FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Believe • Belong • Become

Believe in God
Belong to Community
Become all that God created you to be!

2016 Merit Ceremony

On Tuesday, 9 February, two Year 12 graduating students from 2015, Kenneth and Lauren, accompanied by their parents and Secondary Deputy Principal, Mr Fergus McGinley attended the Merit Award Ceremony at Government House.

The high standard of academic achievement obtained last year was a credit to the students and staff, with our students performing well above the state averages and our students achieving four Merits.

Kenneth received three Merits and excelled in Music, Physics and Specialist Maths receiving an ATAR of 99.7, while Lauren received a Merit for Maths Applications and ATAR of 94.8.

Special congratulations also go to Harrison (ATAR of 96.8), Lachlan (96.3), Yi-Lynn (93.1), Tim (91.85), Lauren S (90.85) and Maddison (90.6).

Students at TVCS attained fifty A grades, with a total of 73% of all results being an A or B grade.

I applaud the achievements of both staff and students in attaining these outstanding results and honour God for the opportunity of partnering with families to Develop young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be!

Julie Prattis
Principal
**RECEPTION BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**Bible Presentation:** What a joy it was to see our Year 12 students presenting Bibles to the children in Reception on Wednesday, 17 February! This special ceremony highlights the milestones in the development of our students and emphasizes the continuing cycle of Christ-centred education R-12 at our school.

I never tire of seeing our Reception students come into school as emergent readers ... and leave as accomplished young people! They start school in uniforms too big for them and with a school bag they can barely carry... and we watch them grow tall and strong, outgrowing many pairs of shoes along the way! The littlies come to our school with a developing trust in God and we see them leave as mature young people, ready to take on Christian leadership roles in family life and in our nation!

As we partner with you in the education of your children, it is our prayer that each student would come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour for themselves and believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be!

Julie Prattis  
Principal

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**TVCS OPENING SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY**

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| Thurs | 25   | School Photo Day 1  
Bali Meeting - including parents (3.30pm) |
| Fri   | 26   | School Photo Day 2  |
| Mon   | 29   | Year 12 Camp - Nunyara  
SACSA Basketball Carnival Year 8/9 |

**MARCH**

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| Tues | 1    | Year 12 Camp - Nunyara returns  
SACSA Basketball Carnival Open Girls  
Middle School Meet the Teacher (7pm-8pm) |
| Wed  | 2    | Primary Worship Assembly (9.15am)  
Secondary Basketball Carnival Open Girls  
Cyber Info Sessions - Yrs 5 -12 |
| Fri  | 4    | Primary Sports Day - Bulkana Oval  
- Spring Cres, Banksia Park (8.40am-2.35pm)  
SAPSASA Swimming |
| Sat  | 5    | SCHOOL TOUR (10am-11am) |
| Mon  | 7    | Triple CCC Craft Group (8.45am-10.45am)  
Bali Meeting (3.30pm-4.30pm) |
| Tues | 8    | Secondary Student Leadership Training Day  
Association Members Meeting (7.30pm) |
| Wed  | 9    | Senior School Brain Training Workshop |
| Thurs| 10   | Secondary Athletics Carnival - Bulkana Oval,  
- Spring Cres, Banksia Park (8.40am-3.30pm) |
| Fri  | 11   | Yr 9 Challenge Day  
Class of 2014 Class Reunion |
| Mon  | 14   | ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY |
| Wed  | 16   | Year 6 Camp - Wirraway  
Primary Worship Assembly (9.15am)  
Yr 10 Ancient Studies Excursion  
Yr 11 Driver Education |
| Fri  | 18   | Yr 6 Camp returns  
Yr 9 Excursion The Anzac Experience |
| Mon  | 21   | Triple CCC Craft Group (8.45am-10.45am) |
| Tues | 22   | Yrs 5-9 Louder Seminars with Jodie Christinat  
Parent - Louder Seminars (7.00pm-8.00pm) |
| Wed  | 23   | Easter Assemblies - HVUC (9am & 10.00am)  
P&S AGM Meeting (7.30pm-9.30pm) |
| Fri  | 25   | EASTER - GOOD FRIDAY |
| Tues | 29   | Primary Swimming Week (1.00pm-3.00pm) |

**TUESDAY**  
COMPASSION CHILDREN DAY (gold coin)  
SCHOOL BANKING DAY  
R-12 HOMEWORK/TUTORIAL (3.30pm - 4.15pm) in the HUB  
SECONDARY MATHS TUTORING (3.30pm - 4.15pm) in Room 30
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday, 1 March at 7.00 pm in the hall.

This evening is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s Care Group teacher and find out about Middle Schooling at Torrens Valley Christian School, including policies, procedures, organisational expectations and how we support young adolescents to develop their full potential. There will also be an opportunity to mingle with staff who are available to answer your questions. We are looking forward to meeting new parents and seeing our “experienced” parents.

Trevor Coward (Middle School Coordinator)

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. Phone: 0447 140 570 Dominque Caruso (OSCH Coordinator)

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

The School of Languages began on Tuesday night with lots of enthusiasm and lots of new enrolments into French, Chinese, Afrikaans and Italian! Enrolments continue until week 5. Phone:0400550024. For details see Mr Bowyer.

