FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

From my heart....
Welcome back to the new school year!

I trust you and your family have been enjoying a very restful break and are feeling refreshed! The staff and I are eagerly looking forward to seeing you and to working closely with you and the students this year.

A very special welcome to new families! I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting many of you towards the end of last year and hope you will soon feel at home in the Torrens Valley Christian School community.

Congratulations to our 2015 Year 12 cohort! The high standard of academic achievement obtained last year was a credit to the students and staff, with our students performing well above the best state averages. Students at TVCS attained fifty A grades, with a total of 73% of all results being an A or B grade. It was particularly pleasing to see four Merit Awards being earned by our students. Special congratulations to Kenneth (Merits for Music, Physics and Specialist Maths, and ATAR of 99.7), Lauren (Merit for Maths Applications and ATAR of 94.8), Harrison (ATAR of 96.8), Lachlan Hodgson (96.3), Yi-Lynn (93.1), Tim (91.85), Lauren S (90.85) and Maddison (90.6). Thirteen other students achieved ATARs above 70. I congratulate students, staff and parents for these outstanding results.

As a new year begins, I would like to especially welcome new staff members Mr Daniel Crook who will be joining us as Teacher Librarian, R-12, Mr Fabian Karuga in Secondary IT / Maths, Mr Christopher Martyn who will be teaching Secondary Technology and Mrs Fiona Brown who will take on the role of Science Laboratory Assistant. Mr Ross D’Arcy will continue in the area of Middle School Maths / Science. It is lovely to be able to welcome these new staff members and we pray God’s blessing on them as they serve Him at TVCS!

In addition, Mrs Fiona Clayton will be returning to her role in teaching Senior ICT and Mrs Rochelle Wong to the Primary School following their maternity leave. It is a delight to have Fiona and Rochelle back with us and we pray they will settle in quickly!

...To your heart!

As we move into 2016, it is my prayer that we will experience God’s hand of blessing on our school community as we serve God, nurture the students and grow in Christ together. This year we will be launching our new school vision and exploring a theme based on John 3: 16-18. This will be an exciting year and I trust that we will all be renewed spiritually as we experience God’s transforming grace in our lives and in the lives of our students.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” John 3: 16-18

See you in the new term!

Yours in Christ’s service,
Julie Prattis. Principal.
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 1
Monday, 1 February, 2016

Primary Classes: 8.45am in your classroom
Middle School Students: 8.40am in the Multi-Purpose Hall
Year 10 students: 8.40am meet outside the Front Office
Year 11 and 12 students: 8.40am go to your Care Group

What's New On-site?
A number of building projects were completed during the break and our facilities are looking their very best for the start of the new school year!

The Primary toilets have been extensively remodeled and renovated, giving them a beautiful face-lift and a brand new appearance. In the last week of term, the Primary play equipment was extended thank you to the generosity of our P & F. Thank you Parents and Friends! Major work has also been undertaken in the Year 3/4 Primary classrooms, with the area being repainted and carpeted. The area is looking very swish!

The grounds are looking their very best with the oval in tip top condition and the addition of a number of new garden areas.

In addition, extensive work has been undertaken to upgrading and extending our computer facilities throughout the school. Machines in Tech 2 (Room 59) have been upgraded and extended to provide the CAD package, Autodesk and a second 3D printer has been added to this area. Two new class sets of laptops will be available to Middle School classes as a loan set... and all this is in addition to new tablets that have been purchased for Year 10, server up-grades and the upgrading of hardware throughout the school.

Extensive cleaning has also taken place over the break including the steam cleaning of carpeted areas and thorough cleaning of all classroom areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our maintenance and grounds men, as well as our cleaners and Administration Team who work over the break to ensure our facilities are looking their very best!

A few minor tasks may still need to be completed early in the new year and we appreciate your patience as these projects are completed.

Julie Prattis. Principal.

2016 TERM DATES

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OPENING SERVICE
Monday 15 February
7pm - 8pm

Hope Valley Uniting Church
1263 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley

We extend a personal invitation to school families and the school community to attend the 2016 Opening Service. Together we thank God for His faithfulness and dedicate the school year ahead.

Students are expected to attend in school uniform.
The Parents & Friends have had a wonderful year in 2015 continuing to serve the school, the students and its community.

