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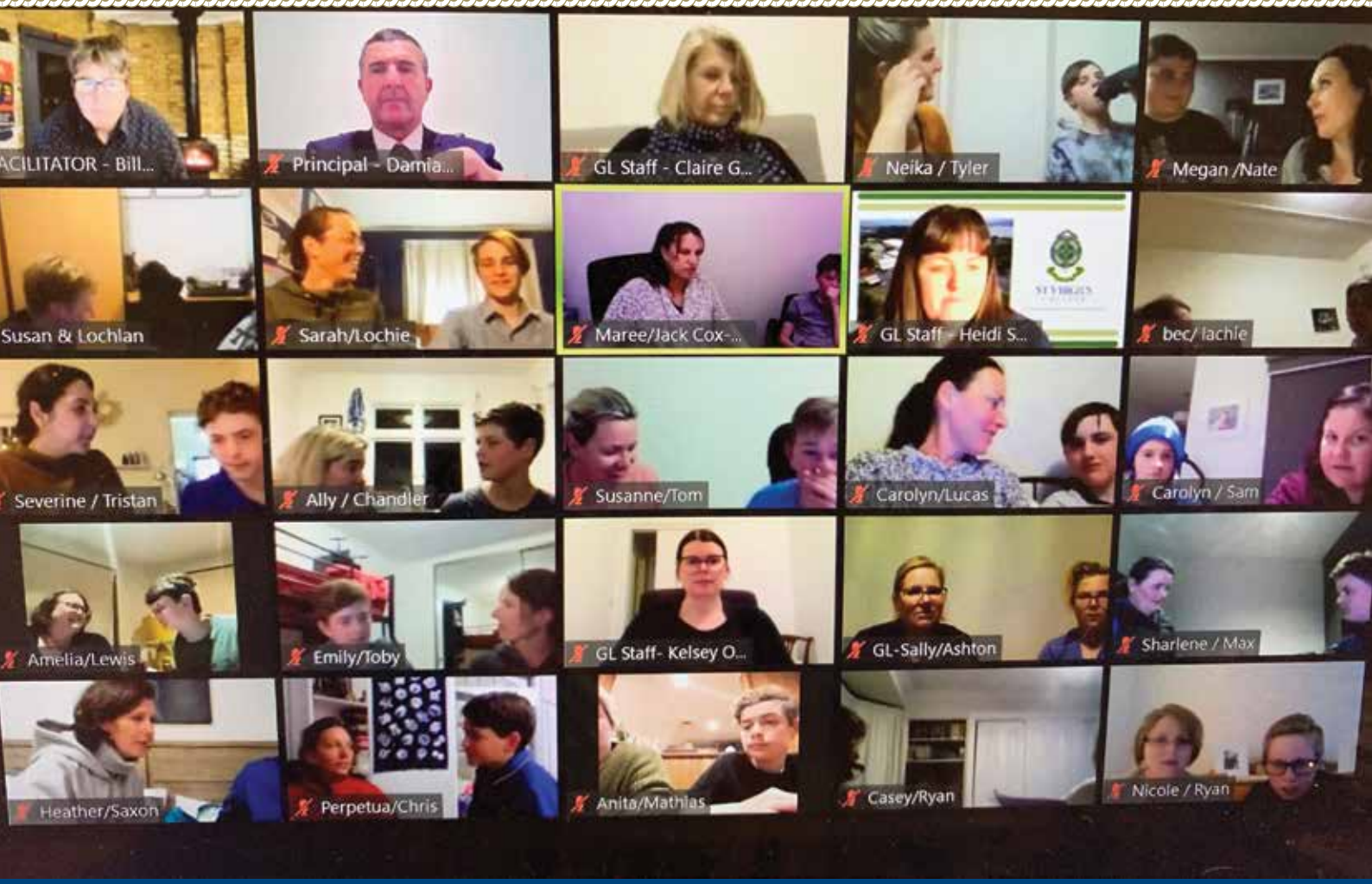

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From the Principal

" We have embraced new technologies and ways of learning, changed the way we engage with each other and re-defined what it means to be a faith inspired community."

Living within a COVID bubble!

As with all parts of the country we had a period of considerable disruption this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Whilst our level of disruption was only relatively small compared to schools in Victoria, it was intense for a short period of time and required us to change almost all of our accepted school practices. It has indeed been a year like no other and yet it has provided rich learning for all members of our College community. We have embraced new technologies and ways of learning, changed the way we engage with each other and re-defined what it means to be a faith inspired community. Some of these changes have come easily to us, particularly in regards to technology where our young men are certainly wonderful exemplars of being 'early adopters'!

Who would have dreamt that in 2020 we would be running online lessons, assemblies and our traditional Gala Concert? Or that we would be running a virtual cross country or playing chess online against other schools. Our Parents and Friends, Old Virgilians and Rowing Club have all adapted to conducting meetings online and have even enjoyed not having to venture out on those cold winter nights! Our staff have met online and have participated in a range of online professional learning experiences. These experiences will never fully replace face to face contact but they do provide an option for these meetings and events and will become more important as education is further globalised.

Some of the benefits of these innovations and changes are readily apparent, some more distant and hard fought but all are a great testament to our resilience, beliefs and determination. It is important to acknowledge that some of the changes associated with our Covid 19 bubble have been difficult, particularly those involving disconnection from loved ones and friends and it is important to recognise the anxiety and fear that has been associated with this.

Whilst the pace and intensity of change has been significant one constant is our relationship with God. As a Catholic school it underpins the sense of connection that we all yearn for during challenging times. We know that God loves us and that if we ask for his strength, his guidance and love it will be freely provided. I am constantly inspired by the Mary Rice community in Kenya, who despite the challenges of poverty, illness and food shortages, are unshakable in their faith and belief that their struggles are a measure of their faith in God and the boundless love he has for them. I pray that we can embed this faith within our own lives.

As we move beyond local and border restrictions, it is an ideal opportunity to stop and reflect upon what we have achieved this year. Have we been thankful for the lives that we have? Have we made the most of the opportunities we have been presented with? Have we been kind to others? Have we followed the expectations we have signed up for?

Have we modelled the mission of our great College?

These are all important questions and the great news is that all boys have the power to answer these questions in the affirmative if they have the courage to take on small deeds and re-set their goals for the future. By being kind to others, being a good friend and making good decisions when others may not be, boys are helping build our culture as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. By doing their best in all endeavours, boys are acknowledging that they wish to fulfil their God given potential and are honouring the belief that parents, teachers and the wider community have in them.

These are all noble aims and our boys need our support in being young men of deeds, not words alone. This is an integral partnership with our parents who want the same outcomes from their son's education. Please find some time to talk to your son about kindness, being a good friend, being part of our community, resilience and working hard. These are just some of the gifts that we can take from our Covid bubble and in so doing, ensure that our year of Covid has been a positive and educative one.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.
Damian Messer

Kinder to Year 12 Becomes a Reality

On Wednesday June 23 at Parliament House the Archbishop, Premier, Minister for Education, and Director of Catholic Education delivered a joint announcement to confirm that Catholic Education Tasmania will expand its educational provision by offering Year 11 and 12 at St Virgil's College, St Aloysius College and MacKillop College. This expands the system in Tasmania by bringing these schools' offerings into line with St Patrick's College, St Brendan-Shaw College, Marist College, St Mary's and Guilford Young College.

This expansion is an outstanding opportunity for Catholic education to provide senior secondary education to a wider demographic in Tasmania with the collaborative expansion between the Colleges providing sound moderation and learning opportunities for all students. For the expansion schools, the first Grade 11 cohort will commence in February 2023 which is current Grade 8 students in Southern Tasmania.

For St Virgil's, with our primary school expansion well underway, it will mean that in 2024 we will have a complete Kindergarten to Year 12 pathway for boys across the Patrick Street (K-6) and Austins Ferry (7-12) campuses, providing an exciting opportunity for all students and staff.

It is very exciting that Kindergarten will commence in 2021 and we have been overwhelmed with the demand for enrolment ensuring that we have a full class for next year and a considerable waiting list. We have appointed experienced early years educator Mrs Sandra Mazengarb to lead our programme which will expand to prep

Kinder Entry

in 2022, Grade 1 in 2023 and ultimately Grade 2 in 2024 to complete our Kinder to Grade 6 offering at our Patrick St campus. The Kindergarten is taking shape and we look forward to taking delivery of a state of the art, engaging and welcoming early years learning environment in December. In the last week of October we commenced the 'Leap into Learning' transition programme and it was wonderful to have our 'pint size' Virgilians with us for the first time!

These are extremely exciting times for the College as we look to re-imagine our future and the Catholic boys' education we offer students. Our Master Plan for the Austins Ferry campus is taking shape following extensive community consultations and visits to other schools to identify the optimal learning and teaching facilities to complement our exciting plans for Year 7 to 12 boys' focussed learning. It will not be like 1994 when we last had Year 11 and 12. Whilst we will build upon some of the traditions of that era, this is a unique opportunity to develop a leading Catholic boys' school that embraces change, is authentic and focussed on the needs and aspirations of boys, their families and the wider community.

