



From the Principal

Newsletter No. 2 February 2017



It was pleasing to see our Year 8 parents and students attend the acquaintance night last Tuesday, enjoy a BBQ and mingle with each other and staff. Year 8 Coordinator, Jess MacDonald did a great job organising the evening and I know parents got a lot from the information given. Thank you to all staff who attended and well done, Danni Fattori for the great cooking!

It is week 4 of our new school year and all students are well and truly into their learning. I would like to stress the importance of the partnership between the school and you the parent/caregiver. It is really important that we support each other so your child(ren) are happy and safe at school and of course achieves success in their learning. You can help us by ensuring your child(ren) are at school and on time; taking an interest in what they are doing at school; and if you need to discuss something with staff I encourage you to do so. We want all of our students to be successful and happy in what they do; to have a good career path and focussed on their learning!



I would like to welcome 2 new members to our staff. Pete Evans joins us now as full time, working with our EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) students, history teacher and library work. Also Dina Calbert who is with us for an unknown time working in a variety of roles across the school.



I would ask all parents to stress to their children the importance of good behaviour when out and about in our community, particularly when in school uniform. Unfortunately we have recently had a couple of disappointing incidents at the local Ingle Farm Shopping Centre involving our kids causing security to ring us and complain.

The students involved have had consequence, but I must stress that when in school uniform the expectation is to do our school proud.

Have a good couple of weeks.

Greg Cox

Diary Dates

Term 1

Monday February 27

School Photos

Thursday March 2

PLP Big Day In 9:00am – 12:00pm

Thursday March 9

Year 8 Immunisation

Friday March 10

Sports Day

Monday March 13

Public Holiday—Adelaide Cup

Wednesday March 22

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday March 23

Harmony Day

Wednesday March 29

Santos Sports Day

Thursday April 13

Last day of Term 1

Early Dismissal 2:05pm

Friday April 14

Public Holiday—Good Friday

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—2017

Term 1	30th January—13th April
Term 2	1st May—7th July
Term 3	24th July—29th September
Term 4	16th October—15th December

Year 9 English—Core Values

The Year 9 English class discussed our Core values at Valley View Secondary School.

Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Optimism, Support.

Each student had to think about how they represented these core values both at school and in life.

Montana Wissell and Daniel Ogbonnaya share their thoughts.

Ms Thatcher
Year 9 English Teacher

I AM RESPECT:

I am Respectful towards myself and my family. I am also respectful to others and their thoughts and opinions.

I AM INTEGRITY:

I have integrity when people in my family or my friends and I have a falling out.

I AM OPTIMISM:

I have optimism when I am sad or grumpy or a friend is sad. I will try to think of something positive to focus on.

I AM RESPONSIBILITY:

I am responsible for taking care of my pets and doing chores. I am also responsible for my actions.

I AM SUPPORT:

I am supportive to my friends when they are doing tests or winning a race. I am also supportive about decisions that my family and friends make as long as they are safe and don't harm themselves or others.

Montana Wissell
Year 9 Student



I am Respect

I am RESPECTFUL to my friends and family and everybody around me. Example- I respect my sister and brother because they respect me and I respect my friends too as they respect me.

I am Integrity

I am INTEGRITY, I trust the people close to me like family or really close friends. Example- I can trust my family in anything I need. If I need help I know I can trust them to help me.

I am Optimism

I am OPTIMISTIC in everything that I think about and I look towards the future and my Education.

I am Responsibility

I am RESPONSIBLE... for the things I need to do to succeed in life and be successful. Example- I try my best to train hard to become a soccer player or an MMA fighter and study hard to get a good job.

I am Support

I am SUPPORTIVE to my family and friends and the people in need of help. Example- I clean the house while my parents go to work so then they can relax and then they don't have to worry about cleaning the house.

Daniel Ogbonnaya
Year 9 Student

DECD and VVSS fighting the fight against Meningococcal

DECD schools are supporting SA Health in fighting the fight against this deadly disease by being involved in offering all Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students a free vaccine. Two key dates have been set aside, 2nd May 2017 and 4th July 2017 for our students to be involved. All students involved will not only be helping in reducing this disease but will also get a \$20 iTunes card for their participation.

Please support this valuable project by talking with your child and then signing the consent form which will be issued to students very soon.

Sue Dobrowolski
Deputy Principal

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MENINGOCOCCAL B VACCINE HERD IMMUNITY STUDY: FOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Participation of Year 10,11 and 12 students in The B Part of It Study

The licensed meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero[®]) is being offered to all year 10, 11 and 12 students in 2017 at our school by Health and Immunisation Management Services as part of The South Australian B Part of it Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study.

During 2017 - 2018 each participant will:

- Receive 2 doses of Meningococcal B (Bexsero[®]) vaccine
 - Complete 2 single page questionnaires (1 if student is in year 12)
 - Have 2 throat swabs taken (1 if student is in year 12)
 - Receive a \$20 iTunes card after having each throat swab
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- Immunisation consent packs will be sent home to all eligible students
 - It is important that you read the information contained in the pack before you provide consent for your child to take part in the study.
 - The student is also required to provide their consent to participate in the study by signing and dating the consent form.

The vaccine is licensed in Australia and recommended for use in adolescents and toddlers.

- The Meningococcal B vaccine is also licensed in Europe, Canada and the USA where it is being used to protect children against meningococcal B disease.
- Up to 25% of adolescents carry the meningococcal bacteria in their throat. While this may not cause illness to themselves, the adolescent has the potential to spread the bacteria which may cause disease in others.
- The study aims to determine whether the Meningococcal B vaccine has the additional benefit of preventing the spread of the meningococcus bacteria from person to person.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact *Health and Immunisation Management Services* or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5pm on 1300 232 272 or visit B Part of it website www.bpartofit.com.au

All parents / legal guardians are requested to complete, sign, date and return the Consent Form, even if you do not consent for the student to be part of the study. If you do not receive a Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study pack from your child, and you think your child may be eligible, please ask at the school office.

