Valley View Secondary School has undergone a significant transformation over the past 18 months to have an intense focus on teaching and learning as our core business. While a significant lift in student achievement is quite obvious to the school, the reputation of a school usually lags some years behind reality in the surrounding local community. To redefine Valley View Secondary School as a provider of high quality education, a short promotional DVD has been produced and distributed in the local community. Copies of the DVD are available from the front office for anyone that may not have already received a copy.

The significant lift in student achievement, (above State average in some 2015 SACE result categories) was the direct result of high quality teaching and a strong partnership with students and parents. It was pleasing to see a number of Valley View Secondary School teaching staff nominated last year and Danielle Fattori making it right through to the final. The 2016, S A Excellence in Public Teaching Awards is now open for nominees and provides an opportunity to recognise the extra efforts by teachers. Visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards/ to nominate a teacher or SSO for an award. Entry is quite simple requiring a 250 word statement but closes 15th April 2016.

The Valley View Secondary School open night is Wednesday 16th March, 7:00pm Principals Address followed by tours at 7:30pm. While mainly aimed at providing parents of primary school children an insight into the school the event is open to all families.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) has been selected and members of the SRC will be formally recognised at the next assembly, Tuesday 15th March. SRC members take a lead role within the school, involved in various committees, leadership roles, fundraising activities and mentoring other students. I am keen to see the positive impact of our newest SRC members at Valley View Secondary School.

Steve Marshall
LAP PROGRAMME

Mentors make the difference

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

Year 8 Aquatics Camp

Year 8 students attended an Aquatics Camp week 4 of this term at Toch H Victor Harbour. All students had the opportunity to develop new friendships with fellow students, teachers and to develop an understanding in beach safety and fun aquatic activities e.g. surfing and windsurfing. Students participated enthusiastically in all aquatic activities and were commended for their commitment and participation by the Victor Harbour Aquatic Instructors. I thank Mr Scalzi, Ms Davenport, Ms Sparks & Mr Marshall for attending the camp and making it a great success for all. Well done everyone!!

Rob Loielo
Year 8 Coordinator
BREAKFAST CLUB

Vegemite and Tinned Fruit Drive!

KickStart for Kids is a not for profit charity which delivers food to over 230 South Australian schools and provides 35,000 breakfasts per week. We have volunteers who assist in schools helping at breakfast clubs, or assisting children through our mentoring program by helping with their school work and building their self-esteem through play.

KickStart for Kids spends thousands on Vegemite and Tinned Fruit each year. Any size jar/can that you donate is greatly appreciated.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Theft from motor vehicles is an on-going problem. Holden Hill Local Service Area would like to help reduce the risk of you becoming a victim of this crime by encouraging you to:

- Lock your vehicle doors and close windows
- Install and activate an alarm/immobilizer
- Remove all valuables
- If possible park in a locked garage/behind gates
- Do not leave spare keys hidden in/around your vehicle

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police assistance line on 131 444.

Life is better when you dance!
Classical Ballet / Jazz / Tap / Hip Hop / Contemporary / Musical Theatre

Keep your kids smiling
Make an appointment with the School Dental Service

GAZA SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB

Come and Play Junior Football at one of top clubs in junior AFL.

Players needed in all grades.

Come out on a Wednesday for a look as premiership grades (11 to 16) have started training.

For more information please contact Natasha on 0402148883 or

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