Current Board member Chris Wright (SVC 1968-73) noted the following upon the announcement of the return of Year 11 and 12. "It has been a wonderful process to watch evolve. My family history with the College extends from my grandfather attending the Tommy Mitchell School in the late 1900s, my father in the 1940s, myself in the late 1960s and early 1970s, my sons (my eldest in the last year group to attend Barrack St) in the late 1990s through to 2008 and a grandson in the wings I am personally thrilled with this news and look forward to an exciting future for St Virgil's!"

These sentiments have also been eloquently summarised by Deputy Principal Mrs Heidi Senior who has lived the old and the planning for the new, in regards to our planned provision of Year 11 and 12.

I graduated from Year 12 in the Class of '94 from St Mary's College. My brothers up the hill, the Class of '94 of St Virgil's College, were the last graduating Year 12s that our College has seen. I remember sitting in the back pews of St Mary's Cathedral, witnessing their Graduation Mass. The College Captain, Shane Cracknell, quoted Percy Bysshe Shelley:

Music, when soft voices die,
Vibrates in the memory—
Odours, when sweet violets sicken,
Live within the sense they quicken.

Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,
Are heaped for the belovèd's bed;
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,
Love itself shall slumber on.

The poem describes the indelible nature of memory; how it persists long after the beloved subject has gone. It articulates that while there is loss, we retain in our minds, the essence, beauty and spirit of what has gone before. Shane's (and I'm sure the teachers who supported him in his preparation) choice of words eloquently communicated the immediate and enormous sense of loss the boys felt at being the last Year 12 cohort.

But more importantly and significantly I think, it conveyed that whatever it was that made St Virgil's so important to them would live on, in their hearts and minds.

And so now, we are presented with the opportunity and the challenge to recreate a school for senior secondary boys. Immediately our minds run to opportunities, and ideas and reminiscences.

I am sure that for many in our community, there is a sense of finally being able to regain what has been lost. But herein lies one of our most fundamental challenges. We must take our time to understand what indeed it was about SVC that those 1994 Year 12s, now grown-up men with children of their own, and all the Virgilians before them valued so highly. Was it the buildings, or the lesson structures, or the games they played? Perhaps. More likely though, it was the way being a Virgilian, and SVC Leaver, made them feel.

In 1994 we watched shows on TV with names like "Beyond 2000". The future is here. We are a fifth of the way through the 21st Century that educators keep talking about preparing students for. The world has changed in ways we barely could have imagined back then. As we journey towards our goal set to be achieved by 2023, we must seek to understand how to create the same sense of belonging, spirit and passion in our current context and at the same time, seek to provide a better education than our predecessors experienced. We must respect and champion our history and also walk bravely to the horizon, taking risks to do things differently in the pursuit of learning that truly engages, activates and liberates our young men.

Our first step in this exciting journey is strategic planning. It is time to construct as a community, our shared vision of what the Class of '24 will be like. The key questions are what will they share in common with the Class of '94, and how, thirty years later, will our graduates be different? I urge you, our wonderful community, to take up the opportunity to be involved and to lend your voice to our planning.

2021 Student Leadership

Congratulations to our 2021 student leaders who were elected by their peers to honour the rich traditions of leadership at St Virgil's College. We congratulate these young men and offer our community's prayerful support as they commence their leadership journey. By Deeds not Words alone.

Caerwyn James
College Captain

Riley Griggs
College Vice Captain
(Academic & Sport)

Myles Hall
College Vice Captain
(Service & Spirit)

Harris Lamb
Doyle Prefect

Will Simaan
Dwyer Prefect

Krystian Jankowiak
Hessian Prefect

Harry Van Kraanen
Joyce Prefect

House Leaders

Doyle	Dwyer	Hessian	Joyce
Prefect - Harris Lamb	Prefect - Will Simaan	Prefect - Krystian Jankowiak	Prefect - Harry Van Kraanen
Deputy - Billy Hapka	Deputy - Joe Mathers	Deputy - Charlie Banks	Deputy - Riley Ferguson

Junior School Leaders

At time of going to press, 2021 Junior School Leaders have not been finalised.

1. 2020 Mary Rice Day Mass

2&3. Grade 9&10 Drama class performing at Junior School

2021-2024 Strategic Plan

In September members of the College Advisory Council, the Leadership Team and staff members gathered to continue to work on the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. Participants reflected upon extensive data from primary and secondary sources to identify what should be at the core of a St Virgil's College education into the future.

From deliberations on the day draft strategic statements were then circulated to the wider College community for consultation and feedback. At the heart of the strategic statements was universal agreement that the student should be at the heart of all decisions, processes, structures and future development.

After this consultation the Advisory Council have approved the following Strategic Statements which will be foundational to all future business and operational planning.

Scriptural Context
Providing an authentic expression of the touchstones of the EREA Charter by 'acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God' (Micah 6:8).

Vision
Inspired by the example of Jesus and the faithful service of Blessed Edmund Rice, we strive to create a learning community where each boy is known and valued, inspired and empowered to contribute to the realisation of a just, peaceful and hope-filled world for all.

Mission
We strive to build a Catholic learning community where we can become people of faith, generosity, excellence and integrity, connected in our desire to serve and care for each other, the marginalised and our environment.

Values
Community
Integrity
Justice
Kindness
Learning

Tag Line
A connected, engaged and caring community.

Mary Rice Day

In 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions our traditional Mary Rice Day celebrations were altered and in fact, extended over two days! On the traditional date – the last Friday in June, we held a moving Mass to stand in prayerful solidarity with the Mary Rice Centre community. This was extremely poignant as students have not been able to attend school in Kenya since March and many children and their families rely on the Centre for food. With little work due to severe lockdown and no social support payments such as Job Seeker, families were forced to fend for themselves. During this time schools and agencies such as ours were able to support the Centre through targeted fundraising which made a significant difference to the families of the Centre.

Part two of our celebrations involved the staging on our traditional walkathon and we were blessed with beautiful weather with students from Grade 3 to 10 gathering at Austins Ferry. The annual Black Stars Cup House Soccer Tournament Grand Final kicked off the day with Doyle winning the senior school game and Hessian winning the Junior School clash. From there we moved to the most important part of our day, the celebration of Mass which was held in the main quadrangle. It was a very special ceremony which gave all of our staff and students the opportunity to reflect on the day and participate together in Eucharist.

1-3. Life in the Food Technology Centre

1-4. 2020 Science and Engineering Challenge
5-8. 2020 House Spirit Day

The quadrangle was transformed into a beautiful setting and we would like to thank Fr Suresh for his leadership.

The day then went into activity mode with House based Mary Rice activities followed by a very tasty African style lunch. This was followed by our annual walkathon. All the boys participated with great enthusiasm and we look forward to the final tally of our fund raising for the Mary Rice Centre. Students raised in excess of $10,000 for our friends in Kibera.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic this year, we had to cancel our annual immersion experience for staff and students, but we are proud that we have increased our activities to support the children and to demonstrate that the MRC community is in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all members of our community for their prayerful and practical support of our friends in Kenya.

Gala Concert Goes Online!

On Thursday October 29 the annual Gala Concert was enjoyed by members of the College community – online! The Gala Concert was distributed via the College's You Tube Channel with viewerships and 'Likes' suggesting it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. The Concert showcased the talent of individual performers, Contemporary Music ensembles, Class Band ensembles and the Junior and Senior School Choirs, Concert Band and Stage Band. A variety of Drama, Media Arts and Visual Arts work completed by the students was also incorporated.

The Concert was brought together by the Arts Department and the amazing skills of Bruce Woods who shot the performances from a variety of angles to provide viewers with an intimate viewing experience.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Last year we officially launched our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at a moving ceremony in the Quad at Austins Ferry. Our RAP has been developed in partnership with Reconciliation Australia and has utilised the Narragunnawali online platform. This enables the College to continually update the RAP, set new strategies and to report key outcomes to the College community.

To celebrate the achievements and talents of our boys and to cater for those who 'just love a hard copy', we have created a stunning summary booklet of our RAP. The pages of our Reconciliation Action Plan document have been brought to life by the original and beautiful drawings created by some our Grade 9 and 10 Aboriginal students. They have worked on this project throughout Terms 1 and 2 this year and with the assistance and technical advice of Media Arts teacher Mr Deon Scanlon they have visually interpreted the EREA Touchstones and the Country upon which our school is honoured to reside, the plants, animals and geology of the landscape where they have experienced much of their learning. The contribution of our students to our reconciliation journey has been profound, generous and empowering for all and it is with great pride that we are able to share and feature their artwork in this beautiful booklet.

The following boys created the images used with the RAP booklet:

Dylan Price
Kangaroo Grass, Native Cherry

Jacob Goodsell
Cider Gum

Tyson Taylor
Native Cranberry

Xavier Nichols
Blue Tongue Lizard

River Smith
Tasmanian Devil

Jai Pickett
Eastern Barred Bandicoot

Lachlan Nichols
Kangaroo Grass, Ancient Reptile Spirit

James Nichols
Silver Wattle

1-3. Aboriginal Studies Excursion

Senior School

Time and Space Evening

As part of our commitment to educating boys in partnership with parents, each year we conduct the Time and Space programme featuring the Mother and Son and Father and Son Evening. These programmes are conducted by facilitator Mr Bill Jennings who has enjoyed a long-term partnership with the College.

