Outstanding Achievements in NAPLAN

On 2 March, 2016, TVCS received notification from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) of an exceptional achievement in the school’s NAPLAN results.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. Results from NAPLAN are updated annually by ACARA on the My School website.

In 2015, students from Torrens Valley Christian School performed well above the State mean in every category and above or equal the National mean in 14 of the 20 categories.

For the past few years, ACARA has released information on schools demonstrating substantially above average gain in their NAPLAN results as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 7 to Year 9.

This year, Torrens Valley Christian School has received the following commendation from ACARA:

“I am pleased to advise that ACARA has identified your school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in NAPLAN results. On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledgement.”

Access to the 2016 My School data will be available to the public from Wednesday, 9 March, 2016.

This is high commendation for our school and I congratulate our staff and students for their hard work and fine achievements as we partner with families to Develop young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be!

Julie Prattis
Principal
NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

From Wednesday, 16 March to Friday, 18 March 2016, Samuel will be among 120 Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia attending the 21st National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC), being held at The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra. All Australian education ministers support the NSCC with most states and territories funding feeder conventions and the Australian Government Department of Education and Training funding the NSCC.

The National Schools Constitutional Convention programme provides senior students with an opportunity to become better informed about how Australia’s Constitution provides a democratic framework and encourages them to take an active interest in the operation of government. The topic of the 2016 Convention is ‘Education in a Federation’. Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO will facilitate the 2016 Convention where Samuel along with other delegates, will spend two days exploring this year’s topic. This will include input from a panel of experts, group discussions on the issues and the opportunity to persuade other delegates of particular approaches. Students will participate in a mock referendum to determine the outcome of their deliberations. The programme includes a visit to Government House as well as a dinner at the High Court of Australia.

Samuel was selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools, most of whom took part in feeder conventions in their home state or territory. I encourage you to acknowledge this achievement in the local media and/or within your school community.

GOD’S MIRACLE!

This week, the ABC series, Behind the News, will feature the story of TVCS Year 3 student, Harrison.

Harrison was born with only 15% kidney function and while people can survive with only one kidney, last year Harrison’s only working kidney stopped working at all and he had to go on dialysis. “That means I had to be hooked up to a machine in hospital three days a week; it did what my kidney couldn’t do anymore. I missed a lot of school and couldn’t go swimming or play sport and I couldn’t eat yummy foods like chocolate!” says 8 year old Harrison.

However, following a battery of compatibility tests, Harrison’s father, ex-student, Brad, donated his kidney and Harrison underwent a kidney transplant.

I feel much better now since my transplant and I’m not on dialysis anymore, and I get to eat all the yummy things that I wasn’t allowed to eat before. Now thanks to my dad I can do everything other kids can do too!

This story is a story of God’s grace, and the courage of a little boy and his parents who have trusted in God. Partly filmed here at school, the episode was screened on Behind the News on Tuesday, 8 March on ABC3 and will be repeated on Thursday at 10.30am and Friday at 11.30am. It can be viewed from the ABC website. http://www.abc.net.au/btn/

Julie Prattis. Principal

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THANK YOU PARENTS & FRIENDS!!!

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Parents and Friends (P & F) group and thank them for their outstanding contribution to our school.

And what do our P & F do?

What don’t they do!!!!

Our P & F coordinate craft stalls for Mother’s & Father’s Day, as well as Christmas stalls which provide an opportunity for students to buy an inexpensive ‘surprise’ gift for mum and dad. In addition they organise and run the canteens at sports days, the hot lunches we enjoy once a week in Terms 2 and 3 and provide support for our musicals. Well... that’s when they are not running a community event such as a Movie Night!!!

Last year, nearly $13,000 was raised by the P & F in support of our school and over $22,700 was spent from funds raised by the group.

The money raised by our P & F was used to purchase PA equipment for use by our music department, an extension to the Junior Primary playground equipment, a Smart TV for use in the meeting room and in the Reception area, the completion of a garden area for Education Support as well as funds for the welfare team. A $1,000 donation was also made to the CEN Northern Territory Christian Schools.

