



## From the Principal



### Term 1 Reports

Reports have been completed and will be posted home on Monday 16th April.

These reports will provide parents with information on how your child is travelling after a term of work.

They will also be the basis for discussion at Parent / Teacher interviews on Thursday 3rd May Week 1

next term. Further information on Parent / Teacher night is in the following pages in this newsletter.

### Student Free Days and School Closure dates

Please add these dates to your diary:

#### Student Free Days:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April (first day of term 2)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (first day of term 3)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

#### School Closure:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

There has been some fantastic work done by students this term outside of classroom commitments. A number of students have assisted with our school open night chaperoning parents around our school. Student ambassadors visited the local primary schools and students worked on the BBQ all day election day. It is great to see opportunities are taken to help and they are acknowledged.

I am certainly looking at how we can do things differently at Valley View Secondary School where students have more control on what happens in their schooling and providing opportunity for all kids to get involved.

Finally I would like to publically acknowledge all of the great work all staff have done at Valley View Secondary School this term and wish everyone a restful holiday.

Mr Greg Cox

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## Diary Dates

### Term 2

#### **Monday 30 April**

##### **Student Free Day**

Staff Training & Development

#### **Tuesday 1 May**

First day of Term 2

#### **Wednesday 2 May**

UniSA presentation Year 11/12

#### **Thursday 3 May**

Parent / Teacher Interviews

3:00pm—8:00pm

#### **Friday 4 May**

Senior Boys Basketball

#### **Tuesday 8 May—Thursday 10 May**

NAPLAN

#### **Wednesday 9 May**

Adelaide Uni Workshop Year 11

#### **Friday 11 May**

Year 9 Boys 5-a-side Soccer

#### **Wednesday 16 May**

Adelaide Uni Research Project Workshop Year 11

#### **Friday 18 May**

Careers & Employment Expo

Year 10/11/12

Year 8 Boys 5-a-side Soccer

#### **Wednesday 30 May**

ADF Presentation Year 10/11

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

### Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent from school please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6111 before 9am to let us know a reason for the absence. If your child is marked unexplained for Homegroup and we have not been notified, a text message will be sent to the first Parent/Caregiver's mobile number as recorded in our student database. This text message can only be replied to within 24 hours before the number is deactivated. Please use the student diary for signing students in late or leaving early from school and please contact the front office to complete an Exemption Form if your child/ren will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days.

### Term Dates—2018

Term 1	29th January—13th April
Term 2	30th April—6th July
Term 3	23rd July—28th September
Term 4	15th October—14th December

### House Points (update)

Yellow	2068
Blue	1907
Red	1797
Green	1404



# Santos Day



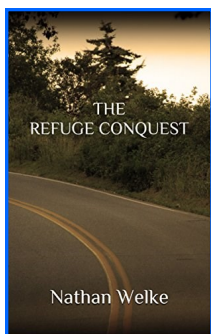
Santos Day was held on the 28th March 2018 and is well-known for being one of the biggest athletics carnivals in the state with 16 schools competing in 2 group levels on the day. With over 15 events on the day to compete in and Year 8 -12 levels in most category's it's a very big event for our students and one that is usually relished. Our Valley View Secondary School team was keen to compete as always. There were some big schools in our "B" grade division which was always going to present a big challenge. With a team of about 33 athletes we managed to cover most events and the students were prepared for a tough day. We had some early successes in the day with winning both the Long Jump and 100m Year 9 girls by Shayla Kalaba, all up she had 4 x 1st places. Daniel Goodwin also won the Year 9 boys Hurdles and a second in the High Jump and Tyler Grainger-Balding won all 3 of his events in Senior Boys Shot Put, Discus and Javelin. These were the outstanding performances on the day with a great effort by all on the day. Overall we came 7<sup>th</sup> in our group but all students had a great time and are keen to go again next year. Special thanks to Mr Lee, Ms Mitchell and Ms Fattori who helped out all day with duties.

**Mr Claude Miller**  
HPE Co-ordinator

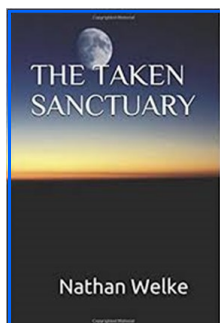




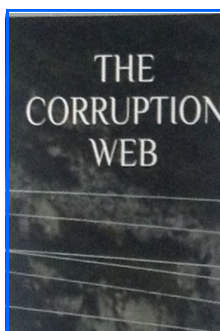
# Year 10 Author—Nathan Welke



Last year, you may have heard that I have written a novel called *The Refuge Conquest* and published it on Amazon. It focuses on a boy named Duncan Parksworth living in a dystopian society without electricity. In this society, there is a system in place known as the refuge system, which is a system of different refuges that teach refugees the skills they need to rebuild humanity. However, his life changes forever when he learns from a mysterious girl sitting near his usual hang out of a plot to take over the refuge system. It's up to Duncan and this girl to find the answers they desperately need to put an end to the conquest before the refuge system is divided.



