Thankyou to all of parents and community members present at the recent Governing Council AGM. The Governing Council Chairperson, Carmen Wilson has included a separate report in the newsletter and I look forward to working with this highly committed team in the future.

I would also like to thank the parents, students and teachers whom attended the year 8 parent acquaintance evening. A strong relationship with good communication between parents and teachers provides an excellent foundation to ensure student success. I would encourage all parents to contact teachers at the earliest opportunity if there are any concerns about a child’s progress.

Teachers were recently provided with data from the SACE Board tracking student achievement over the past three years. Our intense focus on teaching and learning as our core business throughout 2015 resulted in some great achievements. Some highlights were 100%PLP completion, 89.1% compulsory numeracy completion and a 16% improvement in successful SACE completion. With some of the data showing trends above the State average, Tony Clough, Senior School Leader was asked to speak at a SACE leader’s forum and present the participants with strategies to lift results in their own schools. “Building on success” will be our motto for 2016 as we aim to achieve further improvement in student achievement.

A student Free Day (SFD) has been approved by Governing Council and planned for March 11th. The day will involve building on the work of Professor Guy Claxton to focus on “Intellectual Stretch”. Margot Foster will lead the teacher development on the day which will also provide opportunities for teachers to develop professional learning communities across the Montague Partnership.

The recent year 8 camp at Victor Harbor was again highly successful with students coming from a range of feeder primary schools and getting to know each other while engaging in aquatic activities, team building and personal development. I joined the camp for sailboarding and kayaking and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know our new year 8 students. Teachers involved in the camp were highly impressed with the year 8 students as a group that were able to demonstrate our core values of respect, integrity, optimism, responsibility and support throughout the camp and are looking forward to seeing their education achievements over the next five years.

Steve Marshall
LAP PROGRAM

Here at Valley View Secondary School, our student’s learning is extremely important to us, especially in the Literacy & Numeracy. This is why we are excited to announce the start of our new LAP Programme (Learning Assistance Programme)

The LAP Programme is a Volunteer based program which was developed in 1976. It was established to provide individual support and care for students of all ages with varied learning and personal needs, through the positive participation of mentors.

We are now looking for Volunteers to be part of this very exciting and wonderful programme. All you need is a minimum of 45 minutes a week to spare and a willingness to be involved with a child’s learning experience. No skills are required, just a passion to see a child’s skills grow and develop. You will be fully supported while you work 1-1 with a student in a positive learning environment.

If you would like to know more or be a part of LAP, please contact Liz Wheeler on 8360 6111 or email at liz.wheeler814@schools.sa.edu.au

RAP—LOOKING AFTER OUR MATES

On Tuesday 9th February students from years 10, 11 and 12 were involved in the Road Awareness Program (RAP) run by the MFS. It also included special presentations from victims who are now experiencing life-long consequences. The program is specifically designed to reduce road injury and death amongst young people. It was excellently presented and of 82 students, 14 students nominated that they were RISK TAKERS as drivers/road users prior to seeing RAP, with 82 checking the box indicating they choose to be a RESPONSIBLE DRIVER/ROAD USER after experiencing the RAP presentation. In response to the question, "Following the program will you adopt safer road behaviours?" All 82 students said yes. This is a brilliant result and will hopefully help to keep the students at VVSS safe.

Anthony Clough

CHESS COMPETITION

Are you interested in playing in a chess competition at VVSS? Playing against your own age group and maybe others in the school? Register your interest, forms are available from the Library desk OR see Mr Jamieson in the Science Area.

Peter Jamieson

FUNDRAISER AT BUNNINGS

The school held its annual Bunnings BBQ at Parafield on the weekend and had great success. Over 850 sausages were sold! The school has managed to raise $1700 that will be put towards the schools new Pedal Prix team. I would like to take the opportunity to thank students Skye Pinnington, Kegan Henstock, Mafata Conneh and Anu Sisan who volunteered their time to help make the BBQ such as success. I would also like to recognise the support of Valley View staff and Governing Council members for their contribution. Without this help it would not have been possible. Well done to everyone involved.

Danielle Fattori
The Governing Council AGM was well attended on Wednesday 24th February and a number of new parents joined the Governing Council. Photos of 2016 Governing Council members are shown above. The Governing Council works closely with the school to assist in achieving the agreed outcomes documented in the Site Improvement Plan. Governing council were actively involved in decision making in 2015 which included recommendations about the new school uniform and the shortened school day on Monday’s for staff training and development and look forward to further involvement throughout 2016.
PEDAL PRIX ARRIVES AT VVSS

Pedal Prix is well and truly on its way at Valley View Secondary School. On Monday, our vehicle arrived from Victoria with much excitement. Named the Aquila and made by Triseld, it is a top of the range vehicle and we anticipate to be a very competitive school this season. Students have already begun training on Tuesdays in the Gym and a pit crew is being established as we speak. I encourage any other students, parents and community members who wish to be involved in Pedal Prix to contact the school to find ways in which you could contribute.

For more information visit www.pedalprix.com.au

Danielle Fattori

COMMUNITY NEWS

INGLE FARM FOOTBALL CLUB

Juniors Wanted

Players wanted for our under 13’s, 14’s & 16’s teams! Come and be a Bulldog! Join a great family club.

Games played Sunday’s & some Friday nights
Trainings are Wednesday & Fridays from 5pm

Contact Chris Pike for Registration & Information or check website. Phone: 8260 2946
Mobile: 0418 819103
Cnr Glenmore Drv & Belair Road
IngleFarm

www.inglefarmfc.sportingpulse.net
Email: inglefarmfc@bluepond.com

Play Junior Football

FUN | SAFE | INCLUSIVE

The Gepps Cross Football Club is based at the Northgate Community and Sports Club, we offer Aussie Rules football to players aged 5 to 16.

$50 off Season Fees

We are an approved sports club for primary school aged children to receive a $50 reduction in fees. Your completed voucher must be given to the club when registering.

More Information

Please contact our Club Secretary, Alice on 0499 770 674 or via email junior.secretary@therams.com.au