Through our fundraising just this year we have raised over $12,000 through various events. These include the Mother’s day, Father’s day and Christmas stalls where beautiful gifts, some handmade by the Triple C craft group, are purchased.

The canteen at the Sport days in first term is always very popular as are the hot lunches in Terms 2 and 3. Our other fundraisers have included the School Shoe sale, Entertainment Books, Spring Bulbs, Cookie Dough, Tonnes Of Silver, Card Sale, and our major fundraising community event the Pyjama Movie night. This was such a fun evening with popcorn, pyjamas and Paddington Bear! We give heartfelt thanks for all your generous support throughout the year.

Your support has enabled the P&F to donate over $21,000 funds this year to various areas as requested. $8,500 has been donated to the very exciting project of completing the primary playground equipment. $9,000 was donated to the Music Department for an updated sound system for use in the hall for assemblies, musical productions and other performances. The Welfare Department together with Education Support received a donation of $2,000 for a peaceful, private and welcoming outdoor space for students. $2,000 has been provided for a Smart TV for the meeting room and monitors for the library and Admin reception area. We have also donated $1,000 to the Northern Territory CEN office to allocate funds to schools in need in Arnhem Land following the cyclone earlier this year.

Support by P&F volunteers was also provided at special events such as the Welcome Morning tea, Open Day, Orientation Day, the Year 12 Graduation and assisting the Leadership team at Australia’s Biggest Morning tea.

We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Morning Tea on 1 February, 2016 and we encourage you to please join our P&F. New members are always welcome and we would love for you to join us as little or as much as you like. All activities are full of fun, warmth, fellowship and friendship and a wonderful way to be involved supporting the school and our children. Please contact us through our email: pandf@tvcs.sa.edu.au or through the front office.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve and contribute to the school. We are blessed to be part of this very special and supportive school community.

Judith Osborne (P&F coordinator)
UNIFORM SHOP

Thank You
I would like to thank our hard working Uniform Committee and Shop Volunteers who have done such a wonderful job this year. Their varying roles are too many to list here and it is all done with a smile on their faces.

Thanks to Diane Schutz, Karin Williams, Kay Tucker, Kylie Whitehead and Gill Heinrich. A special thanks and a warm farewell to Marion Neumann and Alayne Amanatidis as they leave our school for new adventures.

We have valued their contributions to Uniform Shop and also Hot Lunches.

Help Required – Part Time 2 hours p/w or less
We invite any parents (or grandparents) who would like to volunteer in our Uniform Shop to please either stop by, phone or email. We require sales assistant help during our busy times, but also some help when the shop is closed for other tasks. If you are able to help us, whether regularly or every now and then, we would love to hear from you.

Fitting of New Students
Most new students will already have their uniform, but if needed, private fitting appointments can still be made for January.

New Sales System for January 2016
Systems have been set in place to further assist with quicker uniform sales for the busy return to school times. All layby collections will be by appointment only, at a time separate to the general sales. This means that if you have existing students with general purchases, there will be less waiting with quicker service and our new computerized receipting and barcode system. Email orders may be sent to us, but please allow time for processing.

Year Twelve Jackets for 2016
Year Twelve jackets will be distributed at camp on 29th February and payment must be received before that day. If you have any questions about the design, cost or nicknames, please ask your year 11 student or you may email the uniform shop.

Selling of Second Hand Items
If you have second hand uniform items that you would like to dispense of, there are options. Our Uniform Shop will accept your donation and greatly appreciate items especially that are washed and mended. We do our best to reinvigorate them and help other students with them. Some items are sent to overseas mission. Alternatively, if you would like to sell your used uniforms, please email a list and prices with your contact information and it will be placed in the newsletter. The sale and collection would be negotiated between the buyer and seller.

UNIFORM SHOP 2016
Email: uniformshop@tvcs.sa.edu.au
Shop Hours before Term 1

General Sales
(Layby collection at other times)
Thursday, 28 January - 12.00 – 3.30pm
Friday, 29 January - 9.00am – 1.00pm

1st Week of School – Extra Shop Hours
Monday, 1 February - 8.15 – 3.45pm
Tuesday, 2 February - Closed
Wednesday, 3 February - Closed
Thursday, 4 February - 8.15 – 4.30pm
Friday, 5 February - Closed

2nd Week of School - Normal Hours
Monday - 8.30am – 11.15am
Thursday - 8.30am – 11.15am
Thursday - 3.00pm – 4.15am

Contact: Lisa Kociolek (Uniform Coordinator)
Email: uniformshop@tvcs.sa.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property tub is located in front of the uniform shop. It has been emptied and cleaned, with named items placed back in. Long term items, whether non-uniform or not, have been donated to charity or put into second hand sales. If you are unable to get to the tub, you may email the uniform shop and we might be able to check for you. We sort through it regularly and return items to students when they are named and labelled correctly. Please take the time to re-label items prior to the new year, as a special code or stitching does not guarantee a safe return.