This year due to our closed borders we held the Father and Son and Mother and Son evenings via Zoom where parents and carers were able to find some time and space to have conversations with their son and with other parents and boys about a range of subjects, memories and challenges. Such evenings help to strengthen our Home-School partnership, whilst providing parents and boys with some invaluable time together.

Aboriginal Studies Excursion

On Monday September 21 Aboriginal Studies class travelled to the Hobart CBD to visit the significant sites that relate to the story of William Lanne. William Lanne was a Tasmanian Aboriginal man of the Oyster Bay Nation who was taken to Flinders Island as a child by G.A. Robinson. A contemporary of Trucanini he also spent time at the Orphan School in Newtown, before being apprenticed to whaling ships. On leave from his ship in 1869, William became ill at a hotel in Goulburn Street, died and then had his body stolen by scientists including Dr WL Crowther, a future Premier of Tasmania and Dr George Stokel of the Royal Society of Tasmania.

William Lanne's story is profoundly important to all Tasmanians and the aim of this excursion was to provide an opportunity for the boys to walk slowly in his footsteps, literally stepping back in time to the colonial era and having the chance to respond to William's life and death in a respectful and reflective manner. In preparation for this excursion the boys worked with young palawa man Jamie Graham to construct a wreath made of cork reed and native flowers which were gathered from the College grounds.

First stop was the Orphan School, followed by the Dog and Partridge Hotel where he died, St David's Cathedral where his funeral service was held and St David's Park where he was initially buried before his body was stolen. At each location the boys read parts of his story aloud and we left behind a sprig of flowering tea tree in his memory. We eventually made our way down to the waterfront and cast our wreath into the Derwent, which was an incredibly powerful and meaningful moment for all.

Luna Lookout

In July we held the second annual Luna Lookout at Austins Ferry. Around 35 people attended to see Mercury and the moon in all its glory. The visitors were blessed with a clear night and had wonderful galactic gazing conditions. The experience was greatly enhanced by the expertise of Science Teacher Dr Paul Dobbie who has a PhD in astronomy! Later in the year the Science Department planned to hold another evening when the viewing of Mars promised to be at its best in the night sky for the past 25 years. Unfortunately cloudy skies and torrential rain meant that the evening had to be cancelled.

1. Grade 9&10 Woodwork
2. Luna Lookout

1. Knitting Nannas
2-6. 2020 Book Week Parade

Grade 10s and Knitting Nannas

As part of the Grade 10 Religious Education curriculum students had the great experience of spending the afternoon with the Tassie Nannas. The Nannas are a group of determined and creative grandparents, they have been advocating for the rights of refugees for many, many years, knitting publicly in the Hobart CBD every Friday in protest and educating the wider community on the lived experiences and treatment of refugees and asylum seekers

Sue Todd, who worked as a trauma counsellor on Nauru, spoke about and the rules, conditions and the daily lives of the people she had worked with there, and also shared some very compelling photos and firsthand insights. Margaret Eldridge shared stories of the people she had welcomed into her own home and cared for and helped, living the Gospel of St Mathew in the most generous and genuine way.

The Nannas also spoke about their activism and the practical ways in which we can all take action to fight injustice; they write letters to Politicians, participate in rallies and public events and have a big social media presence. They were able to show the boys that people can act collectively on things they feel strongly about, and that there are things they can do at an individual level too.

At the end of the presentation the Nannas were presented with three blankets that had been knitted by our College community as part of the Service Leaders Refugee Week campaign last June. The blankets will be given to some recently arrived families and hopefully bring a bit of winter warmth, colour and care to those experiencing a cold Hobart winter!

Junior School

House Athletics Carnival

Friday August 7

This year due to Covid 19 we held our annual House Athletics Carnival at the Domain Athletics Centre, independent of the Senior School. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the carnival with the snow-capped mountain providing a stunning backdrop for the day. The day was full of competitive spirit and sportsmanship and some excellent performances.

The overall House winner on the day was Hessian House on 434 points, Joyce second on 388, followed by Doyle on 347 and in 4th place was Dwyer on 331.

Well done and congratulations to all boys on their spirit shown on the day. A big thank you also to all the parent volunteers who helped on the day we could not have done it without you. Finally thank you to Mrs McCullagh for her organisation of the carnival.

Captain
Max Sylvester

Vice Captain
Daniel Mapley

Father's Day Breakfast

For our first formal post-COVID 19 event, it was fantastic to welcome a large group of our primary dads, grandads and special friends to the Father's Day breakfast gathering at Patrick Street. Although we had major restrictions in place, the guests were still able to spend time with their sons and other dads in what was our first community event for a long time. It was a pleasure to watch families proudly enter with their sons in tow to spend a quality morning together.

1. Grade 3 Bonorong Wildlife Park Excursion
2. 2-5 2020 Father's Day Breakfast

1-3. 2020 Footy Colours Day

5. Junior School Captain Jack Byrne and Vice Captain with the Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds

Children's Book Week

This year's Children's Book Week theme was 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Students and staff went to great lengths for the traditional dress up parade, with costumes connected to a favourite children's book. Our teachers dressed as Wally from 'Where's Wally' certainly threw students into a spin when they first arrived at school! The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all boys and reinforces the value and enjoyment of reading for all our boys.

Footy Colours Day

In preparation for that 'one day in October', boys were able to dress up for our annual Footy Colours Day. In return for a gold coin donation, boys were able to wear a jumper or costume from any sporting code. All AFL teams were represented, as were a range of soccer and rugby clubs – and even the umpires thanks to Miss Reardon!

Show Bags

In lieu of the traditional Hobart Show, Junior School Captain, Jack Byrne, came up with the great idea of creating show bags which were available for purchase for $5. Jack and his willing helpers, Lachlan Cannan, Mrs Moate and Mrs Leon created some interesting and fun show bags. Included items ranged from fairy floss, chocolates, slime, yo-yos and knick-knacks. Ten special bags contained a Village Cinema voucher. The SRC raised over $700 which was donated to Catholic Mission.

Sport

1st XI Soccer Premiers for 2020

SVC 7 defeated MacKillop 1

SVC goals: 1 each to Jed Schultz and Patrick Kenna, 2 to Zane Wright-Dawes, a hat trick for Joshua Divin.

The grand final was a fantastic match played in terrific spirits by both teams.

Thank you to the officials and Olympia F.C. Warriors for the use of Warrior Park.

Alex Gadomski Cup

A fantastic game played in perfect conditions and great spirit. Both teams played hard and fair, in a high tempo and highly skilled exhibition of schoolboy football at its best. Well done boys.

In its third year, this football match is a Year 9&10 game and aims to honour one of SVC's former students Alex Gadomski and to raise awareness and much needed funds for The Alex Gadomski Fellowship which is striving to find a cure for bone marrow failure.

Final Score:

SVC 16.5.101 defeated HUT 11.6.72

Best on Ground and winner of The Alex Gadomski Medal was Sam Banks-Smith from Hutchins.

Best players for SVC were Tom McCallum, Bryce Alomes, Charlie Banks, Fletcher Hooker

Lachlan Gadomski was at the game to present the Cup to SVC Captain Fletcher Hooker and the Medal to Sam Banks-Smith.

1. 2020 Coyle-Clingeleffer Cup
2. Winners of the Junior School Mary Rice Soccer Cup – Hessian House 2020
3. Junior School Football Round Robin Day
4. Grade 8 Southern Tasmanian Schools Basketball Champions

5-7. SSATIS Soccer Premiers

1. Rowing Come and Try Day
2. Senior Squad training
3. 2020 Athletics Team

Athletics Glory!

Well done to our Athletics Team who won the SSATIS Pennant Challenge Shield. Due to Covid restrictions this year's carnival was a teams' challenge, with team members doing a range of events. Well done to all students and to Coach Mr Sam Morey and his team.

Battling through extremely tough conditions, the resilience, teamwork and 'never say die' attitude of boys shone brightly. The College entered two teams – SVC Blue and SVC Gold.

Results
SVC Blue
1st Boys Under 14 Pennant
2nd Boys Under 16 Pennant
1st Boys Junior Shield (3rd year in a row and the 18th time since 1997)

SVC Gold
3rd Boys Under 14 Pennant
10th Boys Under 16 Pennant
6th Boys Junior Shield

Basketball

In October our teams enjoyed a fantastic weekend of Basketball action at the Southern Regional High School Basketball Championships. Congratulations to all students, coaches, managers and all the families that turned out to cheer on Team SVC.

Results:
Junior Boys (7/8) Division 1
1st, SVC Blue (qualified for State titles).

Junior Boys (7/8) Division 2
1st, SVC Red.

Junior Boys (7/8) Division 2
3rd, SVC Gold, 5th, SVC Green.

Senior Boys (9/10) Division 1
3rd, SVC Blue (qualified for State titles).

Senior Boys 9/10) Division 2
Playoffs, SVC Green defeated SVC Gold.