ONE TONNE OF SILVER FUNDRAISER

Following last year’s successful effort, Torrens Valley Christian School is trying to raise another One Tonne of Silver. Last year’s amount of $822.35 went towards the completion of the Primary playground. This fundraiser will continue throughout this year. It’s SO EASY just follow these simple steps:

- Find a jar, tin or whatever
- Use the slip below
- Fill it up with your silver (gold coins or notes!)
- Bring to the Front Office
- Watch out for your family’s star on the school notice board
- Start again and again and again

If you have any queries please feel free to contact the P&F Committee through the front office. This fundraiser will continue all year.

Thank you from the Parents & Friends Committee

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.

“WE AIM TO BE A NUT FREE SCHOOL”

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One Tonne of Silver Fundraiser

______________________________ (name)

Is collecting one tonne of silver

PLEASE DONATE YOUR SPARE CHANGE

When full please return to school and look for your name on our special display.
Friday of Week Three saw our annual swimming carnival held once again at the Modbury Swim Centre and, just like the last couple of years, we experienced rather unseasonable weather for the middle of an Australian Summer! It was overcast, with a maximum of 25 degrees, in stark contrast to 2014’s torrential rain and 2015’s blistering heat. It is almost as if our Swimming Carnival is a magnet for out-of-the-ordinary weather!

The day started with Mrs Prattis opening in prayer and the Sport Captains revving up their Tribes (and Zebulun reminding Benjamin that they haven’t won the Trophy in years!) before Mr Tucker gave out the final instructions and without delay, events were underway!

The first events were the 50m Butterfly events, followed quickly by the 50m Freestyle races, where three records fell to Emma Wootten (Under 13 Girls), Whitney Habner (Under 16 Girls) and Jack Tingey (Open Boys) – further details of broken records are at the end of this report. At the same time, in the Middle Pool, the action in the Water Polo was heating up as swimmers and non-swimmers alike sought dominance in our own brand of Aquatic Netball!

At the completion of the Freestyle events, Benjamin had taken a narrow lead, setting the stage for a dramatic finish!

Backstroke followed and, once more, Jack Tingey took away his second record for the day, taking nearly six seconds off the old mark. To put this effort into perspective, that’s like shaving 2 seconds off a 100m sprint on dry land!

The Staff Officials ran the morning events like a well-oiled machine and we enjoyed an extended lunch break when we finished early, with students enjoying plenty of fun in and out of the pool, and having a great time on the Waterslides!

After lunch, events recommenced with Breaststroke and were followed with the final test of team swimming prowess, the 4 x 50m Freestyle relays. Whitney Habner claimed her second record for the day in the Breaststroke, followed by Jack Tingey’s third and then the Benjamin 13 Girls relay team smashed the old record by 24 seconds to establish a new mark unlikely to be beaten any time soon!

When the final race had been swum, the rolls called and area tidied, the final result was announced and it was Benjamin standing tall, 1220 points to 1011, eliciting an enormous shout of joy from the weary Benjamin troops, having finally removed the proverbial monkey off their backs!

A fantastic day, with some amazing individual performances and incredible team spirit on both sides. Special thanks to the Sport Captains who toiled all day to get their teams across the line and to the staff who ran events and supervised students with aplomb. Well done Torrens Valley! And congratulations to Benjamin!

**Record Breakers**

**4 x 50m Freestyle Relay**
- Under 13 Girls Team: Benjamin, 2 min. 41secs (old record, 3’05.87)

**50m Backstroke**
- Open Boys: Jack Tingey, Benjamin, 31.72 secs (old record, 37.438)

**50m Breaststroke**
- Open Boys: Jack Tingey, Benjamin, 37.43 secs (old record, 41.498)
- Under 16 Girls: Whitney Habner, Benjamin, 48.54 secs (old record, 49.708)

**50m Freestyle**
- Open Boys: Jack Tingey, Benjamin, 27.35 secs (old record, 29.408)
- Under 16 Girls: Whitney Habner, Benjamin, 33.96 secs (old record, 34.788)
- Under 13 Girls: Emma Wootten, Benjamin, 31.88 secs (old record, 33.698)
Welcome Back!!
The team at Before and After School Care had a great first couple of weeks. Being a new service, the theme that the children and the staff have been spending time on is ‘getting-to-know you’. The children have been engaging in activities that reflect them and their personal attributes, characteristics and interests. Just to name a few, they have made name clouds, family trees, family houses and our most new and exciting project, our window mural, featuring our OSHC ‘Minions’. Please feel free to stop by and check out all the fantastic work the children have created over the past couple of weeks.

Having such warm and sunny weather has allowed us to spend a lot of time outside playing ball games such as cricket, basketball and handball, as well as other outdoor activities, chosen by the children. As well as this, making our own OSHC play dough, by far has been the biggest hit. The children made many fantastic creations using the Play Dough, in particular models of animals like crocodiles, lizards and even a frog on a Lilly pad.

