



From the Principal



Home Groups

From the beginning of Term 3 we are trialling a new vertical home group approach where each home group will consist of students from Year 8 to 11. Given Year 12 students will only have 12 weeks to go we will keep them together as they are now.

Vertical home groups will provide students an opportunity to mix together

and get to know students from other year levels which currently rarely happens. Research suggests that vertical home groups drastically reduces incidents of harassment and provides a mentoring opportunity for older students.

House Soccer Competition

For the past 2 weeks a Year 8/9 and Year 10-12 soccer competition has been held in the gym each lunchtime. The games have been extremely competitive and with a lot of skill. I must commend the house captains for organising their teams and for all students who have helped organise each day.

This will be one of many house events throughout the year.

School Canteen

The school canteen will OPEN NEXT TERM on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

I pleased to announce Mrs Tracey Frederick has been appointed as our new canteen manager. Tracey comes with a wealth of experience in catering and small business management. Her aim is to provide healthy, nutritious food and reasonable prices. We also have a number of students who are very keen to assist each day which will be a great learning experience for them.

I am really looking forward to seeing our canteen up and running and being successful.



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

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Diary Dates

Term 2

Friday 6 July

Last day of Term 2
Early dismissal 2:05pm

Term 3

Monday 23 July

Student Free Day
Staff Training & Development Day

Tuesday 24 July

First day of Term 3

Sunday 29 July

Pedal Prix—Race 2
Victoria Park

Wednesday 8 August

Senior Girls Soccer

Monday 13 August

Year 8/9 Boys Football

Wednesday 15 August

Finance Meeting 6:00pm
Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 22 August

Senior Girls Football

Wednesday 29 August

Year 11 SACE Information Session

Thursday 30 August

Year 12 SACE Information Session

Friday 31 August

Student Free Day
Staff Training & Development Day

Monday 3 September

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

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.

From the Principal (cont.)

Youth Opportunities Graduation

I must congratulate everyone involved in this programme, in particular Mr Jamin Lee for his overall organisation and collaboration with the Youth Opportunities staff.

The graduation ceremony held last Tuesday was a huge success and our graduating students did themselves proud in the way they spoke and presented themselves and their learning. What an impressive group of young people!

It was great to see a significant number of staff and parents attend also. We will definitely be offering this programme to our current Year 9 students next year.

Music Immersion Programme

To add value to our current music offerings we are lucky to have secured the services of Rob Pippan. Rob Pippan has worked in the Australian music industry since 1975, as a trainer, musical director, lead guitarist, songwriter, concert producer, record producer, manager, educator and studio owner.

We have 34 students with a passion for music enrolled to work with Rob each Tuesday in a number of musical aspects that include forming a rock band and working 'behind the scenes'. Next year we hope to offer Certificate III in Music industry which will give our students greater options in their learning.

Have a great holiday!

Mr Greg Cox - Principal

Women in Technologies



Students from across years 8, 9 & 10 that we're nominated by their teachers had the opportunity to attend a Women in Technologies event held at the University of Adelaide. Students got to use the facilities in the Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences faculty. They participated in a range of informative and interactive engineering and technology activities, including making their own perfumes and exploring a range of career pathways.

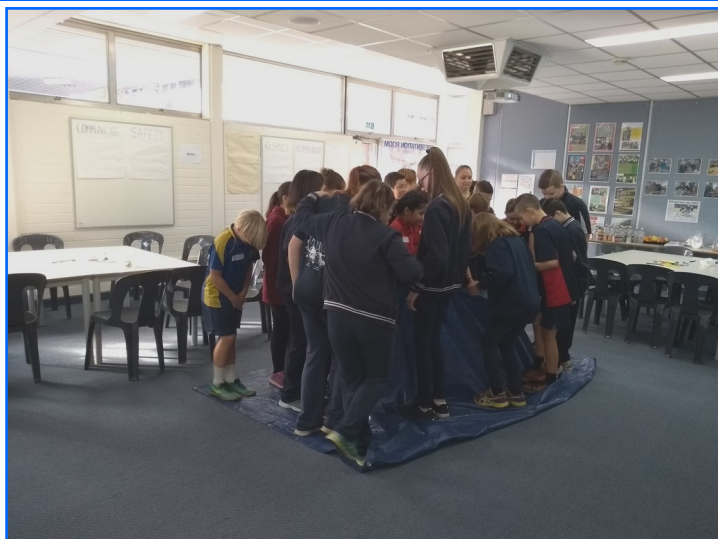


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Student Pathways, SACE
VET & Year 12 Coordinator



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Leading the Way



On Thursday the 21st of June 50 students from a variety of local primary schools participated in a hugely successful leadership workshop at Valley View Secondary School. They were supported by current Year 8 Valley View Secondary School students in developing positive working relationships.