Overall a very successful weekend. Well done boys!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students upon their outstanding achievements in sport:

- Felix Meyer finished 4th in the Under 16 and 1st in the Under 15 boys divisions at the State Cross Country Championships held at the Queens Domain.
- Oliver Morgan won the Under 14 and Under 16 boys divisions at the Tasmanian All Schools Road Walking Championships.
- Harrison McLeod won the Under 14 STJFL Best and Fairest award. Harrison was also named Athletics Tasmania's Under 14 Male Athlete of the Year.
- Oliver Morgan, Darcy Noonan and Harrison McLeod have been selected in the Athletics Tasmania Target Talent Programme.
- Kye Direen has been added to Swimming Australia's Tasmanian Development Squad.
- Grade 8 student Joe McGann achieved the remarkable cricketing feat of 100 runs off just 20 balls in the clash between SVC Blue and SVC Gold. His innings on the JPC Oval included 10 sixes, 9 fours, a single and a three off his final ball to bring up a stunning century.
- The following boys have been selected in Basketball Tasmania's elite development programmes: State Development Programme (SDP):
  Grade 7: Jasper Hay and James Lyden.
  Grade 8: Jaxsyn Collins, J'Kobi Bone, William Davie, Charles Lennon, Harrison McLeod and Toby Causby.
  Grade 10: Lewis Crennan and Lachlan McCarthy.
  Advanced Academy (AA)
  The AA is an extra session once a week with selected mixed athletes from the SDP programme.
  Grade 8: Charlie Lennon
  Grade 10: Lewis Crennan and Lachlan McCarthy

1. Felix Meyer
2. Oliver Morgan
3. 2020 House Athletics
4. SSATIS Athletics
5. Harrison McLeod

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Fr Richard Ross
(OVA Chaplain, SVC 1977-85)

From the President

Our New Chaplain!

Father Michael Tate has retired as the Old Virgilians Association Chaplain after many years of distinguished service.

His replacement will be Fr Richard Ross who is currently parish priest of the Bellerive-Lindisfarne. Both are former students of the College, each being inducted onto the Heritage Roll of Honour. Fr Michael in 2007 and Fr Richard in 2014.

Fr Michael attended from 1958-62 whilst Fr Richard's graced the halls of the College from 1977-85. Thank you for your many years of support, Fr Michael and welcome Fr Richard.

Thanks Bill Roach!

Bill Roach (SVC 1950-57) joined the OVA committee in 1998 and resigned at the last AGM after 22 years of dedicated service. Despite his excellent service he is not the only Roach to have achieved prominence in their fields of endeavour! Bill was the Association's Treasurer from 2001-2017. In appreciation of his input and expertise, Bill was awarded Life Membership of the OVA in 2012.

After Bill matriculated from the College in 1957, he commenced work at Cadburys. Whilst at Cadburys the Mountsea Credit Union was formed within the company. Bill became a Director of Mountsea and was later appointed its manager. Mountsea later merged with Island State Credit Union – now MyState Bank. Bill retired in 1999.

Bill's brother Dan (attended the College (SVC 1954-59). He joined the Bank of New South Wales in 1960 and his career in banking saw him take up appointments in Hobart (twice), Melbourne, Adelaide (twice) and Port Augusta. Dan retired in 2001 and now lives in Adelaide.

Whilst at SVC both Bill and Dan were Prefects (Dan was Deputy Head Prefect). Dan captained the First XVIII in 1959 – Bill was part of the 1957 State Premiership. Both went on to play football with the Macalburn / Hobart Football Club. Both were members of the Hobart-Carlton Surf Lifesaving Club and both played water polo, squash and golf.

Deadline for next Edition
Wednesday June 30 2021.

2020 Annual Dinner

A great night was had on Saturday October 17 at the OVA Annual Dinner with three new inductees to the Heritage Roll of Honour and two new OVA Life members recognised and celebrated.

Congratulations to Heritage Roll of Honour inductees:

- Paddy Dalton (SVC 1963-64)
- Assoc. Professor Marek Havlat (SVC 1977-82)
- Dr Stratos Roussos (SVC 1991-94)

Marek's award was accepted by his mum and sister, whilst Stratos accepted via video.

OVA Life Memberships for outstanding services to the Association were awarded to Robert Scanlon (3) and Edward Gauden (4).

Profiles of Inductees

Patrick Dalton

Born May 24 1947, youngest son of James and Thelma Dalton. Brother to Anthony James Dalton and Noelene Mary Suckling.

2020 Annual Dinner

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Married to Maryanne (nee Parkinson) January 12 1973. They have three children, Tim (SVC 1987-92 who is a qualified anaesthetist), Joanne and Alisa. Maryanne's father attended the College (SVC 1933-36) as did he four brothers Doug (SVC 1955-63), John (SVC 1959-67),David (SVC 1962-66) and Brian (SVC 1964-67)

Paddy attended St Therese's Primary School and Dominic College prior to coming to St Virgil's College.

He then attended the University of Tasmania and graduated with a B.Sc. (Hons.), Dip.Ed. and M.Sc.

From this base, Paddy was to launch a career at UTAS that was to span 44 years. He was appointed to the Department of Botany (later to become The School of Plant Science and now the Discipline of Biological Sciences in the School of Natural Sciences) in 1972. He retired at the end of June in 2016.

During those 44 years Paddy lectured, supervised laboratory classes and led field excursions across all undergraduate levels. He was First Year Coordinator and mentored Honours students as Coordinator for over 24 years. Within the Faculty he acted as Sub-Dean for Life Sciences from 1987 to 88, providing academic guidance and counsel to prospective students majoring in Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry and Microbiology. As Sub-Dean he was also a member of the Matriculation Policy Committee.

In a broader University role, he was a member of the Schools Board subject committee from 1976 to 1980 and was Chief Examiner HSC Biology from 1980 to 1987. During that time, he was involved in the discussion that led to the development of the TCE.

Excellence in my teaching performance has been recognised in University and National Awards as follows:

- Teaching Merit Certificates; 1995(inaugural awards), 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011, 2012 (Team award for teaching Biology of Plants)
- 2008 Vice-Chancellor Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning.
- 2009 ALTC (Australian Learning and Teaching Council) National Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. "For continued commitment to applied student learning, individual enquiry and establishment of peer-mentoring in plant science'.

In terms of research, Paddy's passion for the study of the structure, taxonomy and ecology of these non-flowering plants has taken him on extensive field work across Australia, North and South America and New Zealand. It has allowed him to become part of a network of colleagues, the International Association of Bryologists. This life-long study has resulted in publications in Australian and International journals often in collaboration with local and overseas colleagues.

Mosses and Liverworts are small, miniatures of the plant world and are often portrayed as insignificant component of our flora. To remedy this perception, he was fortunate to develop a relationship with an exceptional local botanical artist, Lauren Black. Since 1987 he has worked with Lauren and overseen the production of a series of black and white pencil drawings as well as numerous watercolour paintings of mosses and allied plants to reveal their extraordinary structure and unique features.

The first exhibition of this collaboration coincided with the centenary of Biology at UTas in 2009 and was displayed in the Morris Miller Library entitled 'Mossmania' (UTas Newsletter December 2009). A larger exhibition was presented in 2011 at the Allport Gallery and Museum of Fine Arts Hobart. This public exhibition, 'Splendidus Muscorum', displayed the botanical marvels of these little-known plants as well as providing an insight to the fascinating stories and histories of the species (Mercury Newspaper; Tasmania 40º South No 65, 2012).

In recent years Paddy has volunteered his expertise as a survey leader for science citizen forays in areas like the Tarkine and field days organised by the TLC (Tasmanian Land Conservancy).

He actively promoted the study of bryophytes as Editor of the Australasian Bryological Newsletter for 19 years, more recently as editor for the International Association of Bryology and as a Convenor for major national and international conferences.

Following the bequest by Sir Ackland Lord (his uncle), Paddy assisted in the establishment of the AA Lord Homes as Secretary to the Founding Committee. Once established he joined the management of the Homes as a committee person and finally as Chairman. It was in that role that he negotiated the transfer of management to Southern Cross Care. This was to ensure the Homes would be professionally managed to provide continued excellent care for aged persons as envisaged by Sir Ackland.

Paddy served as a member of the Tasmanian Education Commission from 1989 to 1992 and from 1987 to 1991 was Chairman of St Virgil's College Advisory Board.

In retirement Paddy continues to pursue his botanical interests as an Honorary Associate and Casual Lecturer in Biological Sciences. As well he finds time to enjoy reading historical literature, travel interstate and overseas to visit family and to play competitive golf at Kingston Beach as well as a being a member of the Senior Golfers' Society of Tasmania.

Marek Havlat

Marek Francis Havlat was born in Launceston on October 22 1964, the fourth child of George and Jarmila Havlat, Czech immigrants who arrived in Australia in 1948. His mother worked as a Science teacher for 27 years at St Mary's College Hobart, having previously worked at Ogilvie and Taroona High Schools.

An older brother, Karel, (SVC 1969-1974),recently retired as Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Justice in Canberra after 30 years in the Federal public service in Canberra.

Marek and Megan married in 1993 and have four children: Joseph,Peter, Edward and Cecilia.

Joseph is a budding concert pianist and composer in London, having achieved Bachelor and Masters in Music (cum laude) under full scholarship from the Royal Academy of Music (University of London). Peter is in his fourth year of undergraduate of music studying flute, also under scholarship at the RAM in London and is a keen pianist. Edward is in his third year of a combined Science /Arts degree (Geology and Music performance, Violin) at the University of Western Australia and is also a keen composer and drummer. Cecilia is in Year four at Loreto Nedlands and is studying the clarinet and piano.

