This time of the year is when we farewell those teachers and students leaving Highgate School. Mr Don Bull is taking a leave of absence next year. Don has worked at Highgate School for 7 years. During that time Don has taught Chinese and Music and has had a huge input on the school in general. He has organised the OzAsia moonlight festival parade for many years, the end of year concerts, the junior choir and recently our Uketastic group. I would personally like to thank Don for his extraordinary influence on our school.

We also farewell Pam Downward who is retiring. Pam has taught our ESL students for the past 10 years. Pam has had a very long career in many schools, she was so pleased to have spent her last teaching stint at Highgate School.

We expect to keep all of our contract teachers at Highgate School in 2015, which is great for us.

I wish all students leaving the school all the best, particularly our year 7’s. Having taught middle years students for most of my teaching career I can really appreciate how students grow and develop socially, emotionally and academically, especially through the middle years. 2014 Highgate year 7’s really are an outstanding group of individuals and I wish them all the success they deserve.

I also wish the very best to all students who are leaving to attend other schools for the many different reasons that families encounter. All the best in your new schools.

I would like to personally thank the school community, staff, students and parents and particularly those on committees for their support of our school this year. I look forward to 2015 and consolidating a lot of the work done in 2014 to improve on what is already an outstanding school.

I wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to working with you next year.
During a recent Sheffield Shield game at Adelaide Oval, various school cricket teams were invited to play an 'exhibition' game during the lunch break, on Adelaide Oval.

The Highgate C Grade Senior team enjoyed a very brisk 25 minute game on the sacred turf and will be a memory the students will have for a long time. Maybe one day, they will be back again playing for the state or even Australia!

Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural Highgate Softball Team Player of the year Which will be awarded to a year 7 player at the end of every year

This year 2014 we had joint winners: Paige McMahon and Natasha Egglestone

Well done to all our softball girls.

Many thanks to the Highgate parents who coached this year including Craig Egglestone, Wendy Keech, Greg Keech (School knock out team), Trina Habner, Ben Moore, Irena Setchell and Trish Wenk

Merry Christmas everyone

Nick Setchell – SAPSASA Cricket Coach
**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**End of Year Concerts**
In the last two weeks of term there have been several instrumental concerts held to celebrate student achievements this year. Congratulations to all the students involved and their instrument teachers:
- Piano students of Rhonda Parker (Sunday November 30)
- End of Year Instrumental Concert (Monday December 1)
- Drum students of Chris Neale (Thursday December 4)
- Classical Guitar students of Emilio Pieroni (Sunday December 7)
- Singing students of Victoria Coxhill (Tuesday December 9)
  
**Application Forms for 2015**
Please ensure that all *continuing students* have returned their forms to ensure enrolment in 2015.

*New applications* need to be received before the end of the week so that arrangements can be finalised for next year. There are still places available for **trumpet, clarinet, flute** and **saxophone** tuition. Applications for DECD tuition on **viola** and **cello** are also required before the end of term.

**Trombone Tuition**
Vacancies exist for students in years 4 – 7 in 2015 to learn the trombone. The school currently has 2 trombones available for hire. The first two applications received for trombone will be given **free instrument hire** for terms 1 & 2 (valued at $80 each).

**Exam Results**
Many instrumental teachers offer to prepare their students for AMEB exams. Students of Sally Teng recently completed their Preliminary Piano exams with excellent results. Congratulations to the following students: Seb H: A+  Olivia S: A+  Alexandra T: A+

**Instrumental Music Reports**
Students will receive instrumental music reports in their end of year class report envelopes to provide feedback on your child’s progress.

**Band and String Orchestra Polo Tops**
Students who are leaving the school or are in year 7 need to return their Band/String Orchestra tops to the office or Lisa Johnson by the end of the term. Students in Band will be performing at assembly on the last day of term. Year 7s are asked to wear their band tops (bring a spare shirt) and hand them back at the conclusion of the assembly.

**MATERIALS & SERVICES FEE - POLLING**
Two polls were conducted for the 2015 materials and services fees. These polls closed Friday 5 December. The results of the poll show a majority of parents are in favour of setting the materials and services prescribed sum for 2015 at $490 per student for students in **Reception to Year 4 and Year 7**.

A majority of parents are in favour of setting the materials and services prescribed sum for 2015 at $740 per student for students in **Year 5 and Year 6**.

The poll is to allow the school to legally recover fees that are above the DECD standard sum for the 2015 materials and services fee.

**REMINDER from the FINANCE OFFICE - OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**
Please pay any outstanding monies owing to the school before the end of term - **Friday 12 December**.
Thank you.
YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Highgate staff and the year 7 cohort for an outstanding Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 9 December at Concordia College Chapel.