A huge ‘thank you’ to those who have worked so hard to support our school and serve in leadership positions. I would particularly like to thank Jude Osborne and her wonderful team for the work they have invested over the past year:

- Coordinator Jude Osborne
- Assistant Coordinator Renee Hoff
- Secretary Kate Cox
- Treasurer Sarah Parker / Sue Learey
- Catering Hester Schoeman
- Craft Coordinator Sarah Parker and Hester Schoeman

Thank you P & F! We value you!

Julie Prattis (Principal)

TRIPLE C CRAFT - Help Needed!

The TVCS Parents & Friends Triple C craft need your help to complete and wrap gifts for the Mothers Day stall.

Coffee Cake & Chat - no previous craft experience necessary! Please join us in the Kumungaku Room in the middle school area, fortnightly, from 8.45am until 11.00am Next CCC meeting time is Monday, 21 March (Week 8).

A reminder of our AGM, Wednesday, 23 March at 7:30pm. We would love to see you and hope you’ll be a part of this very special committee serving our children and our school.

Jude Osborne (P&F coordinator)

ONE TONNE OF SILVER !

We are trying to raise another One Tonne of Silver! Please find a tin and start collecting your coins again.

Hello all!!

The last couple of weeks in Before and After School Care have certainly been busy, and by busy we mean full of excitement, fun and lots of laughter. The children have been engaging in many creative activities that reflect their own personal interests. If you come in and have a look around you will see that one of the themes in OSHC was ‘Animals’, where the children made sea turtles using coloured paper and paper plates and fish using celery and paper plates. We decided to make an underwater scene by the sink, using our sea creatures and other underwater features, so if you are in the area please come in and take a look at the fantastic work created.

Due to the weather being so hot we have spent most of our time indoors making and creating wonderful things. On Wednesday some of the children discovered the new Lego blocks in OSHC which had them constructing many interesting things. One child made a three story house, which of course, came with all the essential features, like a roof and staircase. Other students made minis using the Lego blocks and they called them their ‘Minion Army’. As well as this, making our own OSHC superheros, by far has been the biggest hit. Using bits of coloured paper, material, and their imagination, the children made many fantastic representations of their own superhero, keep an eye out as this is to be our next display in OSHC.

This week being Clean Up Australia Day, the students will venture outside to collect some of nature’s treasures to bring back to OSHC so that we can create a new and exciting display using what we have found. The children have also requested that we have our own OSHC puppet show, so this week, we will begin building our stage using recycled boxes and materials and think about the kinds of shows we would like to put on.

That is the latest here at Before and After School Care, enjoy the rest of the week and please stop by our room to say hello and see all the wonderful things that have been happening.

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Dominique Caruso (OSCH) Phone: 1300 105 343
To register: www.campaustralia.com.au
SPORT
Athletics News

Congratulations to Ellie, who was part of the record-breaking relay team at the State Champs on Sunday, 21 February. Ellie and her team finished the 4 x 100m in 55.13 seconds, beating the second-placed team by over 5 seconds and breaking the record, which has stood since 1985! Ellie is a regular participant in Athletics, representing West Lakes Athletics Club.

Then following weekend, Ellie’s team competed in the Senior State Relay Champs in U14’s, even though they are only 12. The girls did an awesome job, proving age and size doesn’t matter, by claiming bronze medals in the 4x100m and 4x200m. They then won gold in the Swedish Relay (which is 100m / 300m / 200m / 400m), with Ellie running the 100m leg. Well done and Congratulations!

GERMANY TRIP 2017

If your son or daughter has expressed an interest in being part of the 2017 Trip to Germany, you and your child are invited to attend an information meeting to find out more details and ask any questions you may have at this point.

WHEN – Wednesday, 16 March, 2016. (Week 7)
WHERE – TVCS Staff Room.
TIME – 7:30pm.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss this marvellous opportunity with you. Students must be in year 9 or higher as of this year to be eligible. Confirmation and commitment to the trip with a non-refundable deposit of $500 will be required by the end of Term 1, 2016 should you decide to proceed. Thank you.

Frau Belinda Allen
(Germany Trip Team Leader and German Teacher)

P&F COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all who helped and purchased the Cookie Dough. Thank you especially to Renee and Simon who collected, sorted and collated all the orders. Favourites were the Choc Chunk and White Choc Macadamia. Approximately $500 was raised! Well done!