Marek started at St Mary's Junior school (1970-72), progressing through St Peters (1973-76) and then as a Virgilian onto Austins Ferry and Barrack Street (SVC 1977-82). He was a member of successful swimming teams and Captain in his final year. He was an active member of St Vincent de Paul and the Debating team during this time. In 1981 he was one of two Year 11 prefects and in 1982 became Head Prefect of St Virgil's College.

Marek studied Medicine at the University of Tasmania, graduating in 1989 with a B. Med.Sci and M.B.,B.S. After a few residency years in Launceston, he commenced specialist training in Anatomical Pathology in Hobart, completing his training in Melbourne at the Austin Hospital in 1996 as a Lecturer in Pathology at the University of Melbourne and attaining a Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA). Further post Fellowship training followed at the Victorian Cytology Service and subspecialist training at the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham UK, after successfully completing the British Royal College of Pathologists Fellowship examinations (FRCPath) in 1998, and Fellowship of the Irish College. Further subsequent training in Cytopathology followed by Diploma certifications from the Royal College of Pathologists and International Academy of Cytology.

Marek and his family returned to Tasmania in 1999 and after a brief stint in private pathology, joined the Department of Pathology, University of Tasmania where he coordinated and taught Pathology in years three and four of the Medical course, undertook some research, and worked part time as the Deputy Forensic Pathologist for the State of Tasmania. Marek received a University of Tasmania Teaching Merit Award in recognition of his Pathology teaching in 2001.

Marek joined St John of God Pathology in Perth, Western Australia in 2002 where he was director of Registrar training at St Johns, and Deputy Director of Anatomical Pathology.

He was fortunate to be involved in the establishment of a new medical school under the auspices of the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle in 2005 and was appointed Associate Professor of Anatomical Pathology, delivering over forty lectures and additional tutorials annually to medical, nursing and science students over the years. He was the recipient of the inaugural School of Medicine Dean's Teaching Excellence Award in 2010 and has been nominated most years since then with Certificates of Commendation. He has also received a number of awards from the UNDA Medical Student Society (Notre Damus) as the best lecturer for the second year of the medical course.

Since the demise of St John of God pathology, Marek has worked at Western Diagnostic Pathology since 2011 as Head of Cytopathology and more recently as overall Head of Anatomical Pathology while maintaining his busy commitments to the UNDA and its medical school.

His current specialist interests are Cytopathology, Dermatopathology and Neuropathology in a background of General Anatomical Pathology Practice.

Marek, Megan and family have been long time Parishioners at St Aloysius Parish Shenton Park where all of the family members have and continue to provide music for Saturday evening Mass for the last twelve years. Marek was Chair of the Parish Council in 2006.

Marek has an interest in languages. He has maintained his interest in French and Latin from his school days, and to these he has added Italian and Czech (his parent's native language) and more recently has moved onto German and Spanish.

Stratos Roussos

Stratos is the son of Jim (Dimitrios) and Poppy (Kaliopi) Roussos. His parents migrated to Australia as children. His father was born on the island of Leros and his mother on the holy island of Patmos. Stratos was born in 1979 and has an older sister, Maria Nicol.

Stratos commenced his primary education at St Mary's College in 1984 and then moved through St Peter's School, St Virgil's and then on to Guilford Young College, from whence he graduated in 1996. In effect he had spent 13 years attending on schools either side of Barrack St!

Whilst at the College he was a member of the his age group soccer teams, but it was in the area of music that he excelled. He along with fellow Virgilians, Paul Brooks, Charles Donnelly, Kieran O'Brien and Luke Rainbow formed the band 'Waiter'. The group went on to win the Tasmanian Global Battle Of the Bands final and performed at the Gone South, Falls and FUSE festivals, as well as producing albums – the first of which 'Moving Objects' received the 2005 Best Tasmanian CD Release award.

Stratos graduated from UTAS with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery with Honours in 2003 and spent the ensuing five years at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Much of 2008 was spent in Southern Sudan as a volunteer with Medicins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

Stratos has lived in the Northern Territory since 2010. Initially in Alice Springs until 2017 and then onto Darwin. His focus shifted to assisting with the improvement of Aboriginal health working in Alice Springs and with outlying remote communities. Whilst in Darwin he spends most of his time within the general clinic, however he also finds one day a week running a 'Bush Mobile' clinic. An Aboriginal Health Worker and himself visit people on outstations (approximately 60- 100km out of Darwin) for whom reaching the clinic is difficult and many of whom have chronic diseases which require regular follow up. Stratos also spends two sessions a week at Headspace, a predominately mental health service for young people staffed by psychologists and a GP.

In 2012 he was named the Dr Debbie Stach GP Registrar of the Year. This annual award goes to a GP registrar who has an outstanding approach to medicine, has demonstrated a commitment to improving Indigenous health outcomes in the Northern Territory, and who has demonstrated an outstanding approach to professionalism in their work, education and training environments.

Further accreditations acquired by Stratos, include:

- Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners 2011
- Advanced Rural Skills and Advanced Specialised Training in Anaesthesia 2013
- Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine 2013
- Accredited General Practice Supervisor of RACGP & ACRRM Registrars 2014

In 2017 he moved to Darwin where he now works with Danila Dilba Health Services which is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation. Since 2018 Stratos has served as Chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Assessment Panel for the Northern Territory.

Old Boys in the News

Old Boys in the News – more Old Virgilians stories are available in OVAtions, the OVA's monthly e-newsletter https: oldvirgilians.org.au/newsletters-publications/

Jorrick Chivers

(SVC 1993-96)

Jorrick has been appointed as General Manager Operations for the Tasmanian National Basketball League franchise, the Tasmania Jack Jumpers!

Jorrick has been the Business Manager at MacKillop College for a number of years. In gaining this new position he is able to combine his business acumen and his long time involvement with basketball. He was a member of the Hobart Chargers' 2000 and 2002 championship teams and an Assistant Coach of the Hobart Huskies in 2019. Jorrick is the son of Mark Chivers (SVC 1964-67) who coached the Chargers from 1997 – 2007 and is currently Chief Executive of the Glenorchy Football Club.

Victory in the Pacific Day!

The photo opposite appeared in the recent edition of the Mercury. It is a 1945 image of young Tasmanians strolling down Macquarie St, Hobart, at the end of World War II. The older lads were able to be identified as a group of St Virgil's senior students: (L-R) Brian Sertori, Barry Fisher, Pierre Hutton, John Best and Tom Donnelly.

Brian, who was Head Prefect at the time, went on to study science and became senior manager at Cascade. He also gave outstanding assistance to St Virgil's and St Mary's Colleges over many years.

Barry became an architect and served as an Alderman on the Hobart City Council from 1976-2000.

Pierre studied commerce at UTAS before attending the School of Diplomatic Studies, Canberra University. He became an Australian ambassador / commissioner in various parts of the globe and also became an author.

John became a well-known publican in the greater Hobart area.

Brian and Michael have been inducted on to the College's Heritage Roll – Brian (posthumously in 2012) and Pierre in 2008.

Relative to the end of WW2, the following was found in the College Archives.

In the 1940s, the cadet unit was an important part of life at St Virgil's, particularly as the country was at war. With his involvement in cadets and as a star pupil, Brian was selected to write to General Douglas Macarthur on behalf of Tasmanian Students, to express appreciation for the efforts of General Macarthur in defending our greater region. Brian was overwhelmed to receive a letter in reply which is today cherished by the Sertori family. As a very proud cadet, Brian was honoured and thrilled to be a part of Hobart's victory parade coinciding with the end of WW11.

A Literary Tradition

The College has been the educational home to a significant number of published authors.

The list includes:

- Cameron Beck (SVC 1992-95)
- Rex Cox (SVC 1956-64)
- Craig Deayton (SVC 1968-76)
- Kerry Dillon (SVC 1959-64)
- Rob Donnelly (SVC 1977-85)
- Peter Heerey AM QC (SVC 1947-55)
- Pat Howard (SVC 1949-53)
- Geoff Hook OAM (SVC 1935-49)
- Pierre Hutton (SVC 1935-45)
- Christopher Koch AO, (SVC 1945-50)
- Dr Tom Lewis OAM (SVC 1971-74)
- Noel Monks (SVC 1915-21)
- John 'Tadhg' Muller (SVC 1991-94)
- Dr Peter Williams (SVC 1965-79)
- Morris West (former Christian Brother & SVC staff 1937)

Following an article in OVAtions a number of other published authors have been identified including Gerard Thompson, Anthony Griffiths and Stephen Brown.

If you know of any more please contact Graeme Rainbow:
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Carl Renshaw

(SVC 2012-2015)

Carl was recently announced as a State winner of a Triple J 'Level Up Unearthed' grant. The grant is an initiative to assist independent Australian musicians create local content. Carl a psych-pop singer will use the $7,000 to produce an EP and film clip. Interviewed in the Mercury Carl acknowledged; "I wasn't even going to apply. I didn't think I would have a chance."