The following students were worthy recipients of the Highgate awards:

**Students of the Year:** Natasha E and Angus R

**Performing Arts award:** Tai Huynh and Ryan F,

**Sports Award:** Hamish L and Ashley T

**The Spirit of Highgate award:** Lauren I, Kayley H, Grace E, Hockley L, Albert C, Tyson B

We would like to thank Mr David Pisoni Member for Unley for his generous prize donation to our students of the year. I would also like to thank the Highgate School Foundation for their prize donation to the Spirit of Highgate recipients.

The SRC Executive of Lauren, Hamish, Grace, Josh, Angeliki and Angus introduced the evening by thanking their fabulous year 7 teachers, Ms Frost, Mrs Birbeck and Mr Russell, their previous teachers and our fabulous SSO support staff. The executive also spoke about how they feel well prepared for high school and are looking forward to the challenges it brings.

Kayla Itsines, a very successful ex student from Highgate who runs her own business, was the guest speaker. Kayla gave an inspiring talk about following your passion, the great power of social media, the care that needs to be taken by users of social media and the importance of family support for success. Kayla is very aware of social media, she currently has 3 million followers.

Mr Peter Pagonis presented the Parent Service Awards to parents who have made a big impact at our school through their volunteer work and are leaving Highgate School, in general, as their last child graduates from Highgate. This was followed by the student awards presentation, performances by the choir and the light of learning story. Congratulations to all involved it was a fantastic evening at Concordia Chapel.
FROM THE CANTEEN
Jodi and Rachel would like to thank the Highgate School Community for their support of the School Canteen in 2014.

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers.

We are always looking for people to volunteer their time in the Canteen - if you are able to give up a few hours once a week, fortnight or month please contact Jodi at the Canteen.

We wish all Highgate students, families, and staff a very happy and joyful Christmas.

FAREWELL
Dear Parents and Children of Highgate OSHC.
I am informing you all of my resignation from Highgate OSHC. My last day will be on Friday 19 December. I am resigning due to a job opportunity that has come up overseas.
I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone for all of your support. You have all been a pleasure to interact with and I will certainly miss working with your children. I wish you and your children all the best for the future.
Kind Regards,
Katie Czerwinski

HIGHGATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
Thank you for your support this year

Remember Ice Cream day on Friday – don’t forget your $2

If it’s not too hot next Friday, we have organised for the coffee van to be under the pavilion from 8.15am, so please come and purchase a tea or coffee, which can be taken to assembly.

Best wishes for a happy holiday
The Highgate Foundation Committee - Jane Fraterman, Sarah Miller, Camilla Mason, Kerrie Hamilton, Bec Jenkins, Kirsty Bonner, Tina Jarman, Daniel Crago, Mark Thiele
Junior School Holiday Tennis Clinics  
Colonel Light West Tennis Club,  
Penang Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens

Clinic 1: Wed, Jan 7 – Fri, Jan 9, 2015  
Clinic 2: Wed, Jan 21 – Fri, Jan 23, 2015

Session 1: (6-9 years) – 8.45 – 10.45am  
Session 2: (10 years +) – 11am – 1pm

Cost: $60 for full 3 day clinic

Wear appropriate tennis clothing. Bring own tennis racquet, hat, drink, snack, sunscreen (plus any relevant medication etc). No nut products please.

Bookings essential.

Existing and new players all welcome.

Contact:  
Justin (Head Coach): 0479 030 398

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Summer Art Workshops

During the January school holidays we are offering a collection of four unique and fun workshops near you. An educational holiday solution for 5-13 year olds, our talented and passionate art specialists will inspire your child to create unique and priceless masterpieces!

**Gallery One**  
1 Torrens Street  
Mitcham

- **Beastly Bugs**  
Tuesday 6th January, 10am-12pm.

- **Graffiti Kulcha**  
Tuesday 6th January, 12.30pm-2.30pm.

- **Miro Inspired Creatures**  
Wednesday 7th January, 10am-12pm.

- **Dinosaur Chalk Pastel**  
Wednesday 7th January, 12.30pm-2.30pm.

**X-MAS SPECIAL:** Buy one workshop and second workshop is 50% off!*  
Workshop information, registration and offer details* at www.artlings.com.au

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Holiday classes at Aldgate, Thebarton, Mitcham, Blackwood, Payneham, North Adelaide, Victor Harbour. ABN 66 933 962 414

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You are invited to attend  
**Carols at the Rotunda**  
presented by The Rotary Club of Unley and The City of Unley,

Sunday the 14th December  
Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens.  
5PM - 7PM

- Jumping Castle,  
- Face painting  
- Sausage sizzle  

and from 6PM ...

- Ticklish Allsorts Children's Show  
- Nativity Scene  
- Unley Concert Band  
- The Australian Girl’s choir  

Santa makes a visit before the show finishes at 8PM.

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