Students worked together with highly respected leadership expert Kym Steer to develop their understanding of what good leaders do and the relationship between school values and leadership behaviour.

Students made choices as to what leadership behaviours they will adopt from their learning at the workshop to put in place when they get back to their primary schools.

All students were a credit to themselves and the schools they represented and they had fun in a stimulating leadership learning environment. A follow up workshop will be held in Term 4 to continue their leadership journey.

Mr Bill Tonkin
Assistant Principal

Makita Excursion

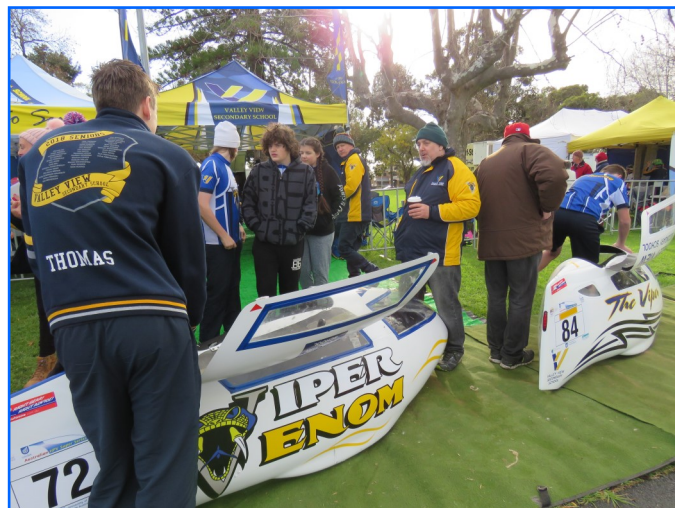


Students from across senior year levels of Technology Studies attended a Makita Safety session at the Building Technology Institute. They got to listen to talks about safety and machinery in the workplace. They also got the opportunity to use top of the range power tools including the new Makita brushless cordless drills, circular saws and drop saws. Students participated in a variety of fun competitions using the Makita range such as shooting a can holder into a basketball hoop using a blower. There was also a speed challenge where they put a tool belt on and drilled a bugle into timber with an impact driver. The day was a great introduction to some of the tools used in a range of industries and a great insight into how apprenticeship organisations are run.

Mr Tom Rose
Technologies Teacher



Pedal Prix—Race 1



It was another exciting race down at Victoria Park, Adelaide for the Valley View Vipers Racing Team. The school entered Category 2 and Category 3 vehicles with a range of students across all year levels participating. The cold and wet conditions made racing more challenging but the students persevered and rode well on the day. The race is one of endurance where students have to complete as many laps as possible in a 6 hour time frame. It was an excellent day and was great to see so many students participate in a range of roles. We will have another two races before the end of the year and we encourage anyone to come along and show their support. More information can be found on www.pedalprix.com.

Ms Danielle Fattori
Team Manager
Valley View Vipers Racing Team



Career Pathways

We are very excited to announce that we have a Careers Portal on the schools website. Students, parents and caregivers are encouraged to access it and have a browse through all of the useful information. It is a one stop shop for all the latest career related topics and includes information about universities, work experience, certificate courses, apprenticeships and so much more. Students will have individual logins where they can build a career profile that helps identify potential career pathways. It also has a 'Parent/Caregiver Information' section where a range of supportive links and information is available. To access the site go to <https://www.valleyviewcareers.com/> or head over to the schools website and click on the 'VVSS Careers' tab.

CAREER Pathways

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LAP Program

We have been very privileged to have a fantastic team of volunteers this past semester doing some really exciting projects with our students in the LAP program. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the LAP program; the LAP program is when volunteers from our community come into our school and work with a student one on one for a span of forty minutes. These volunteers can work with the students on their learning or their wellbeing. Below are some photos of the brilliant work our LAP volunteers do with our students.