Keep an eye, and ear out for Carl on your socials and on Spotify.

Chris Jones
(SVC 1953-56)

Chris was awarded an OAM in this year's Queen's Birthday Awards in recognition of his service to the community of Hobart.

Chris was Southern Cross Care Tasmania's Director and Board Member for 14 years and served as company Treasurer for seven years. Among his other duties, Mr Jones has also served as Treasurer and committee member of the Sandy Bay Sailing Club and as Calvary Hospital Board Member.

Chris has also been a great supporter of the College. He was a member of the St Virgil's Board 1994-2001, a member of the OVA committee from 1993 to 2000 during which time he served as its Treasurer for five years.

Chris attended the College from 1953 – 56 and had a successful career as a partner in an accounting firm. He married Sue Mulligan (Richard's sister) and they have five children: Andrew (SVC 1987-92)- a doctor, Luke (SVC 1989-94) – a major, Rhodes Scholar and Heritage Roll inductee, Nicholas (SVC 1992-95) – an engineer, and Simon (SVC 1994-97) an accountant. Their daughter Sarah is married to Robert Longey (SVC 1995-98) – an engineer.

Of note, all four of Chris' sons won the senior hockey team best and fairest trophy – a remarkable achievement! Congratulations Chris – a richly deserved honour.

Max Corney
(SVC 1957-64)

Max attended the College from 1957-64. He was a member of the 1st XVIII and the senior Cross Country team for his final three years.

Upon leaving school he attended the Hobart Teachers' College where he gained a Diploma of Teaching, later upgrading to a Bachelor of Education at UTAS. Max commenced teaching with the Tasmanian Education Department in 1967 and retired in 2005. He was head of the Primary section of the Sorell Area School for twenty six years – the primary section having one of the largest student numbers in the State. He would often ride his bike to Sorell from his home at Rosny.

Those who know Max would describe him as an absolute sports buff. His knowledge of sporting matters is unsurpassed. He continued with his football after his school days and played with the Old Virgilians from 1966-73, was part of the 1971 senior premiership team, and coached the OVA reserves for three years for two premierships.

Max was valued and long-serving member of the Southern Tasmanian Primary Sports Association and his contributions were recognised by his being awarded an Honorary Life Membership. He coached numerous school and southern primary football teams and was the coach of the Tasmanian Under 16 team at the National carnival.

Since his retirement he certainly has not let the grass grow under his feet! He kayaks, rides his bike, swims, bush walks and continues to assist at primary sports carnivals. What prompted the OVA to tell his story was the news that he recently (at the age of 73) paddled his kayak from New Norfolk to Bellerive. Many former senior rowers would remember the challenge of rowing an eight over the same distance. Another of Max's memorable accomplishments was as a 66 year-old when he pedalled from Queenstown to Hobart (270Km) with an overnight stop at Tarraleah.

Hugh Hiscutt
(SVC 1941-45)

In the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours, Hugh Hiscutt, 93, was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the people and Parliament of Tasmania, and to the community of West Devon.

Hugh was the independent Member for the Division of Devon in the Tasmanian Legislative Council between 1983 and 1995. He was a Penguin Councillor between 1966 and 1987 and also served as the President of the Burnie Agricultural and Pastoral Show Society. He is also the current Patron of the Burnie Arts Council.

In 1995 younger brother, Des, replaced Hugh as the MLC for West Devon. He served in Parliament from 1995 to 1999. Des was inducted onto the St Virgil's College Heritage Roll of Honour in 2010.

A Life of Service Brigadier Haydn Kohl
(SVC 1981-86)

Brigadier Haydn Kohl was born in Hobart, Tasmania on 3 August 1969. He attended St Virgil's College in Hobart before graduating from the Royal Military College (Duntroon) to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1989.

Haydn held the typical range of regimental and staff appointments during his early career which included postings to watercraft, transport and artillery units as well as to medium and heavy workshops and operational level headquarters.

In 1999 Haydn attended a 12-month technical officer training course. Since then he has undertaken a mix of capability management, staff and representational postings; commencing with a posting as the senior engineer for the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV).

- This was followed by Australian Command & Staff College and a two-year posting to HQ UK Land Command, where he received a Commander-in-Chief Land commendation recognising his work on maintenance reform and his role as part of the team that deployed and supported 30,000 British troops in Iraq.
- In 2005 he was posted to the Defence Materiel Organisation as the M113

Program Manager, where he oversaw the delivery of the first significant upgrade to the M113 fleet since the Vietnam War.

- In 2008 Haydn was selected as an instructor at the UK Defence Academy. This was an especially rewarding time as it included the opportunity to instruct the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land), a 32-week career course for all British Army and Royal Marine majors. It was also during this posting that his son, Hugo was born.

- In 2010 Haydn returned to Australia on promotion to the rank of Colonel. He subsequently led the Systems Program Office (SPO) acquiring and sustaining small and medium calibre weapons for the ADF. This was followed by three years leading a passionate team of experts in Clothing SPO. He was subsequently posted to Capability Development Group as the Director Joint Force Integration, leading a section dedicated to improving Joint integration and interoperability within the ADF. In mid-2014 Haydn was posted on promotion as Director General Land Vehicle Systems and in October 2016 he was posted to lead Land Manoeuvre Systems Branch, with responsibility for acquiring and sustaining a range of land-based equipment including armoured vehicles, ground based air defence systems and engineer plant equipment. He was privileged to be selected as Head of Corps RAEME in October 2015, a role he filled concurrently with his other responsibilities and which included the honour of leading the Corps contingent on ANZAC Day during its 75th year.

Haydn's professional development is underpinned by a series of operational deployments, including:

- In 1996 he was seconded to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) headquarters in El Arish in the Sinai;

1. 2020 SVCOSFC 1st XVIII
2. Taking on the old enemy at the Bike Track
3. SVCOSCC – 2020 T20 Premiers
4. SVCOSCC – Division 4 Premiers

- In 2003 he deployed to Kabul as the S4(EME) for the Royal Anglian Battlegroup;
- In 2004 he deployed to Basrah in Iraq. In August 2018 he returned from 12 months on Headquarters Resolute Support in Afghanistan where he was part of a specialist team advising and mentoring senior members of the Afghan Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defence on logistics, medical and ICT matters; and
- For his efforts in Afghanistan he received the US Legion of Merit.

Haydn has undertaken professional education throughout his career. Highlights include a Masters of Science in Operations Research and Statistics in 1999, and graduating from Staff College with a Masters of Management in Defence Studies in 2002. In 2007 Haydn joined the Australian Institute of Project Management and in 2012 he joined the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Haydn is married to Alex, an Australian Federal Police officer. Alex and Haydn have a son Hugo and a daughter Zara. Haydn enjoys a range of sports, including long distance running, triathlon, sailing and horse-riding. He has previously competed on behalf of the ADF in Modern Pentathlon at an international level.

A Memorable Sporting Moment!

In 1985, Haydn was to the Number 2 middle distance runner in the Under16 age group. For the State Carnival, as the open 1500m champion was unavailable on the day, Haydn was asked to represent the College in the Open 1500m. What a performance – up and age group and he won the event.

Jim Wilson – and Sons!

In 1958 Jim Wilson (SVC 1958-66) commenced four years primary at the Barrack St Campus before being part of the first intake at Austins Ferry in 1962.

Upon leaving school in 1966, he successfully completed an apprenticeship in fitting and turning, and some years later embarked on a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (Mechanical). This he completed in 1977. At the time of his retirement in 2007, Jim was a Certified Practicing Engineer and a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. In addition to this Jim has for many years been a hard working volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Both of Jim and wife Roz's boys attended the College and both have become medical specialist.

Mark (SVC 1992-95) attended UTAS and then did further specialist studies in Melbourne before returning to Hobart where he is a Staff Specialist Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) and a Consultant at Calvary Hospital. He also a Clinical Lecturer at the UTAS School of Medicine and co-supervisor of the accredited Gastroenterology and Hepatology registrar training program at the RHH.

Craig (SVC 1996-99) completed medical school at the University of Tasmania, graduating with a Bachelor of Medical Science in 2005 and a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2007, which he obtained with honours. In 2009, Craig moved to WA to further his experience and it was here that he developed an interest in radiation oncology whilst working at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital. In 2013, he moved to Melbourne to undergo specialist training in radiation oncology at Geelong Hospital and then to The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

A fellowship in 2017 at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne enabled Craig to further sub-specialise in head and neck cancers, skin cancer, stereotactic radiation therapy and clinical research. Craig is now based in Bunbury, WA.

Jim & Roz's daughter Karen married John Tierney (SVC 1993-96) who is an electrical technician with Tritec Electrical Controls and Automation. Karen, an ex-St Mary's student, gained a BA and B Teach. at UTAS

Jim's older brother Bob (SVC 1957-62) was a respected Hobart physiotherapist.

The Bloody Long Run!

On the weekend of July 9 a team of eight runners (Lachlan and Jordan Gadomski, Tim and James Belstead, Theo Jaynes, Henry Prichard, Ben Donnelly and Tom Franks) ran over 300km from Eddystone Point to The Menzies Centre Hobart to raise funds for the Alex Gadomski Fellowship.