Lisa Kociolek (Uniform Coordinator)

Playgroup at Torrens Valley Christian School

Parents and caregivers meeting together to provide their young children with opportunities to learn through play.

Fridays - 9am - 10.30am
Room 23

What to bring for your Child...

- $2 donation
- Hat
- Drink
- A healthy snack
  (TVCS is a nut-free school)
As a special welcome back to school, the Parents and Friends Committee of Torrens Valley Christian School would like to invite all families to a Morning Tea. This is a great opportunity for new parents to chat with the families of our school, enjoy a cuppa, some homemade treats and dry your eyes.

**Monday 1 February**
**From 8.50am**
**in the Staffroom**

Drop in after you drop off!

Pre-School children are welcome

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**INDONESIAN CLUB 2015**

A whole group of people did Indo Club this term and we made pillowcases. It was very fun. We got to make a design on the pillowcase and we got to dye them. Everyone's pillowcases looked awesome. Maddi

Indo Club has been awesome. We have made fans, masks and my favourite, pillowcases. It has been so much fun. Jemma F

In Indo Club I learnt how to make really yummy food and learnt how to make a traditional pillowcase. Jack C

Indo Club was really awesome and fun. We made pillowcases from wax. And we made fan prints. Lauren

I did Indo Club and we made pillow cases and fans. It was fun. Harry

My favourite thing in Indo Club was the pillowcases. Jada

We made pillowcases and we designed them ourselves. Mechiel

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**Out of School Hours Care 2016**

Come and meet Miss Dominique Caruso, from Camp Australia, on Friday, 29 January in the OSHC Room (Room 23) between 3:15pm and 4:00pm. Dominique is the staff member who will be running OSHC for 2016 here at TVCS.
2016 SENIOR SCHOOL
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday, 23 February 2016
7:00pm
Meet Senior School Teaching Staff and hear from
Guest Speaker: Kirrilie Smout
Developing Minds Psychology and Education

- Communicate effectively with teens without nagging or giving up
- Avoid common pitfalls in dealing with a senior school student
- Help teens get more sleep; better work/sport/study balance
- Effectively support teens who stress

SCHOOL CARD
The School Card discount is NOT automatic. At the beginning of each year you must apply to the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) and receive official notification that you are eligible before the School can make concessions.

The tuition fee will be invoiced at the full rate until such time as official notification of eligibility has been received by the school. Please pay the school card rate by the due date rather than waiting to receive the school card acceptance notification prior to making payment to the School.

If you believe that you are entitled to School Card Discount and don’t receive the appropriate forms with your first billing in the week beginning 18 January, 2016, please contact the School. All forms for School Card Discount must be returned to the Front Office (marked Confidential – Emima Radulescu) by 5 February, 2016. Please include a copy of your Health Care Card. Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES – 2016
Invoices for 2016 will be issued in January, April and July. We are using e-mail to send invoices/statements to parents unless individuals have requested these be sent by post. If you do not receive an invoice by e-mail or post please contact the School to ensure you receive your invoice/statements. Payments are due by the end of Week 2 of Terms 1, 2 and 3 unless alternative arrangements have been made with Gary Johns or Emima Radulescu.

Where other arrangements are made, these must be adhered to. Whichever payment method is chosen, please note that it is your responsibility to ensure payments are made. Late payment of fees will attract the late payment fee of $25 per month. Please note: if your fees are paid by directly crediting our account via personal transactions or your payroll, please contact Emima in the Finance Office and give her the details.

If you believe your account is incorrect and some receipts have not yet been credited, please contact Emima on 8265 2077 or email: emimar@tvcs.sa.edu.au.
GERMAN TRIP 2017
Attention all families of students currently in year 9, 10 & 11

I am now seeking interest from current German students for the next TVCS German cultural and language immersion trip. This is an exciting and wonderful opportunity to build on your knowledge and understanding of the German language, culture and history - moving it from the classroom to experiencing it and bringing it to life.