Mr Nathan Dalziel
Student & Special Education Support Officer

I like LAP as I get to take a break from the hectic day and talk to Shirley. I like the conversation and the conversation topics that come from playing games or doing different activities. One day Shirley brought in *War of the Worlds* as an audio tape. It was interesting because it was the first time I had listened to an audio book.

Sam Field
Year 10 Student



David and I get to talk about my favourite topic, cricket. We have the same interests and enjoy going out to play cricket at the nets. We have also made a wooden carriage model. I remember one LAP session we looked up the cricket test averages which was fun.

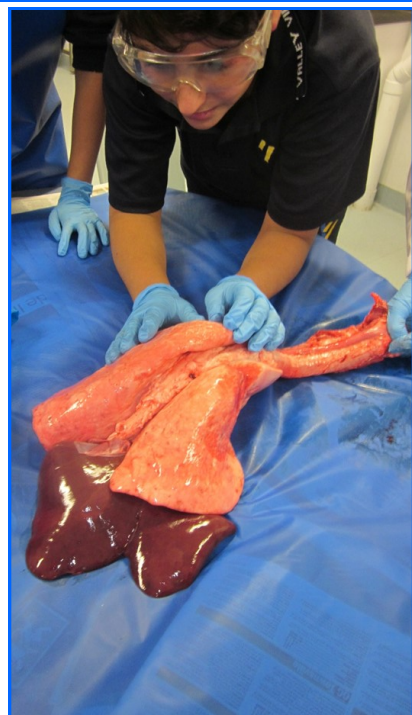
Hayley Penhall
Year 9 Student

Year 9 Science



The Year 9 students are studying body systems, starting with the Circulatory System. During the Respiratory System topic, the students were given an opportunity to see a set of sheep's lungs up close. The students were eager to feel the texture and explore the internal and external structures of a real set of lungs. They enjoyed seeing the lungs being inflated with a bike pump and looking closely at cut up sections. Next on the dissecting menu will be kidneys when we study the Excretory System.

Ms Mimma North
Year 9 Science Teacher



Vegetable & Wellbeing Garden

Valley View Secondary School's new vegetable and wellbeing garden is well under way, with our team being busy and creative in their planning of the new design. The students have been busy building planter boxes and landscaping the area, they have been learning measurements, building materials and how to use specific tools safely and wood staining. We have been very fortunate this month with receiving donated galvanised, raised garden beds from Bunnings, Modbury Branch. As an added bonus Bunnings are visiting Valley View Secondary School this week to work with our student garden team to learn how to plant herbs and vegetables.

The student garden team are seeking donations from parents and community organisations of fruit trees, herbs, seeds and cuttings.

Ms Loraine Pearce
Student & Special Education Support Officer



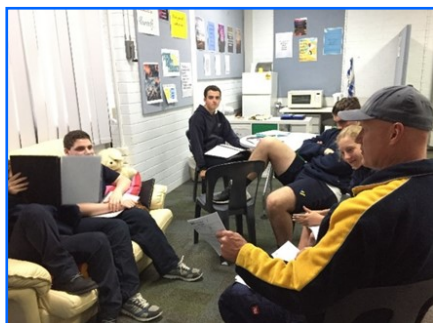
Kyle Clayson with his handmade planter box.



Bianca Collins-Wood having a breather after a lot of digging!



Year 10 student Holly Linke preparing the planter box.



The garden team planning & learning safety protocols.



Garden team working hard filling in the Bunnings garden beds with premium soil.



Year 9 student Hayley Penhall doing a spot of raking.



Youth Opportunities



Youth Opportunities is a personal leadership program provided by a not for profit organisation, helping students to gain skills such as confidence, motivation and/or a positive outlook for school, or just life in general. The program is provided for Year 10 students and runs for one day a week, for ten weeks. During these ten weeks, students learn a variety of different tools, helping them to overcome struggles of which they are facing. The program teaches students to have a more positive outlook, helps with motivation for school, focuses on building stronger relationships and communication skills, and can help with boosting confidence. The program helps students to goal plan, grow, be happy and help them to feel good about themselves and others. Students will learn strategies to help gain confidence and motivation for life in general, and helps them to excel academically. I would highly recommend this program for someone who is struggling in school, or having issues with motivation and confidence.

