College’s Director of Development Mark Waddington – mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or 0429 990980.

From the Heritage Desk

Graeme Rainbow (Heritage Committee)

1. The Post CD Centenary Package is now completed and available for purchase
   The disks contain an outline of the sequence of events during the celebratory period, a myriad of photos taken at the various functions and the text of all the keynote speeches at these functions. In addition, the disks contains a further selection of photos that capture significant features of the two SVC campuses and what is now Guilford Young College at Barrack St.
   Price: $10 (postage included)
   Order: email grainbow@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or Graeme Rainbow 11 Britannia Place Bellerive TAS 7018

2. The initial DVD/CD Centenary Package is still available. Price and purchase details are the same as above.

3. Story Search. As mentioned in the previous edition of Words and Deeds the search is on to record the stories of people and events that enliven the Spirit of St Virgil’s College. By telling the stories, it is hoped to present and future students will be able to appreciate what their predecessors have been able to achieve and hence inspire them with confidence and a desire to go...
forth and to strive for similar. In addition to stories of the forty five Heritage Roll of Honour inductees, the Centenary DVD/CD package contained a further sixty achievement stories. During May letters went out to a further thirty former students, whose achievements were drawn to my notice, inviting each to tell his story. Please help me record other Achievement / Inspirational stories. Please provide me with the basic details and I will follow up with you to get additional information at a convenient time. Please email: grainbow@stvirgil's.tas.edu.au

4. OVA Website
Through the technical prowess of OVA Committee member Bruce Woods the OVA will soon have its own website which will incorporate all work from the Heritage Committee as well as up to date news from the OVA. The address for the new website is www.ova.org.au. Please visit the site regularly and use it to connect with the Association and your peers from SVC.

1. Roger Smart, Fr Dan McMahon and Dan Rogers
2. OVA President Edward Gauden with Oscar Giudici
3. Front cover of Gerard Thmopson’s book ‘Baby Boomer’
4. St Vincent de Paul Mass - Jackson Rogers, Charlie Bird, Will Ogle and Sam Percy with His Grace Archbishop Doyle and the Tasmanian President of St Vincent de Paul.
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