Over the holidays I published another novel. This novel, *The Taken Sanctuary*, is the sequel following the aftermath of the first book and it includes many new refuges (as well as a couple of familiar ones). The Taken Sanctuary also introduces brand new characters, heroes and villains. The most exciting character, Ashleigh, is the character representing the LGBT+ community, and she was an exciting character to write into my plot.



A few months have passed since the publishing of *The Taken Sanctuary*, and I preparing to publish the epic conclusion to *The Refuge Conquest* trilogy. The conclusion is titled *The Corruption Web*, and will take place immediately after *The Taken Sanctuary*. The epic finale will finish plotlines, romances, and will include many character deaths. *The Corruption Web* follows Duncan and Hannah as they attempt to stop the refuge conquest and its perpetrators once and for all, while also trying to figure out how to properly stop the corruption that has taken hold of the refuge system without tearing humanity apart.

You can get the first two books *The Refuge Conquest* and *The Taken Sanctuary* from Amazon for \$10 plus shipping. If you don't want to buy the novel from Amazon, you can also ask for a copy from myself. Here are the links for the first two books:

*The Refuge Conquest* - <https://www.amazon.com/Refuge-Conquest-1-Nathan-Welke/dp/154977414X>

*The Taken Sanctuary* - <https://www.amazon.com/Taken-Sanctuary-Refuge-Conquest/dp/1549900625>



**Nathan Welke**  
Year 10 Student

## 'Come n Try' Cricket



On 3rd April our Year 12 PE class went down to East Ingle Farm Primary School to setup and run a "Come n Try" cricket event. They all completed a SACA Level 1 coaching course this term which allows them to coach cricket teams at school and club level. It's not just about cricket skills as they found out, but important life long skills were taught which are



transferable across all sports/areas including leadership skills, organisation and importance of community. The program follows the 6 C's approach of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, culture, creativity and connectivity. They received positive feedback from all the primary students who said they had a lot of fun and learnt some new skills.

**Mr Claude Miller**  
HPE Co-ordinator



# Thai Study Tour

Our first study tour arrived from Bangkok, Thailand on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and left on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. They are a lively group of 6 Year 8 students who have enjoyed being in Adelaide. They have made many new friends and enjoyed playing soccer. We had a great time at Gorge Wildlife Park and loved holding the Koalas and looking at the Kangaroo Dam wall. Valley View Secondary School was very different from their Thai schools with student numbers of around 3000.

We wish them well and hope visit us again.

**Mr Peter Evans**  
**Leader of International Programs**



My name is Namnoon and I come from Thailand, but I was born in Bangkok. My family has 8 people including

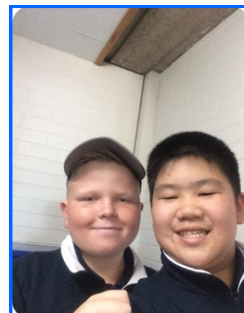
my Mum, my Dad, my grandpa, my grandma, my dad's brothers, my sister and me. I have travelled to many places including Phuket, Hong Kong, Taipei, Sydney, Singapore and Adelaide. I like to play soccer, table tennis, badminton and basketball. I like animals. I enjoy looking at cars, I have been to the Bangkok motor show in Thailand two times. I like to play games very much. I like Australia because this

country is very nice, but Australia is too expensive. Australia has cool weather, in Thailand it is very hot.



My name is Wich and I come from Thailand. My family has 6 people in it, including my sister, mum, dad, grandpa, grandma and me. I was born in the year 2005 at a hospital in Bangkok. Now that I am 12 years old, my family sent

me to Adelaide to learn more life skills. When I first came here I came with my friends Jeng, Win, Will and Airbus. Then I met another friend at school, his name is Namnoon. I have done a lot of things here. For example I met my host family her name is Franci she is a very kind person her family is very nice too and I have gone to Gorge Wildlife Park with many people including Mr Evans, Namnoon, Win, Jeng, Airbus, Will, Wish, Marco and Miss Jackman. We had a lot of fun there feeding the kangaroos and holding a koala. I think this is a super great school because we have very kind teacher Mr Evans and Miss Jackman and very friendly students.