Samantha Sheridan
Year 10 Student



One Valley View Secondary School student was the proud recipient of a Youth Opportunities Scholarship earlier this term. The ceremony, which was held at Playford Civic Centre, saw 30 graduates of the Youth Opportunities program from across SA presented with scholarships. The items awarded ranged from laptops and cameras to courses and tutoring. Our student, Asmika Rai, received a scholarship for academic tutoring.

Huge congratulations to Asmika on her well-deserved award and fantastic commitment to her goals.

The next round of Youth Opportunities scholarships will open in week 2 of term 3, any student who has graduated from the Youth Opportunities program is welcome to apply. Please see Mr. Lee for an application form if you wish to apply.

Valley View has a proud partnership with Youth Opportunities, a not for profit organisation that offers a Personal Leadership Program to our Year 10 students.

The course runs for one day per week for a term, and is held off school grounds.

Students gain skills and strategies in areas including: leadership, achieving goals, career planning, changing habits, increasing motivation, improving communication and relationships, developing confidence and cultivating long-term happiness. Graduates receive 10 SACE points, plus ongoing opportunities and coaching from Youth Opportunities until they finish high school. The program has been running for over 20 years and we have committed to our student's wellbeing and resilience by running one program each year. Before each program, Youth Opportunities presents to Year 10 students who then choose to apply for the program.

Please see <https://www.youthopportunities.com.au> for more information or speak with Mr. Lee to find out more.

Mr Jamin Lee
Deputy Principal (Acting)/ FLO Manager



Ice Factor—Challenge Cup



On Wednesday 27th June, the Valley View Vipers attended the Ice Factor Challenge Cup. We played in Division 2 and played against 6 different teams throughout the whole day. We lost our first two games but we didn't give up. With a lot of effort and teamwork we started winning against the other teams. We tied against one team and had to take part in a penalty shootout which



was very intense. Both teams took turns trying to shoot against the other team's goalie but they were both too good. Finally, after many shots from each team, Dipesh Rai scored an awesome goal against the other team's goalie and won the game for us, taking us to the grand finale.

Before the finals, there was an opening ceremony that took place and awards were presented to people from all different teams. Tylor Hamblin from Valley View Vipers received an award for showing great leadership and progress in the program. Bethany Penhall and I were asked to present our special guest Mr Bill Corey, one of the last surviving veterans of World War II who fought in The Siege of Tobruk, he is 100 years old. We all introduced ourselves and shook his hand.

For the finals we battled it out for 1ST place against Thebarton Thunder who were the top team. We tried our best and played as hard as we could but lost by a few goals. It was disappointing but in the end we came second which was a terrific effort from the whole ice hockey team.

Tyra Pix
Captain, Valley View Vipers

FLO Program—Duke of Edinburgh Award

Six young people in Baptist Care SA's Youth Education and Training Services (YETS) have returned victorious after completing a gruelling 60 km hike through ancient rainforests and mountainous terrain to complete the adventurous journey component of the Duke of Edinburgh award. As an accredited award provider for the Duke of Edinburgh, Baptist Care SA facilitated the six-day trek which saw participants experience the physical and mental challenges of Tasmania's world renowned Overland Track. But for these young participants, their first challenge was getting there in the first place. While families budgeted and saved, for many the trip costs meant the experience would remain out of reach. But thanks to an incredible fundraising effort which included special events and donations from individuals, businesses and service clubs, over \$10,000 was raised. Baptist Care SA then self-funded the remaining \$10,000 funding gap, making it possible for the participants to be a part of this trip of a lifetime. For young father Joel, the trek even opened up a potential career path. '...I was homeless, depressed and struggling to get through school,' he says. 'Having kids at such a young age was a struggle...but I wouldn't change anything.' Now housed and studying Certificate III in Community Services, Joel says he's found new motivation after returning home. He's received an amazing offer to complete work experience with a tour guiding and trekking company, which will contribute towards his SACE. He's also looking forward to taking his kids to explore the great outdoors. 'It was a life changing experience,' he smiles.



Well done to our young trekkers and a big thank you to our generous donors, including the Rotary Clubs of Elizabeth and Golden Grove respectively, Lions Club of Modbury, Scouts Outdoor Centre, The Wyatt Trust, Baptist Care SA Adventure Services and Baptist Care SA Deadly Pathways, for making the trip possible.

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