You will see and appreciate first-hand some of God’s most beautiful creation - so different from our own; build lifelong friendships with your host family; travel in a foreign country where your own self-awareness will increase as you develop skills in budgeting and self-management, calculating exchange rates, ordering food in German and so much more. You will be immersed in the German language improving your proficiency as you read, speak and take in everything around you and listening to native speakers.

There will be a range of new, challenging, fun and unforgettable experiences which is simply not available for the vast majority of Australian students. Would you like to be part of this fantastic opportunity? If so, please register your interest by completing:

**2017 Germany Trip Application / Expression of Interest Form**
*(available at the front desk, school website or email me for a copy).*

Please return to Frau Allen ASAP at TVCS (either in hard copy format or email me at belinda.allen@tvcs.sa.edu.au).

**Length:** approximately 3½ weeks including a home stay with a German host family and a 2 week trip around Germany including visiting Austria and Switzerland.

**Approximate price:** $5,000-$5,500.

Please prayerfully consider if this is something you would like your child to be part of. Priority will be given to students studying German. I have successfully run five trips to Germany over the past 12 years from TVCS and am extremely keen and passionate about the opportunity to lead another group on such a magnificent and life changing experience.

Thank you and God bless. Frau Belinda Allen (Secondary German Teacher)

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**Volunteer Induction Program 2016**

Torrens Valley Christian School believes that Volunteers make a significant contribution to the School community. The purpose of the Volunteer Induction Program is to ensure the safety and protection of all. Torrens Valley Christian School will endeavor to make available the Volunteer Induction Program to new and existing parents.

Volunteer Induction Programs are conducted with Cacet Global and are to be held:

**Term 1, 2016**

- Monday 22 February 7 pm – 9:30 pm
- Tuesday 23 February 9 am – 12 pm

**Volunteer forms are available from the Front Office.**

Place is limited so please book early.
Contact Sue Learey or the Front Office on Phone 8265 2077.
February 20th 2016 from 6:30 –10pm

Quiz  Coffee  Food  Silent Auction  Games  Prizes

Balinese Style Best Dressed Table Award

Quench Café, 2 Famechon Cres, Modbury

All funds raised, excluding Café purchases will be donated to the Bali Life Foundation

$10PP

Register at:


Contact: balilifequiznight@gmail.com

*NOTE: No BYO food and drinks, purchases available on the night*
Shoe Sale

The Parents & Friends have once again been given a fabulous opportunity to partner with Genesis Footwear Pty Ltd to run our annual fundraiser. Selling these 100% leather shoes is one of the most significant and hassle free fund raising events for the P&F each year.

These podiatrist approved shoes come with many benefits that are simply not available in “branded” shoes purchased through normal retail outlets. It is truly a blessing to be able to purchase these shoes at such a low wholesale price of $47.50. Shoes are available in sizes 4 - 13 and will suit approx Year 3 onwards and their approval exceeds school uniform requirements.

Tell your family and friends as well because these shoes are approved and are used by many workers and professionals in industries such as health care, transportation and hospitality - every sale helps our fund raising efforts and Genesis Footwear cannot be matched in terms of the generosity of their partnership with the school!

Make a note in your diary now so you can purchase these shoes for your children. family and friends. Only available at the school library and only for 2 days

- Thursday, 28 January, 2016 - 9.30am to 1.30pm
- Friday 29 January, 2016 - 9.30am to 1.30pm.
Further details contact: P&F Hester on 0416 841 369
This ultra lightweight shoe offers the flexibility of a running shoe with the added support and strength of a top quality school shoe. The natural characteristics of leather provide increased footcare and health benefits as it breathes and conforms uniquely to each foot.

Philip A. Colak (Dip.App.Sc Podiatry)

- 100% real South Australian leather
- 100% full leather upper and footbed
- Removable cushioned inner sole (allows for orthotic devices)
- Reinforced heelpiece with impact shock zone
- Padded collar and tongue—eliminates harsh abrasion—featured comfort zones
- Ultra light weight sole—minimising foot fatigue
- Shock minimising sole fabrication
- Triple stitch construction—improved durability
- Heavy duty waxed cotton shoe-laces
- Eight reinforced shoe-lace eyelets

Premier genesis
footwear