The recent Valley View Sports Day was a terrific success with great weather and excellent student involvement. I would like to thank all students and staff involved making it such a great event but in particular thankyou to Mr Miller for his coordination of the event. Pictures of the sports day are included in this newsletter.

The student free day, March 11th provided staff from all schools within the Montague partnership the opportunity to be involved in training. The focus for the day was “Intellectual Stretch” and it was great to have the opportunity to delve into the latest research about extending student’s learning. The key note speaker, Margot Foster drew on research from Prof Martin Westwell, Prof Carol Dweck and Prof John Hattie to explain factors that influence student achievement and how to maximise learning outcomes for our students. The Valley View Secondary School staff will build on this training to further develop processes to maximise student achievement through intellectual stretch.

As we approach the end of term one, teachers will be very busy finalising assessments and writing reports. Teachers are engaged in working with students identifying areas for improvement to maximise achievement. I also encourage all parents and caregivers to engage in conversations with their children about learning and their expected achievement to ensure all opportunities to maximise achievement are explored.

The school open night, March 16th, was an excellent evening with great attendance. The word is getting around about the high quality of education provided at Valley View Secondary and the attendance was approximately double that of previous years. Student ambassadors were outstanding, leading tour groups and proudly showing off their school and feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive. I have been contacted by a number of families that were not able to attend the open night and arranged tours throughout the week. I must congratulate all staff for their dedicated work and involvement is presenting the school so positively to the local community.

Steve Marshall
LAP PROGRAMME

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

SPORTS DAY

Valley View Secondary School Sports Day was on 9th March 2016. It was a great day weather wise and the rain stayed away as well. We had our 4 houses competing, McKay (red), Elliott (green), Fraser (yellow) & Bradman (blue). With 8 rotational athletic events plus 3 fun events there was plenty to be involved in on the day by the students. Students came dressed up in their colours with a great attitude to be involved for the day and try their best. In the end Green (Elliott) were victorious again making it back to back years!

Everyone had a fun day and students were well behaved. Thanks to all who helped out on the day, especially Ms Davenport, Mr Clough & Ms Fattori and all parents who came to watch.

See you all next year!!!!

Claude Miller
**WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE**

Brodie Nagra, a year 11 student of Valley View Secondary School has been raising funds for the Leukaemia foundation over the past month. In order to gain these funds, he needed to shave his long locks of hair. On Thursday at lunch time in front of staff and students Brodie shaved his head for a very important cause.

In Australia, 34 people every day are told they have leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. All of which are a type of blood cancer. The money raised from Brodie shaving his head will be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation and will contribute to funding accommodation for patients, transportation for those too ill to drive, research projects and laboratory costs.

Brodie is still seeking donations for the Leukaemia Foundation so please feel free to make a contribution to this fantastic cause as every bit counts.

Congratulations to Brodie for raising funds and creating an awareness of this cause.

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**VISTAS & VIEWS AT GALLERY M**

Congratulations to Mr Gencarelli on the opening of the exhibition ‘Vistas & Views’ at Gallery M, Marion Cultural Centre. Mr Gencarelli, Valley View Secondary School’s Art Teacher and Cathi Steer welcomed a large crowd on the Friday Night Opening.

His latest work is a series of pastels inspired by the beautiful rustic buildings and street scenes of South-western France. Angelo’s striking images of rural scenes and buildings are like a snapshot in time – the moment the sun casts a shadow on a cobbled wall, or the formation of clouds in a brilliant blue sky. His bold use of colour adds drama and definition to his subject matter, which ranges from village streets, rooftop views and depictions of the countryside. His surreal influences can be seen in the representation of the trees that populate his landscapes – ghostly branches cast eerie shadows alongside familiar shapes of cars and old houses.

The exhibition is open until the 10 April 2016 and we encourage students and the wider community to attend this free event.

Gallery M, Marion Cultural Centre,
287 Diagonal Road,
Oaklands Park
Mr & Mrs Harmer have been working with us growing orchids. We entered one of the orchids into a competition and were placed in second division. We took out first place and are very proud. We have been taking care of this flower for more than a year and have grown other flowers which have been in many competitions. We love growing and taking care of the flowers. We really enjoy being involved in the orchid club. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Harmer for all their help.

Tyra, Julie & Aimee
Year 9 students

The 2016 Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo is happening on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May at the Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showgrounds. Friday is the day dedicated for students to attend with their schools, however if you’d like to attend with your child/children on the Saturday, they’ll have the opportunity to speak with leading training and education providers, receive guidance from professional Career Advisors, and figure out what they might be interested in doing once they leave school. Grab a coffee and relax and/or chat with other parents regarding the best way to guide your children through what can be an overwhelming and confusing time.

FREE seminar – Children, teens and pornography: what every parent should know

The online is filled with risks for children and families. Come and hear nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and researcher Dr Justin Coulson talk about:
the alarming statistics regarding children’s access to online pornography
the impact on boys and girls
how parents can guide their child or teen.

The event will be webcast to accommodate parents and carers who cannot attend in person.

Date and time: Wednesday 6 April, 7.00 to 9.00pm
Venue: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace

Register online at http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au to attend, or to view the webcast.
For more information, visit http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentingsa/seminars.htm or phone Parenting SA on 8303 1660