

From the Principal



Staffing

I would like to welcome our new staff to Valley View Secondary School. Yvette Swaalf as Deputy Principal for Terms 3 and 4, Nena Murad is backfilling for Sam Davenport whilst on maternity leave, teaching HPE and STEM. Andrea Balestrin is backfilling Monique Thatcher for the next month whilst she is on leave.

International Students Visit

Our recent visit by 4 Japanese students and 22 students from Hong Kong was a great success. The students have been immersed in Valley View Secondary School life and have had some great experiences outside of school. Excursions to Monarto Zoo, Gorge Wildlife Park, Adelaide City, Parliament House and Adelaide Oval were real highlights. I would like to congratulate our students and staff who embraced our visitors to provide a great experience for them. Special thanks to Peter Evans and Hiam Khouzam for their organisation and care of our visitors.

Mobile Device Policy

As a parent /carer I would hope you have seen, signed and returned the tear – off slip to acknowledge this policy. At Valley View Secondary School, we believe that students have the right to access their personal possessions. Therefore, we allow students to carry mobile phones with them during the day. However, for every right there is a responsibility. For students to exercise their right to have their mobile phones with them, we expect that certain responsibilities be observed. These responsibilities are detailed within this policy. In short they are not to be seen or heard in class. Please take the time to understand this policy and the responsibilities of parents/carers within.

Be Aware

Some students are coming to school with large amounts of 'so-called' energy drinks. Can I suggest you speak with your child about the complete lack of nutrition these drinks have and in fact they have great effect on student's concentration and learning. One such 'empty' drink bottle we found was a 1.5 litre powerade drink which has the equivalent of 12-15 teaspoons of sugar. Plus they are costly!!

Greg Cox

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 3

Wednesday 12 September

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

Friday 14 September

Ice Factor Spectacular

Wednesday 19 September

Girls Tag Rugby

Saturday 22 September

Race 3 Pedal Prix 24 hour

Murray Bridge

Friday 28 September

Last day of Term 3

Early dismissal 2.05pm

Term 4

Monday 15 October

First day of Term 4

Wednesday 7 November

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday 22 November

Year 12 Graduation and Formal

Tuesday 4 December

Year 7 Orientation Day

Parent Evening 5:30pm—6:30pm

Wednesday 5 December

Governing Council Dinner

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6111 before 9am to provide a brief reason for the absence (eg Illness or Family). 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. Please communicate student lateness or early departure via your child's diary. If you anticipate that your child will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days an Exemption Form need to be completed. These can be obtained from the Front Office.

Ice Factor



On the 5th of July the Ice Factor Team went to the Entertainment Centre and trained with the Canadian and USA hockey team coaches. This opportunity was great because we got to learn different training ideas and strategies to become better players.

We didn't get to meet the two teams but we had the best time learning with their coaches. The best part for me was wearing a Canadian jersey and having a photo with Paul Rosen and his gold medal. We also got free tickets to the game between team Canada and team USA that night and one of our players Tyra Pix got to play a small game during the first break. The game was great Canada was beaten by USA by 1 point (7-8) and almost went into a penalty shoot-out.



Tayah Sullivan
Year 10 Student

Senior Boys Soccer

On 2 August Mr Scalzi and student teacher Mr Hill took Valley View Secondary School students, Cooper Davidson-Peacock, Michael Little, Mahdi Hosseini, Faiz Nasiri, Daniel Ogbonnaya, Jordan Kania, Mohammed Najafi, Harry Doelu and Mohamed Conneh to Para Hills High School for the soccer carnival. Valley View Secondary School drew 2 games and won 4. Finishing second in our pool Valley View Secondary School was eligible for the finals. Sadly, due to players fatiguing and cramping the last two games we lost.



The best player of the day was Mohamed who scored 12 goals in the exhausting tournament. Players who also played outstanding were Daniel for scoring 4 goals throughout the carnival, Jordan for scoring 3 goals and distributing the ball well, Mahdi who replaced injured Cooper showed an amazing effort, Michael and Faiz for an outstanding effort in the defence. Everyone else played really well it was a great day.

Mohamed Conneh and Michael Little
Year 12 Students

Girls 5-A-Side Senior Soccer

On the 8 August there was a Senior Soccer Carnival held at Para Hills High School. Nine teams competed. Alicia Townsend scored the first goal of the day against Para Hills High School in Game 4. Tyra Pix also kicked a goal in a penalty kick. Even though Valley View Secondary School didn't make it to the finals, all of the girls bonded with each other, learnt new team skills and had a fun time. The team consisted of Alicia Townsend, Tyra Pix, Isabella Williams, Julie Laoutaris, Stephanie Grice, Nicole Allen and Saliha Karatas. The student teacher, Miss Teggerth helped the girls stay pumped and excited even though they began to doubt themselves as the day went on. They enjoyed the day so much that they're prepared to have more training for the next competition.

Steph Grice and Tyra Pix
Year 11 Students



Building & Construction Works at VVSS



This week building/construction works have commenced to attend to disability access improvements and are expected to be completed by the start of term 4. During this time certain areas of the school will have restricted access throughout each stage. Staff and students will be advised as the works progress to the different locations. We acknowledge the works will cause some disruption and inconvenience during this time and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mrs Julie Collings-Wells
Business Manager

Year 8/9 Boys 9-A-Side AFL Carnival



On a cold wet Monday 13 August, 7 of our students competed in School Sport SA's, North East Zone, Year 8/9 Boys 9 a side AFL Carnival. Held at Modbury Heights School oval, these 7 students braved the harsh conditions and held together to play 6 games (3 hours of football). With 7 players and no subs, to end the day finishing third overall in their division was a great achievement. The biggest margin of the day occurred in their finals match over The Avenues with a win of 54 to 14. Each individual player could be named as best person on the ground because without any one of them they would not have even competed. Please make sure if you see our students that you congratulate them on a successful day. Well done Valley View Secondary School.