The Alex Gadomski Fellowship was created in 2018 in honour of Alex Gadomski (SVC 2008-11), who died in 2017 at the age of 21 after a five-year battle with bone marrow failure.

The Fellowship's major fundraiser each year is the Live Life Gala Ball in Hobart but, when COVID-19 social distancing restrictions caused the event to be cancelled, two of Alex's brothers decided to raise funds in another way.

Alex's brothers, Jordan and Lachlan, who are members of the Kingborough Tigers Football Team (Dad, Paul is the President)

were well prepared, completing countless running sessions in preparation for the delayed start of the TSL competition. It was during these sessions that they hit upon the idea of doing the 'long run' as an alternative fundraising venture.

Of the eight runners, five are former students – Jordan and Lachlan, along with Theo Jaynes, Henry Pritchard and Ben Donnelly.

To date the run has raised over $42,000 - the initial aim was $25,000! You can still support the cause by going to https://www.mrv.org.au/my-fundraising/128/the-bloody-long-run

A New Deputy in Town!

Brad Canning (SVC 1997-2000) has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at St Aloysius Catholic School in Kingston. Brad was School Captain in

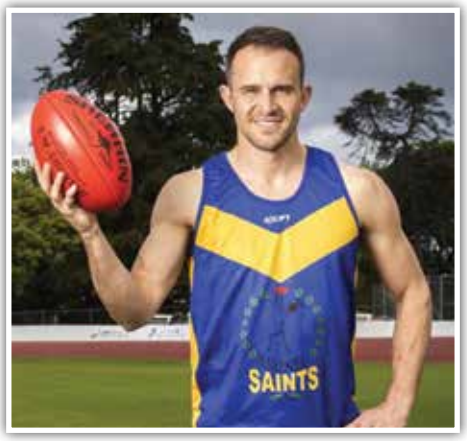
2000 and is the current Assistant Deputy Principal at St Virgil's. He has worked at the College since 2009.

Brad is a current OVA Committee member and was a long time committee member of the St Virgil's Old Scholars Football Club. Interestingly Brad's son Thomas is part of the foundation Kindergarten class at St Virgil's in 2021.

The Saints are on the March!

Jaye Bowden, the State League's most decorated player, recently signed a two year deal to coach the St Virgil's Old Scholars football team. This is viewed as an enormous challenge given the Saints have finished as wooden spooners in every season since 2016 and has won just three of its last 79 games over the past five years.

Saints President Joel Berry, a former Teacher Assistant at Austins Ferry said that whilst on field success has eluded the senior side in recent years, (it's last finals appearance came in 2011 and last premiership was 2001), off field the club is in a strong position to land a big fish when the time was right.



Bowden will take the reins from former Glenorchy teammate Simon Spencer, with a number of former Pies also understood to be joining him in the blue and gold.

For the record Jaye's incredible football achievements are as follows:

- 3 x Glenorchy senior premiership player
- 3 x Alistair Lynch medallist for TSL best & fairest
- 3 x Hudson medallist for TSL leading goalkicker
- 6 x RH 'Banjo' Patterson medallist for GDFC best & fairest
- 6 x Tasmanian state representative
- 8 x TSL Team of the Year selection

It's time to get back to New Town Oval, buy a membership and be part of the rise of the Saints!

2020 Golf Day

A full field hit off on Friday November 6 for 59th running of the OVA Golf Day. Intermittent showers and lightning fast greens challenged all players with the majority of scores suggesting the course came out on top!

Results

Old Virgilians Section
Br E Joyce Trophy
1st Nick Beltz 37 pts (pictured above)
2nd Andrew Oakley 34 pts
3rd Noel Leary 32 pts

Ladies:
1st Tricia Dixon 28 pts
2nd Jann Henebury 27 pts on c/b
3rd Margaret Watling 27 pts on c/b from Deborah Goddard and Catherine Beaver

Non-Old Virgilians Men:
1st Warren Walker 41 pts
2nd Damian Messer 38 pts
3rd Andrew Henebury 37 pts

Teams Event:
Warren Walker, Damian Messer, Mark Waddington and Michael Moschogianis.

A highlight of the day was having three generations of the Busch family play - Rod, Jeremy and Will (Grade 9) - pictured above.

Well done to the Golf Committee, (Terry Kay, Peter Beven, Michael Harvey and Peter Dixon) for organising another fantastic day. Thank you also to sponsors Raine Horne, Tilford, Graham Family Funerals and Royal Hobart Golf Club Pro Shop.

Vale

Chris Smyth
(SVC 1976-79)

Chris passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday June 9. The Smyth family moved from Launceston to Hobart in 1976, and Chris started at the College as a Grade 9 student. He had previously attended St Patrick's College. In his final year at St Virgil's, Chris was a Prefect, Captained the 1st XI cricket team, and was a member of the 1st XVIII football team, being runner-up in the team's Best & Fairest – a team which won all its games in the southern roster but lost the State final to St Pat's due to very poor kicking for goal : St Pat's 11.8-74 def. SVC 7.19-61.

Chris went on to play football for both Sandy Bay and Glenorchy and later became an ABC television commentator of TFL games during the 1990s and Devils' matches in the 2000s.

Chris had an outstanding professional career. At the time of his death, he was Executive Director Operations at the College of Business and Economics at UTAS. Previous to that he was the UTAS Director of Human Resources for eight years.

Robert Johnson
(SVC 1973-81)

The St Virgil's community was shocked and saddened to hear of Robert Johnston's passing. 'Johnno' commenced at St Virgil's as a Grade 4 student in 1973 and for the next nine years he was a passionate member of the school community. In his final year he was Captain of the athletics team and Vice-Captain of the victorious football team.

Post school, Johnno became involved in the finance industry. He gained a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment, a Certificate in Financial Markets from the Securities Institute of Australia and a Diploma of Financial Planning (Deakin University). He became Certified Financial Planner practitioner, an accredited Level 2 derivatives adviser, a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FFIN), a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) and a member of the Stockbrokers Association of Australia – Master Stockbroking (MSAA).

For much of his working life (27 years) he worked with Shadforth Financial Group, where he became a Director. To quote from the Mercury tribute from Shadforth – "Much loved and highly respected former director and colleague of 28 years. Rob was an influential mentor to a generation of staff and his presence and sense of humour will be dearly missed by all."

On leaving Shadforth's he became Managing Director of Bensam Investments Pty Ltd, a private investment company He was one of the 18 founding shareholders in the successful Pure Foods Tasmania (PFT) and its inaugural Chairman, retiring as a Director in November 2019.

Johnno served as a Director on the Board of the Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation since 2016 and, (again to quote a tribute), "during that time he generously shared his knowledge, experience and humour in equal measure to support medical research in Tasmania. Robbie's contributions and friendship will be missed."

His other community involvements included: the Carbine Club, the Royal Hobart and Orford Golf Clubs, the Spring Bay Boat Club, the Athenaeum Club and the North Hobart Football Club Tridents.

Seeking to emulate his elder brother Peter in the VFL, Johnno ventured to Victoria after finishing his matriculation. He had games with Geelong Under 19s but returned to Hobart where he played senior football with both Sandy Bay and North

Hobart (who he debuted as a senior player while still a student at St Virgil's) before finishing off his playing days with the Old Virgilians where he became a premiership player. For many years he competed with the OVA athletics club at the Domain.

Johnno had a large group of close friends that he acquired from his school days and maintained throughout his life – they kept in touch and looked out for one another. Some of his closest friends, from the SVC Class of 1981, highlighted how Robert lived his life as a true Virgilian.

The Johnston family will be holding a Celebration of Robert's life in the near future when we can all be together. Knowing Johnno, he would never want you to miss out! Details of the Celebration will be posted at: johnnoscelebration.com

Mike Noga
(SVC 1989-94)

Mike passed away suddenly in Melbourne on August 27, aged 42. After completing his secondary education, Mike moved to Melbourne where he commenced what was to be an outstanding career in music. In 2014 he became to the drummer for the internationally acclaimed Australian Band – The Drones. In 2014, Mike left the band to pursue his solo career and he was able to expose his determination and skill as a singer / song writer.

He launched three albums as a solo artist - Folk Songs (2006), the Balladeer Hunter (2011) and King (2016).

The College has had a long association with St Virgil's. Mike is the son of Valentine (Val) Noga (SVC 1960-65), the nephew of Val's brothers Steve (SVC 1960-67), Robert (SVC 1965-73) and David (SVC 1970-78) and cousin of Andrew Noga (SVC 1989-94) and Tim Noga (SVC 1990-94).

John White
(SVC 1951-58)

John Charles White, born October 2, 1942 passed away on June 20 2020. John was the son of Alfred White who was a member of the Tasmanian House of Assembly from 1941 to 1959. John started at St Virgil's in Grade 3 in 1951 and left at the end of 1958 when his father was appointed Agent General for Tasmania in London. Alfred White received a knighthood in 1971 for his service to Tasmania.

John went on to become a lawyer and entered the Tasmanian Parliament in 1986 as a member for Denison (now Clarke). He held the position of Health Minister during 1989 to 1992. During 1992 to 1998 he was Shadow minister for Arts, Justice, Environment and Aboriginal Affairs. In August 1998 he resigned from his Lower House seat to contest the Upper House seat of Newdegate. He was successful and took the position in September 1998.