# Thai Study Tour



My name is Will and I study at "Assumption School" in Thailand. I come to Australia to improve my English. Since I come here I have enjoyed playing soccer and studying in this school, my Australian friends are very nice to me. I study at "Valley View Secondary School." On Monday we had an excursion to "Gorge Wildlife Park" it was very nice we fed the animals there including kangaroos, peacock, monkey, bat, ducks. We held some koalas in our hands and have a picture of it. It was a nice day, my favourite animal was kangaroos because they are nice and cute.

On the weekends I went to "Latitude" which is similar to Bounce it is a Trampoline park it was a fun weekend also we went to shop at

Rundle Mall it has many things, shoes, drinks, foods etc. So far I have enjoyed my time here and I live in Anita's homestay with my friend Airbus. She takes us to soccer every week and she cooks really nice food. Lastly I would say that in 4 weeks in Australia it was a good experience and I hope I can get more in the coming weeks.

On the Easter weekend I went to watch the soccer game, Adelaide United and Wellington Phoenix at Coopers Stadium it was a great victory 3-1. I had a lot of fun there and Anita bought me a souvenir. Then I went to Victor Harbor, I went across the bridge to Granite Island I saw some dolphins along the way it was very cool and calm there I went on the tram

as well it is really nice to see the view there. The water there was pure and clear. I also went to Glenelg Beach they have many slides at the Beach House. On Monday I had a lazy day in bed, I woke up very late in the morning Airbus and I were on PS4 most of the time but we also stay in bed and watch some YouTube videos. This is week 2 of my journey at Australia, in this week it is now week 3 one more week before I left this wonderful place called "Adelaide."



## HAPPY EASTER

On Friday, I went to Victor Harbor, it was a long drive. It was fun to walk to Granite Island. I saw many beautiful things including birds, tree and seals. I walked around Granite Island; it was very beautiful. The beach was a very beautiful place and the water was clear. On Saturday I went to the park and enjoyed some food, then I went to another park and flew a kite. On Sunday I stayed at home. On Monday I stayed at home watching YouTube.



# Parent / Teacher Interviews

## TEACHER / PARENT INTERVIEWS

(Friendly Reminder)

Thursday 3rd May 3:20pm to 8:00pm

(Term 2 – Week 1)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Monday 16th April (via post) at the end of term one. I strongly encourage all parents /caregivers to take the opportunity on Thursday 3rd May to meet with your child's subject teachers. At the meeting I encourage you to have a conversation about how your child is progressing and the strategies to support your child achieve even better.

A booking sheet has been posted out, please complete the prefer/available information in the box and return to the school early Week 1, Term 2. Students will be reminded about the teacher / parent interviews early Term 2.

I look forward to seeing you all that day / evening.

**Mr Bill Tonkin**  
Assistant Principal

## Student Wellbeing

School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for students at risk, as they often are out of contact with their usual supports and their wellbeing cannot be monitored by school staff.

### Phone Counselling

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Headspace 1800 650 890

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

### Online Counselling

[www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

[www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)



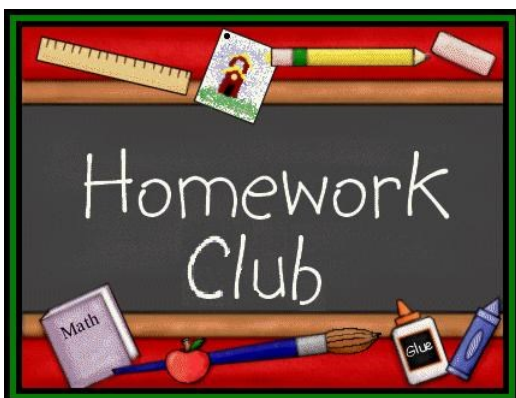
For at risk students it is important parents are aware that if they are concerned about their child's risk of suicide or self-harm, they can take them directly to the Women's and Children's Hospital for a mental health assessment or contact their local community CAMHS to request an immediate/urgent appointment.

## School Holidays Study Sessions

Over the school holidays we will be running study sessions for students who will be able to come to school, use the resources and gain extra support from teaching staff. All students are encouraged to utilise this support.

Times and dates are:

Ms Fattori	Week 1	Monday 16 April	9:00am – 3:00pm
Ms Anzellotti	Week 2	Thursday 26 April	9:00am – 3:00pm



Valley View Secondary School Homework Club for Term 2 will be on Wednesday nights, 3:15pm to 4:30pm.