Mr Jamie Maniero
Student Wellbeing

Pedal Prix—Race 2

It was a fabulous weekend at Victoria Park for Pedal Prix. The vehicles came 68 and 72 from 156 competitors.

I would also like to do a big shout out to the fabulous staff members that gave up their weekend to help out, StJohn Chance, Craig Raines, Stefan Zakarias, Tom Rose, Peter Jamieson, Sue Myles, Mick & Janet Gates. It is a massive team effort and without your support this event would simply not happen! Thank you!

Danielle Fattori
Team Manager
The Vipers



The Horticultural Team

It's been an exciting term so far with the students from the Horticultural Team. The team voted on renaming the 'Garden Club Team' to 'The Horticultural Team' the vote was unanimous and offers a more professional sounding team name. Following the visit from the Bunnings Modbury Branch 'Activity Organisers' in Term 2, the Horticultural Team spent the morning in a hands on session mulching garden beds, transferring seedlings into the larger beds and spacing the seedlings for maximum growth. The morning was an interactive, learning session where students developed strong team building and horticultural skills.

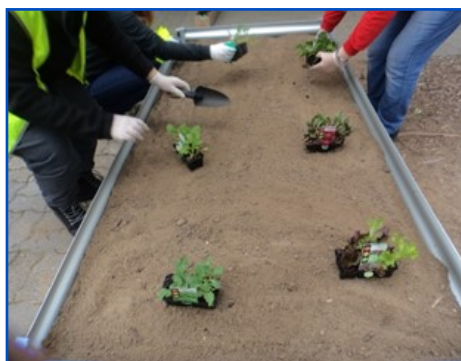
The focus this month has been on deciding and deliberating which native plants and grasses should be grown to attract birds, butterflies and bees in order to create the perfect horticultural environment. Work has begun on the well-being garden and the students have been planning and managing workload to construct the ideal stress free environment.

Watch this space for the next newsletter containing information of the recent visit by NRM Education Officer, Julien Marchant. Julien is a landscape/horticultural expert who delivered an interesting presentation on horticulture and what we need to consider when designing the garden space. The question and answer session inspired creative thinking and focus in how to move forward within our garden space.

PLEASE NOTE: We are still in need of plants of all varieties and are keen to receive fruit trees, native grasses, lavender plants cuttings and seeds for flowers.

Lorraine Pearce
Team Leader
The Horticultural Team

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The Horticultural Team



Holly Linke working alongside Andrew Newton planting geraniums donated by the school community.



Hayley Penhall fixing up our water source.



Bianca Collins-Wood and Zakaria Haddara deliberating where to plant the seedlings (very serious business).



School Principal Greg Cox with Amber and Rose from Bunnings Activity Organisers and The Horticultural Team.



Cameron West and Bianca Collins-Wood planting seeds in time for springtime.



International Student Program

On 6 August 2018, 20 students from Hong Kong joined our growing International Student Program, in addition to our students from Japan and Vietnam.

They undertook a leadership and Global Citizenship Program. They also looked at the unique way South Australia was set up and governed in 1834 from its beginning. The international students as well as Valley View Secondary School students talked about the differences and similarities between cultures, we examined leadership models and looked at how leadership works within a large group of students who did not know each other.

During their time they visited the River Torrens, Rundle Mall, South Australian Museum, Parliament House, Monarto Zoo, Gorge Wildlife Park, Helping Hand Aged Care, Semaphore Beach, Central Market and various other places.

Mr Peter Evans
Leader of International Programs
Leading Resources across the school

The journey really helped me grow. I've got to know more about Adelaide's nature and culture.

I really felt like I've connected with the nature and environment.

There was time when we encountered problems, but we always managed to find a solution and it is only through these solutions do we truly learn and grow.



We did everything we wanted to do with everyone's effort. All of the things we experienced in Adelaide, we would never be able to experience them in Hong Kong.

International Student Program



Mr Evans gave us a lot of support and he always confirmed our safety.

Yuki

I enjoyed the days in Adelaide very much. We went to the South Australian Museum, Monarto Zoo, Parliament House, Gorge Wildlife Park etc. I had an amazing time in Adelaide.

Jessica

We have got to know a lot more about each other. It has enhanced our communication and collaboration skills.

Wing

I really learnt a lot. It was a once in a lifetime experience. I've made a lot more friends.

Kennice



I have learnt all the local cultures. Visiting Adelaide has defiantly broadened my horizon. We also went to Helping Hand Aged Care and visited the elderly.

Ashley

Variety of my first times. I have given myself room to grow up and study. I have become more confident and I have reconstructed my value of joining.

Hazel



International Student Program



We want to say thank you Valley View Secondary School for preparing and planning the events, it was the activities that made us want to stay in Adelaide. We loved going to the Parliament house and the Wildlife Park, we loved spending time with the animals and learning the history of Adelaide.

Visiting the Zoo and the Gorge Wildlife Park enhanced our knowledge of the importance on the conservation of animals. Besides, we went to the Helping Hand Aged Care it was a fantastic experience as the elderly people were talkative, and we learnt to take initiative to talk to them.



We thought it was an once in a life time opportunity to be able to meet such happy and positive students. We enjoyed their company and being able to work in a safe and happy environment. It has given us a different perspective on their work ethic and how the students approach everyday situations. We really enjoyed having international students at our school this year and were looking forward being involved in more of the international program.