Delivery: Tuesday, 22 March. School Hall window.

SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank offers students school banking here. Information is on the notice board outside Primary Library or from the Front Office.

Bank day is Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joel in Year 11 who won two gold medals in the Little Athletics State Relay Championships at South Australian Stadium in Adelaide on Sunday, 21 February.

Joel and his team participated in the under 17 boys 4x100m and 4x200m relays and the boys won both events. Not only did they win gold but they also beat the State Best Record in a time of 46.26 secs in the 4x100m.

This will go down on the State Record books at the stadium. Their time for the 200m relay was 1.37.18 minutes, a gold medal for the team! Joel has been training hard for the past few months at his local athletics club and was nominated Vice Captain for the Tea Tree Gully Little Athletics Club 2015/2016 which he has carried out commendably. Congratulations Joel!

Julie Prattis (Principal)
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter Uniform. Winter uniform CAN be worn from 1st April, but MUST be worn from 1st June. Check current sizes now! Now is the time to begin shopping for winter uniform. Beat the crowds and be prepared. Boys trousers may be worn all year around. Long tracksuit pants are winter uniform only.

Girls White Knee High Socks. May only be worn with the summer dress and not sport uniform. Navy knee high socks or tights should be worn with winter uniform only.

Dress Hem Length. Dress hems should be floor length when kneeling.

Girls Hair. Girls of all year levels should remember that they are required to wear their hair up and off of their face, if it is longer than shoulder length. This includes the journey to and from school. Hair accessories should be plain blue, red or white but not a combination of all three colours. School fabric accessories are permitted. Earrings should be plain round studs or sleepers. Certainly no big hoops, large diamonds or pearls.

Year 6 Sport Top Printing. There is no need to purchase a new red polo top to have the year 6 design printed on the back. Existing tops may be used. The printed top may not be worn after year 6. See your year level teacher for more information. Printing is traditionally done during swimming lesson week.

Volunteer Required for Shop Sales. If you have an hour or so to spare we need another person to assist on Thursday mornings and Wednesdays after school (3.15 til 4.15). No experience required.

Lost Property. Many items that have been in lost property continue to be displayed on table at shop. They are routinely donated to charity or washed and sold for second hand, after a term or so.

Shop Services. We continue with our extended hours, to keep open during recess on Monday and Thursday, and earlier on Thursdays from 3pm. We also offer an email service, should customers struggle to attend during open hours. uniformshop@tvcs.sa.edu.au.

UNIFORM SHOP and SECOND HAND SALES - When a student has outgrown their uniform, there are some options.

- Donate them to a friend who would appreciate the blessing.
- Advertise uniform items through the school newsletter. Email: reception@tvcs.sa.edu.au - adds last one week!
- Send a list of items for sale to the Uniform Shop to be placed in the shop window.
  (Advertisement should be clear and easy to read, with prices included, a first name and contact number.)
- Donate items to our school Uniform Shop for reselling. All profits go toward keeping the price of new uniforms lower.
  For further information please phone or email the Uniform Shop for assistance. Donations are much appreciated.

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

Your Assistance is 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 and 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.
News & Events: EVENT CODE: bsvwh
Tick the appropriate boxes no later than Wednesday, 9 March or text your availability to Hester 0416841369
Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.
Email: parentsfriends@tvcs.sa.edu.au

Sausage Sizzle Secondary Athletics Day
A Sizzling Sausage with bread, tomato sauce and onion will be available.
Only $2.00 - Please pay on the day
Join us at Mylor Adventure Camp for Easter 2016!

We have a youth focus. Families are also welcome.

Organised by: Torrens Valley Christian Centre & Rivergate Christian Community. For more details or to register online, visit: tvcc.com.au or speak to Jenna and Bailey Williams, Ben, Amy or Suzi Pedler.
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Torrens Valley Christian School

OPEN DAY
Saturday, 2 April 2016
2-4pm

Come and experience the heart of our School community • Tour our new and updated Reception and Junior Primary facilities • Engage in our Middle School program • Enjoy musical performances • Discover learning with 3D printing

Please contact Julie Dow, Enrolments 8265 2077 or email admin@tvcs.sa.edu.au
1227 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley SA 5090

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