All students are welcome to come and work in the library on any subject. Computers and teacher help will be available, although students who are finishing compulsory SACE subjects will be prioritised for teacher help.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

**Ms Danielle Fattori**  
Student Pathways  
VET & Year 12 Coordinator

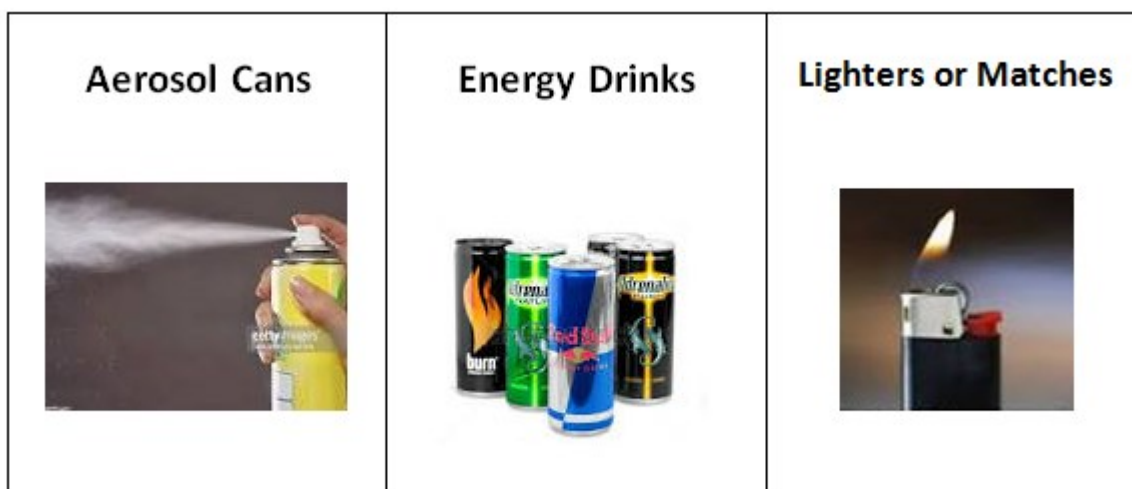


# Prohibited Items from WVSS

## REMINDER OF ITEMS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students and parents that certain items should never be brought onto school grounds. There are more students in schools who are at high risk of severe allergic reactions when making contact with these chemicals.

Please support us in keeping all students safe and healthy by ensuring students do not bring the following items to school. If students do bring these items to school, the items will be taken away and in some cases the student may be suspended.



Why do we ban energy drinks? For the answer take some time and go to the below websites. Very interesting reading!

### The Health Risks of Energy Drinks - Australian Science

[www.australianscience.com.au/health/the-health-risks-of-energy-drinks/](http://www.australianscience.com.au/health/the-health-risks-of-energy-drinks/) ▼

### 'They're not lolly water': Popular energy drinks linked to cardiac arrests ...

[www.abc.net.au/triplej/programs/hack/popular-energy-drinks-linked-to.../8276858](http://www.abc.net.au/triplej/programs/hack/popular-energy-drinks-linked-to.../8276858) ▼

Mr Bill Tonkin  
Assistant Principal



**No  
aerosols**



# Ice Factor

During the Ice Factor Program on Thursdays, we have gained friends and skills to work within a team. Our first lesson we were introduced to our coaches, Joey and Sammy, they gave a speech about how to respect each other on the ice and we then began training.

This program helps with skills outside the program like having a motivation to go to school and concentrate in lessons and builds confidence. Every week the team looks forward to going to the arena and also enjoys playing in the tournament.

On Wednesday 4th April we had our first tournament. During the tournament we use all the skills provided during training to verse the other schools within the program. After the tournament it was announced that the Valley View Vipers placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of eight teams.

**Tayah Sullivan  
Year 10 Student**



This term the Ice Factor Team has taken on a lot of new faces in senior and junior years, with a full bus of 22 training most weeks this term. The team has worked hard with our Coach Joey to help the new players settle in and develop as a squad, with some coming from very basic beginnings to be confident skaters.

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April saw the new look Valley View Vipers attend the Division 1 tournament with the team working well to finish the minor round with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss in our pool. The team narrowly missed the gold medal game, meaning the Vipers came equal second on the day. Given the age and experience of other teams this is a great effort. The day saw Jacinta Atkins and Tyra Pix be awarded an Ice Factor Leadership Awards presented by the Hon Jing Lee MLC and Mark Soderstrom from Channel 7.

In other news, ex-Viper and Australian goal-keeper Michelle Coonan has just completed another successful Women's World Championship in Slovenia, being named Australia's player of the tournament. The Australian team finished the tournament in 4<sup>th</sup> place behind the Netherlands, Great Britain and North Korea. Great to see an ex-Valley View Viper doing so great on the world stage.



Michelle Coonan

**Mr Jamin Lee  
Student Wellbeing Leader/  
FLO Manager**



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