In June 1999 White's Upper House seat of Newdegate was abolished when the size of parliament was reduced. Unfortunately, no year books for John's period at the College were published. However, the Archivist recalls that John was a promising footballer and was one of two Year 9 lads to make the senior premiership side in 1957 – the other being Kerry Wilson, who went on to play fifteen seasons with the Hobart Football Club.

Deaths

Ashcroft, David John
(SVC 1978-83)

05.05.1966 - 23.04.2020
Passed away suddenly at home. Beloved soulmate and husband of Angela. Loved and caring father of Jaryd, Teani, Stephanie and father-in-law to Grace. Adored Poppa to Naevia. Dearly loved son of Denise and John. Very loving and supportive brother of Cheryl and Sandy.

Bedford, Barry Joseph
(SVC 1947-52)

13.8.1937–1.10.2020
Son of William and Coila (both dec). Loving husband of Joan, father of Vanessa and Jim and father-in-law of Maxine. "Sailing On!"

Berry, Rodney Vincent
(SVC 1954-62)

21.03.1945 – 10.1.2020
Passed peacefully away 10 January 2020 after a long battle with illness. Loved son of Walter and Rose Berry (dec). Loved father of Noel and grandaughters Demi and Sarah.

Brickhill, Lewis Norman (Lew)
(SVC 1956-64)

14.01.1947 – 2.07.2020.
Taken to soon on July 2 2020. Aged 73 years. Much loved husband of Josephine. Dearly loved father and father-in-law of Monica and Marc, Rosemary and Robyn, Andrew and Rebecca, Katherine and Marty. Brother of Paul (SVC 1967-72). Brother-in law of Paddy Gourley (SVC 1956-61).

Brimfield, Kevan Gerard
(SVC 1956-63)

23.09.1940 -24.07.2020
Beloved husband of Lois. Treasured father of Brett (SVC 1975-83) and Stuart (SVC 1979-86).

Clark, Douglas 'Doug' Herbert
(SVC 1956-65)

22.09.1947-01.04.2020. Passed away peacefully at home in Balmain, Sydney. Beloved husband of Heather. Loved son of Bert and Meg (both dec). Brother of Maureen and Ian (both dec) and family; Carol, James and Gary (all dec); David (SVC 1956-62) and Jill and family. Memories will always be there.

Cosgrove, Stephen Maxwell
(SVC 1966-71)

31.08.1953 – 11.05.2020
Much loved son of Max and Joan (dec.). Adored husband of Trish. Father to Daniel and Nathan. Stepfather to Rachael. Treasured brother of Andrew (SVC 1970-75)

Cronly, Peter John
(SVC 1954-59)

4.9.1943 - 22.12.2019
Passed away peacefully at the RHH. Beloved Son of Patrick (dec) and Phylis (dec). Loving Brother of Br Jim (d. 2019) (SVC 1950-57), Michael (SVC 1958-63) and Gerard (SVC 1967-75). Brother-in-law to Maureen and Uncle to Clare and Matt. Rest in Peace.

Fletcher, Anthony (Tony) William
(SVC 1950 – 52)

27.10.1934 -27.08.2020

Free, Brendan Joseph
(SVC 1985-90)

17.11.1972 – 9.7.2020
Loved and loving father of Jacob (dec), Lachlan and Ella. Former husband of Deanne. Goodbye for now. Dearly loved and loving son of Sybil and Kevin (dec). Brother of Simon (SVC 1978-83), Nicholas (SVC 1981-84), Martin (SVC 1983-86) and Emma-Kate (Katie).

Green, John Edward
(SVC 1955-64)

10.9.1945 - 22.8.2020

Holobradek, Louis (Lou)
(SVC 1965-72)

5.4.1954 - 29.7.2020
Passed away suddenly. Loved son of Louis Snr and Sonia. Husband of Cecily. Father of Jacob and grandfather of Sadie. Brother of Michael (SVC 1971-77)

Johnston, Robert Anthony (Johnno / Robbie)
(SVC 1973-81)

30.7.1963 – 30.9.2020
So dearly loved husband of Cheryl, and cherished Dad of Sam and Ben. Youngest son of Ian and Mary (both dec), adored brother of Catherine, Peter (SVC 1967-75) and Jamie (SVC 1974-78). The family will be holding a Celebration of Robert's life in the near future when we can all be together. Knowing Johnno, he would never want you to miss out. Details of the Celebration will be posted at www.johnnoscelebration.com

Manton, David Robert
(SVC 1949-52)

31.12.1936 – 21.03.2020
Peacefully passed away at Royal Hobart Hospital aged 83 years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Marie, daughter Kerri Coombs, sons Rob (SVC 1968-74) and Nick (SVC 1983-88). Loved brother of Peter (SVC 1950-57)

McCarthy, Brian Charles
(SVC 1942-52)

26.12.1934 - 2.7. 2020
Passed away suddenly. Loved brother and brother-in-law of Tim (Mick) (SVC 1959-66), David (SVC 1951-61) and Norah, Margaret and Tony (d.2003: SVC 1949-55)) Morse.

Noga, Mike
(SVC 1990-94)

25.04.1978 – 27.08.2020

O'Keefe, Paul Melville
(SVC 1956-65)

12.3.1947 - 17.5.2020
Loved and devoted Husband of Ann-Maree. Loving Dad and Father- in-law of Rebecca and Heath Blair; Sarah and Michel de Vos; and Marcus O Keefe. Brother of Graham (SVC 1956 – 62). Our chosen Son Joseph Onguglo (SVC 1971-76) and his family (PNG). 'Gone Walkabout.

Parkes, Michael Alan
(SVC 1963)

30.08.1946 - 28.01.2020
Brother of Maureen Ball, and brother-in-law of Michael Ball. Michael moved to New Zealand around 1973 living mostly in the Waihi Beach area. Waihi Beach is in the North Island on the Bay of Plenty about two hours drive from Auckland. Mike had spent the last months of his life in a convalescent home after suffering a mild stroke in July 2019. His only sibling was his sister Maureen. He had no family.

Parton, Br Trevor John cfc
(SVC Principal 1978-84)

21.01.1940 – 10.05.2020
Died on Sunday 10th May 2020 at St Vincent s Hospital, Melbourne. Beloved son of Horace and Ellen, (nee Daniel), (both dec). Much loved brother of Rodney and Barry (dec). A highly respected member of the Christian Brothers. Aged 80 years. May he rest in peace.

Rafter, Isaac Paul
(SVC 2001-05)

29.7.1989-16.12.2019
Died at home. Beloved son of Paul and Catherine, Grandson of Bruce (dec) and Cynthia Goodluck and Robert and Janet Rafter (both dec). Loved deeply by extended family and friends. Be at peace our beautiful boy.

Ripper, Nicholas Brion
(SVC 1983-86)

14.3.1970 - 14.3.2020.
Died in Perth, WA following a long illness. Son of Douglas & Suzanne Ripper (dec). Partner of Noemi Paulovits. Beloved youngest brother of Amanda, James (SVC 1980-83) and Lisa.

Scanlon, Richard Paul
(SVC 1984-88)

Loved son of Frank and Valerie, dear brother of Benjamin, Veronica, Christopher, brother-in -law of Biao and Kasey, beloved uncle of Jessica, Violet and Ivy. Loved nephew of Toosey Bannerman.

Richard died peacefully at his Canberra home. A talented man now at rest, leaving us with many fond memories.

Smyth, Christopher James
(SVC 1976-79)

Beloved son of Stephen (dec) and Eris, loved and loving brother of Stephen, Mary-Ellen, Eris, Kitty, Anthony (SVC 1976-81), Tess and Paula, and their partners. Rest in peace. Forever loved, forever missed.

Walker, Thomas George (Tom)
(SVC 1935-37)

16.7.1922 - 13.1.2020. Loved and loving husband of Margaret (Meg) deceased. Father of Elizabeth (Libby), David (SVC 1969-75) and Carmel. Father in-law of Jill. Grandfather of Damien, Great Grandfather of Jessica. Loved only son of the Late Bertie and Mabel Walker, stepson of Jean deceased. A dear friend to many, respected by all. Will be sadly missed.

White, John Charles
(SVC 1951-58)

2.10.1942 – 20.06.2020
Peacefully passed away Saturday June 20 in Hobart. Loving husband of Louise, father of Charles and Lottie, brother to Marie-Ann, Paul (SVC 1954-58) and Nicola. Much loved "Papa John" to Poppy, Coco, Alfie, Ella and Oliver.

Wilson, Nicholas Alexander
(SVC 1976-84)

24.10.1966 - 29.1.2020 Passed away at Gold Coast University Hospital on the 29th January 2020 after a long illness. Dearly beloved eldest son of Alison and Kerry (SVC 1956-60). Brother of Justin (SVC 1978-87) and Christian (Dec) (SVC 1979-87). Brother in law of Simone and uncle to James (current student), Sarah and Tom (current student).

Births

McPherson

Mitch (SVC 2000-2003) and Sarah welcomed the birth of their first-born, Maya. Mitch was inducted onto the St Virgil's Heritage Roll in 2018.

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