The children’s interest in making play dough animal models has led to this week’s theme being ‘Animals’. We will be using a range of materials from the environment and from OSHC to make and create different animals, as well as, bringing in photos and pictures of our pets to display in the room. So please, if your child is attending After School Care this Thursday and has a pet that they would love to share with us, can they bring in a picture or photo of it.

Enjoy the rest of the week and please stop by our Out of School Hours Care room to say hello and see all the wonderful things that we have been doing.

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**UNIFORMS FOR SALE**

- 1 sz 10 blue school jumper $25
- 1 sz 16 sports rugby top $30
- 1 sz xs polo top (long sleeve) $15
- 1 sz 16 red sports top $10
- 1 sz 16 summer school dress $35
- 1 sz 16 red fleece jumper $40
- 1 sz 10 school winter skirt $40
- 1 large school bag $20
- 1 sz 18 winter school skirt $40
- 1 sz 12 sports shorts $10
- 1 sz 10 summer school dress $20
- 1 small school bag $10
- 1 sz 20 blue school jumper $15
- 1 sz 10 blue polo top (long) $15
- 1 sz 12 sports polo top $20
- 1 sz 16 red rugby top $30

Phone Angela: 0435741436
Parents and Friends will be catering for this event and ask for your help on the day.

**Assistance Needed**

We would love to have your help with the sausage sizzle at lunchtime or a half-hour of your time to serve in the canteen throughout the day (selling drinks, chips & lollies).

~ Serving and cooking sausages for lunch ~
   11.30 - 12.30pm & 12.30 - 1.30pm

~ Serving for a half-hour in the Canteen (lollies / chips / drinks) ~
   Between 9.30 am - 2.30pm

Please indicate your availability online on our Website.
or www.tvcs.sa.edu.au
   News & Events

EVENT CODE: **c3vmx**

Tick the appropriate boxes no later than **Monday 29 February 2016** or **text** your availability to **Hester 0416841369**

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Email: parentsfriends@tvcs.sa.edu.au

**Sausage Sizzle Primary Athletics Day**

A Sizzling Sausage with bread, tomato sauce and onion available.

**$2.00**

**NOTE:** Please pay on the day
Two FREE Parenting SA seminars

Presented by Dr Justin Coulson
- Nationally recognised parenting speaker
- Newspaper columnist
- TV commentator, author and researcher

Tuesday 5 April
When: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Where: City Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Toddlers and touch screens: What should I do?
- the pros and cons of the digital age for children 0-5 years
- how and when to introduce phones, tablets, apps, e-games
- how to manage electronic media use

Wednesday 6 April
When: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Where: City Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Children, teens and pornography: What every parent should know
- the alarming statistics
- are we becoming desensitised?
- the impact on boys and girls
- how parents can guide children and teens

Register to attend in person or view the live webcasts at:
http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au

Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Find out more about Dr Justin Coulson at www.happyfamilies.com.au

For the benefit of all participants unfortunately we are unable to admit babies and children.

Helping parents be their best

Government of South Australia
It’s Back! Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Fundraiser - by P & F

New Flavours - Shortbread and Gingerbread!!!

Order Forms sent to classes/caregroups
Please return to the Front Office by:
Monday, 7 March
(correct money enclosed please)

Delivery date: Tuesday, 22 March (in time for Easter!)

- The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. **33c-38c** per cookie.
- You can **RE-FREEZE** the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.
- You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.
- We have included a prize program for every child that sells one or more tubs.
  The more tubs you sell the better the prize!
- **Online ordering:** place your cookie dough orders online through a safe and secure online payment system. To order online, please visit: www.australianfundraising.com.au/cookiedough.

*Ask your family and friends*

Thank you for your support with the P&F Fundraiser.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY “POP START” PROGRAMME**

It’s that time again to be thinking about School Holidays and our FUN “Pop Star Performing Arts Program” for April. If you think your child would love our “Pop Star Program” it is suitable for 5 – 12 year olds and combines fun and education in one. It’s conducted over 2 days and is divided up into structured classes of Singing, Dancing, Drama, Crafts and lots more. On the second day the children perform in a concert, to which we invite family and friends to come and witness their amazing achievements, followed by a performance Certificate. How exciting! Your kids can have fun gain confidence while exercising and making new friends! Thanks for those that have previously booked with us, welcome new parents/schools/clubs, and loyal supporters.

**We are running 2 workshops:**

**Wednesday, 20 and Thursday 21, April at the Payneham Uniting Church, 341 – 343 Payneham Road MARDEN from 9 – 3pm**

**Tuesday, 26 and Wednesday, 27 April at the Flambouren Hall, 18 Fulton St, NORTH GLENELG on from 9am – 3pm. (note new venue for Glenelg)**

If you go to this [link on my website](http://example.com) it will tell you all you need to know. This [link will take you to our blog](http://example.com/blog) and our last OCTOBER program and this one [to our last APRIL program](http://example.com/program). My website also has [testimonials](http://example.com/testimonials) from my last programs. For your interest I have also attached FAQ and a booking form. The cost is $60.00 per day and we have an EARLY BIRD SPECIAL of $50.00 per day inc GST if paid before the 31st MARCH. Numbers are