



Diary Dates

Term 2 2020

Monday 8 June

Public Holiday

Friday 19 June

YR 10 Immunisation

Friday 26 June

Staff vs Student challenge

Term 3 2020

Monday 20 July

Student Free Day

Monday - Wednesday

17 - 19 August

Student dental visit

Message from our Chairperson

Appointment of Principal

As Governing Council Chairperson it is with great pleasure that I announce that Yvette Swaalf has been appointed principal of WVSS for the next 5 years. I wish her every success in her role and I am confident she will lead the school into a prosperous and exciting future.



Recognition of Service

I would like to acknowledge Ruth Lenton, for reaching 25 years of service on the WVSS Governing Council. Thank you for being a valuable member to our community.

Cindy Sheridan
Chairperson WVSS Governing Council

Message from our Principal

It has certainly been a challenging and innovative time for staff and students as we explored a range of technologies to ensure teaching and learning was delivered in a rigorous and accessible way. I would like to thank the dedicated staff at WVSS who have adapted and responded professionally through the crisis. Together with the support of our families, we have transitioned successfully back into classrooms achieving average attendance rates of 89% since week 2.



Attendance and Punctuality

For each of the four school values, we have four focus areas that nestle underneath each of our values. Attendance and Punctuality is one of the "focus" areas for the Responsibility value. Students who demonstrate high-level behaviours in this area "attend greater than 95% of the time, take responsibility for following up on missed work and provide substantial reasons for absenteeism and lateness". We know that students who attend greater than 95% of the time (ie no more than 2.5 days absent per term) optimise their academic success and experience greater wellness.

If your child is absent or late on any given day, please contact the school within 24 hours (at your earliest convenience) to provide a reason for absence. Our DayMap learner management system allows students who are absent to access learning on-line 24/7. Alternatively, students and parents are encouraged to email their teachers for support or additional information when absent.

If you need support to improve your child's attendance and/or punctuality, please call the school and ask to speak with one of our wellbeing staff.

Case Management of Student Achievement

As we approach end of term assessments, interim reports will be circulated to parents of students who are at risk of failing or failing one or more subjects by the end of Term 2. Working closely with the Wellbeing Team, we have established a case management approach to support young people to achieve success in all learning areas in partnership with parents and caregivers. This will be an initiative that will be implemented throughout the year in the endeavour to raise high expectations of student attendance and achievement.

Special Congratulations

There are identified groups of students in South Australia who are underrepresented in SACE level STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. To address this, a \$1 million scholarship fund has been created by the Department for Education to support high school students to pursue STEM subjects at SACE level.



All scholarship recipients receive \$10,000 which can be used to cover the cost of tutors, laptops, excursions or anything that directly supports the student to achieve in their chosen STEM subjects. Scholarship recipients also participate in mentoring and career guidance programs to help them realise their potential in STEM professions and improve their professional and life skills.

Congratulations to Year 11 Student Kailee Morris who was successful in achieving a \$10,000 STEM Scholarship.

We wish her every success in the pursuit of her STEM pathway.
Jessica Sparks
Leader - Science / STEM

Parent Teacher Interviews

In lieu of the cancellation of Parent Teacher Interviews due to COVID-19 for semester 1, we would like to encourage families to ring or email subject teachers to discuss their child's academic progress. As restrictions begin to lift, we anticipate that Parent Teacher Interviews for semester 2 will be held at the school on Wednesday 9 September.



Staffing Appointments for Term 2

Leader Art / Tech / PE

Tom Rose

(Danielle Fattori is on maternity leave)

Leader Mathematics / Numeracy

Kathy Coombs

(Renee Blatch is on maternity leave)

Leader Wellbeing / Transition & Engagement

Matt Neale

Technology Teacher

Stefan Prosser

Art / Music Teacher

Jessica Sterzl-Osborn

Visitor Process

Entering School Premises

All parents / visitors are to report directly to the front office before entering school grounds. As per SA Government restrictions all visitors are to complete a COVID-19 Site Entry Form. This will enable us to identify all personnel on site in the event of a suspected case of COVID-19 being identified.

