FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Believe • Belong • Become

Torrens Valley Christian School is a Christ-centred learning environment developing young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be.

Welcome back to the new school year!

I trust you and your family have had a good first week and that the students have settled into their new classes! The staff and I are eagerly looking forward to working closely with you this year.

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

This year we will be launching our new school vision. Torrens Valley Christian School is....

Developing young people to Believe, Belong and Become all that God has created them to be!

BELIEVE: We are unashamedly and unambiguously a Christian school and it is our prayer that every student will develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Christ, and Christ alone, is the rock we can build our lives on! He is utterly dependable; 100% reliable; an anchor for our soul. He is our Creator and Redeemer; and the only wise God our Saviour!

BELONG: Belonging to community is so important!

In partnership with parents, Torrens Valley Christian School is loving caring community where young people have a stable nurturing environment which enhances their feeling of well-being and security!

Older students model to the younger ones, setting an example of faith and godly leadership to younger pupils!

BECOME: A strong foundation for our children is so important! As Dr Hiam Ginnott says, Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

The educational opportunities we provide TODAY... mould and shape our children..... TOMORROW!

At TVCS we aim to provide excellence in Christian education and to develop a child’s full academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual potential.

The 2015 SACE results bear testimony to this with our students achieving fifty A grades and a total of 73% of all results being an A or B grade. The top ATAR was 99.7 and four Merit Awards were earned by our students. The high standard of academic achievement obtained last year was a credit to the students and staff, with our students performing well above state and national averages.

A PERSONAL INVITATION: As we commence our year together, I would like to personally invite you to our Opening Service which will be held at Hope Valley Uniting Church on Monday, 15 February, commencing at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing you and your family there!

2016 promises to be an exciting year and I look forward to partnering with you, as parents, to develop your young people to BELIEVE, BELONG and BECOME all that God created them to be.

Julie Prattis. Principal
PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION
As a community, Torrens Valley Christian School welcomes and values the involvement that you, as a parent, have in the education of your children. We appreciate the many ways you share in the development of your children, both within the classroom, in outdoor programs and at home. Your involvement is beneficial for both the community and for the students. Thank you!

If, from time to time, you do have a concern, please email or make an appointment to speak to the Caregroup or Class teacher in person. The staff are more than happy to speak to you and answer any queries you may have. In instances where an incident has occurred that is of concern to you as a parent, or to your child, the appropriate course of action is to raise it with the school staff who will be happy to assist in resolving the issue. Addressing a matter directly with a student or another parent or caregiver is not appropriate. We look forward to working closely with you in 2016 and to seeing you at one of our forthcoming events.

STAFF NEWS
After 10 years at the school, Accountant, Emima Radulescu has notified us that she will be leaving Torrens Valley at the end of the week. Emima has been an integral and hard-working member of our staff and we are personally saddened to see her go.

Emima writes, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work at Torrens Valley Christian School and wish you and the school abundant blessings from God.

We pray God’s richest blessings on Emima and her family as she finishes on the 12th February.

Account enquiries can be directed to the Business Manager, Gary Johns (gary.johns@tvcs.sa.edu.au) or Sharyn Fakes (sharyn.fakes@tvcs.sa.edu.au)

SAFETY REMINDERS
As the new year commences, we want to thank you for your care and vigilance in our car parking areas. The safety of our children is of paramount importance and we remind you to slow down, take care and follow the signage. To facilitate traffic flow, please remember not to park in the ‘Drop and Go’ area. This area is reserved for quick pick up and set down of children before and after school.

Thank you also for the care you take in respecting the safety and privacy of local residents by not parking over driveway areas and taking care if performing a u-turn in Gumtree Drive. Our relationship with our neighbours is important to us and we thank you for respecting property owners in the region. Additionally, we ask that parents do not drop their children off in the Staff Carpark at the back of the school. This car park is not an area for students. The school only has permission for staff to access that car park via the road up to the bowling club.

Thank you for your patience in these important areas for the safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

Julie Prattis (Principal)

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**FEBRUARY**

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**TUESDAY**

- COMPASSION CHILDREN DAY (gold coin)

**TUESDAY**

- School Banking

**THURSDAY**

- R-12 Homework/Tutorial (3.30pm - 4.15pm) in The HUB

**THURSDAY**

- Secondary Maths Tutoring (3.30pm - 4.15pm) in Room 30
GENERAL REMINDER
It is imperative that our children are safe at school. If at any time you have any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of your students, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) with Camp Australia
To all parents of Primary School Children. If you need more information about OSHC at the school please go to Camp Australia’s website www.campaustralia.com.au. The service provided includes both before and after school care.

At their web home page enter our school, Torrens Valley Christian School, and the website takes you to a location specifically linked to OSHC at our school. More information is given as you register your name. They are more than happy to answer any questions and can help with the process of determining what rebates etc. you are able to receive. OSHC meets in Room 23.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES
The School of Languages at TVCS began on Tuesday night with lots of enthusiasm and lots of new enrolments into French, Chinese, Afrikaans and Italian!

Enrolments to join continue until week 5. For further details see Mr Bowyer (TVCS Senior School). Phone: 0400550024.

LAST YEAR’S 2015 SCHOOL MAGAZINE
If you did not receive your 2015 School Magazine, please come to the Front Office and collect a copy.