Reminder, anyone showing any of the following symptoms and or criteria will not be able to enter the premises

Fever, Cough, Sore Throat, Shortness of Breath

and

Travelled internationally in the last 14 days unless designated a essential traveller and evidence of such

or

Had contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having corona virus in the last 14 days.

**help
stop the
spread**



Canteen

Our canteen continues to operate during recess and lunch everyday.

We strongly encourage students to place orders and pay via the **QKR! App** and/or pay using EFTPOS facilities provided in the canteen. Download instructions and menu can be found on our website

valleyview.sa.edu.au/parent-information/canteen/



Uniform Shop

Winter uniform in stock and available NOW....

Navy zip jacket with VVSS logo

Navy fleece pants with VVSS logo (adult)

Navy fleece pants with VVSS logo (youth)

Navy long sleeve polo with VVSS logo

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Mon - Fri 8.30 - 9.00am & 2.45 - 3.10pm Parent Access

Mon - Fri 8.30 - 8.40am, Recess & Lunch Student Access

Alternatively, all uniform can be ordered online via the **QKR! app**. Download the app today on your iPhone or Android device.

Visit valleyview.sa.edu.au/parent-formation/uniform/ for full uniform list and more information

House Points

HOUSE POINTS

as of 1 May 2020



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE
Remember, volunteering and being involved in the school community will help earn points for your house



1st Raymond House
1016 points



2nd Pitman House
960 points



3rd Fellows House
672 points



4th Arman House
626 points

Wellbeing Team



Jamie Maniero

Senior Leader - Wellbeing / Inclusive Education



Nakita Anzellotti

Leader - Wellbeing / FLO / House



Matt Neale

Leader- Wellbeing / Transition & Engagement

Term 2 focus PITMAN HOUSE - Communication



This term's focus is on the School Value of COMMUNICATION

The value of COMMUNICATION addresses the focus areas of

- Questioning
- Collaboration
- Empathy
- Respect

The value of COMMUNICATION aligns with PITMAN HOUSE

The House Ambassador is DR. MELISSA PITMAN



- Dr. Melissa Pitman is an old Scholar of Valley View Secondary School and is currently the head of the Drug Discovery Unit within the Centre for Cancer Biology's Molecular Signaling Laboratory
- Dr. Pitman embodies the values of COMMUNICATION through her work COLLABORATING with others to discover new treatments for cancer, QUESTIONING current methods and research to find answers, showing EMPATHY for those effected by this disease and RESPECT for her colleagues and others in her community.
- There is also a new focus for the Child Protection Curriculum this term that aligns with the value of COMMUNICATION and the PITMAN HOUSE
- The theme of this term's CPC lessons will be focused on IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIPS.

Remember you can find the school calendar on Valley View Secondary School's Website to see what other items are coming up this term



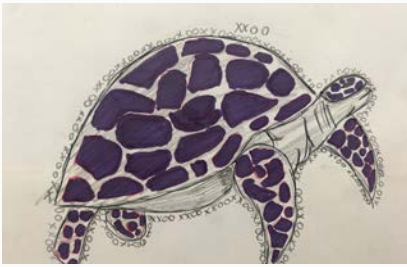
Cultural awareness is an important part of being in a community.

For families of Islamic faith, Ramadan started on Thursday 23 April and is a sacred time of the year.