FIRST AID AND ACTION PLANS
If your child keeps an Epi pen and/or other medication at school, please bring this to the Front Office with the Action Plan. Check also the expiry dates on the medication. Action Plans and medication must be given to the Front Office by Monday, 15 February in readiness for carnivals, excursions and camps. For any First Aid queries, please contact the Front Office.

STUDENT ID CARDS (Year 9 to Year 12)
A student ID card is required for student concession rates, using public transport, attending sporting venues, movie theatres, concerts etc. The school offers this to service to school aged students 15 years and older (or look 15 years of age) for a cost of $8.00. Should your student require an ID please see the Front Office before Friday, 12 February, 2016, with payment of $8.00. Late or replacement cards are $10.00.

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION
Up to date family information is required in emergency situations when your child is ill or injured and it is vital that your contact details are kept up to date. It is very important that the Front Office is advised of any changes of home address, home, work and other contact phone numbers.

2016 VETAMORPHUS CREW
Following the successful graduation of our TVCS Vetamorphus pioneers this term we welcome the new 2016 Vetamorphus crew.

Pictured from Left to Right, Lewis, Isabelle, Emma and Kyle will be working towards their Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology under the caring guidance of Mrs Margaret Garland our School Chaplain.

As part of their year of Christian discipleship the four students will be serving in their local churches, leading Christian ministry activities in our school community, attending regional retreats and more. When complete this VET course will count towards their studies, SACE and also where applicable, towards an ATAR calculation. Vetamorphus is open to students in Years 11 & 12.

Catherine Green (Vetamorphus Coordinator)
BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION
Last year Anthony, Lewis and Tom entered a competition to represent SA in the National Titles of Emergenza, the largest music festival/competition for unsigned bands in the world. They won best band in South Australia and went to Sydney to compete on a national level in December 2015, in which they came second – only losing by ONE POINT!

This is an incredible achievement for these boys who were all 16 years of age at the time (at least 10 years younger than most of the bands in the competition!). In total, over 300 bands competed and Anthony actually won the BEST DRUMMER overall in Australia. Amazing!

People are able to follow the boys on Facebook by searching under Colour Machine. They always have information on upcoming gigs and any events they are playing at TVCS.

Congratulations and well done!

SCHOOL BANKING
Commonwealth bank offers students school banking here. There are some great rewards to be had. Each week collect a silver token and once 10 are collected students receive a reward for good banking. Bankbooks must be filled out correctly and books given to the class teacher first thing Tuesday morning. See the display on the notice board outside the Primary Library room. Further information is available from the Front Office. Bank day is Tuesday.

COMMENDATION
The Houghton Oval Committee wish to thank Torrens Valley Christian School Choir for performing at our Remembrance Day Service. It was the first time we have had a choir sing at this event and we feel it was most successful. The way the children performed with their beautiful voices, on a lovely sunny morning with Mrs Zarvarce guidance, was a delightful part of our Service. Once again a big thank you to you and the Choir for participating at our Remembrance Day Service.

VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION PROGRAM 2016
Torrens Valley Christian School believes that Volunteers make a significant contribution to the school community. Two Volunteer Induction Programs are being offered to new and exciting families on the following dates. See flyer attached

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

As a service to the Volunteers a Justice of the Peace will be available to sign Volunteer Application Forms on Monday 22 and Tuesday, 23 February, 8.30am - 9.00am in the Front Office. Please contact Sue Learey or reception Ph: 8265 2077.

PHOTOGRAPH DAY
Thursday 25 February - Individual and Class Photos
Every child will receive an order envelope.

PRIMARY students must return their order envelopes to the class teacher by Wednesday, 17 February, even if you are not ordering.

SECONDARY STUDENTS (Years 7 - 12) must bring their order envelope with them on photo day and hand to the photographer, even if you are not ordering.

A guide on how to order individual and class photos are detailed in each envelope. Students wanting individual/class photos must have their own order envelope. Full family payment can be enclosed in one envelope, please indicate if payment has been made in another envelope. Please ensure the correct amount is enclosed as no change will be given.

Friday 26 February - Family Photographs
Family Photo Order envelopes are only available from the Front Office. Parents or the eldest child are welcome to collect one as they are not automatically distributed through class or caregroups. A guide on how to order family photos is enclosed in each envelope. Further information at the front office.

The boys on stage winning second prize.
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

*Justice of the Peace signatures available and Volunteer forms are available from the Front Office.*

Volunteer Induction Program

Please return this slip to book into a session.

**Name:**

**Contact Number:**

- [ ] Monday, 22 February 7 pm - 9:30 pm Torrens Valley Christian School
- [ ] Tuesday, 23 February 9 am - 12 pm Torrens Valley Christian School

*Places are limited so please book early.*

Contact Sue Learney or the Front Office on Phone 8265 2077.
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

JOHN CAMAC has an Art Exhibition at the
Algate Café, Strathalbyn Road, Algate.
Display in on until Sunday 27 February.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 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

UNIFORMS FOR SALE
Red woollen Senior School jumper, Size 22 - $30.
2 Senior School ties - $10 each
All in good condition. Please phone Julie – 0439813033

TUTORING for Year 5 - Year 12
Private Tutor, 3rd Year Student University of South Australia, Bachelor of Aviation. Provide tutoring support for students in Years 5-11, English, Maths, Science focused subjects, Rate Negotiable, approx $25 p/hour. Police Check Current. Contact, Mob 0424702438, Email timtam434@gmail.com

Bali Life Foundation

Quiz Night

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*