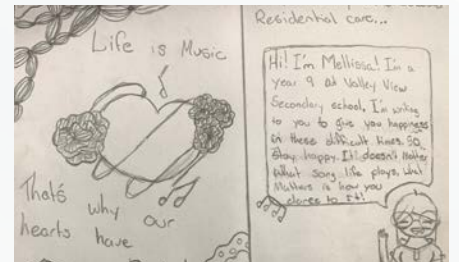
The following information has been written to share with the whole school community the significance of the celebration

- Ramadan occurs once a year for 30 days
- During these days we pray and worship our god, Allah
- During the Holy month our prayers are stronger and increases our faith
- The first day of Ramadan is determined by the sighting of the new moon
- We fast from 5.25am – 5.55pm (Sunrise to Sunset)
- Sehri, or Suhoor, is the morning meal before the fast and Iftar is the meal at night when we break our fast
- When we break our fast at night, dates are commonly the first thing to be eaten
- There are special foods that are only made available during Ramadan
- On the 19th day and for 3 days we sleep during the day and pray during the night. This marks the anniversary of when the prophet, Muhammed, received the first verses of the Quran. Our community gathers in Mosques as it is a time of prayer, anticipation and celebration of Islam
- We fast to feel for the people less fortunate than ourselves and reflect on our lives and practice self restraint
- At the end of the 30 day fast it is the biggest day of celebration for Muslims. This day is called Eid and is when we come together as a community and dress in new clothing, share traditional food, spend time together and receive gifts from each other
- Due to the events going on in the world at the moment our Mosques are closed and so we pray at home.

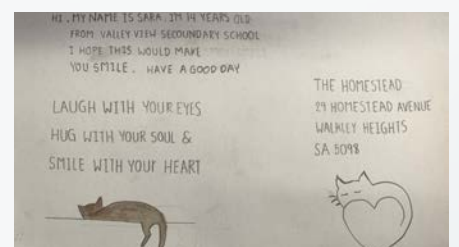
By Zahra Haidari and Farzana Jawid (Year 10 Students)



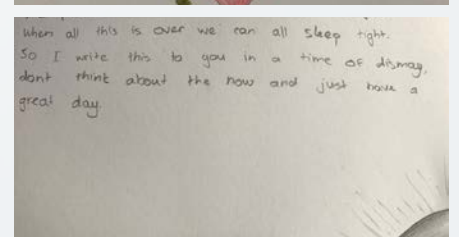
During the Wellbeing for Learning and Development lesson in Week 2, students engaged in a session around the topic of Empathy.



The objectives of the lesson were for students to understand empathy, reflect on what it means for be an empathetic person and how to show empathy towards others. The topic also aligns with the school value of Communication.



As part of this lesson, students created postcards of hope to send to the elderly who live at the local residential care homes. The messages of support and positive images were sent to the facilities to show our support for them during isolation.



Horticultural Team

The Horticultural Team's main focus has been to create ways to raise funds over the coming year for bushfire affected wildlife sanctuaries and the Adelaide Women's and Children Hospital. Designated locations within the garden have been developed to allow a constant supply of produce/plants for future fundraising. These areas house aloevera, nutritional foods, herbs, and general plant cuttings. In addition to this, the students made use of the summer seasons last flowering period by drying picked petals. They then added them to bath crystals which were then sold on the 'Bullying No Way Day' event. Thank you to all who bought our bath crystals, for those who missed out the team will produce more later in the year.



Within the garden students are also learning about organic composting, natural soil improvers, and building a worm farm incorporating easy and low-cost sustainable methods. A great importance is placed within the Valley Garden grounds to work in sync with mother nature and encourage all the wonder she can bring in an effortless and equally magnificent way.



'I like being a participant of the school garden Horticultural Team because we can help others through fundraising, I find it is a rewarding experience to be helpful. I also find the well-being practice that happens during the gardening sessions helps me to stay focussed and keeps me clear headed during my class times. Harrison Shaw, year 8 VVSS student

Keeping kids well

Protect your children and those around them



Get them
VACCINATED



KEEP THEM
home with cold
or flu symptoms



TEACH THEM
to wash their
hands and cover
coughs with a
tissue or arm



If your child has a health condition like asthma, speak to their GP about how their condition can be affected and develop an action plan. Make sure you seek medical attention if you are worried about your child's health.

Keep well, keep connected

For tips on keeping yourself and your family well, visit
sahealth.sa.gov.au/keepingwell



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