Welcome back to school for a busy term 2. We warmly welcome two new staff members Emily Saint-Bowman, PE Teacher for term 2, and Emily White working with Amy in Room 30.

The annual Greenhill South Partnership review was held at the end of last term. The review looks at how schools are performing as a partnership. Areas looked at are Running Records Data, NAPLAN Data, SACE Data, areas of the AEDC and Middle Years Index along with student and teacher absence, transition programs used in the partnership, Work Health and Safety Data and a few other areas from a partnership perspective. This data is then drilled down to individual schools and how they are performing.

The review panel was very positive towards our work as a partnership. There were recommendations that came from the review, generally around continuing improving on the current school priorities. There were three recommendations around the building teacher quality/capacity, which are moderation, task transformation and student voice.

Moderation is the key focus of our student free day on Friday week. There are three schools involved on the day, Goodwood, Parkside and Highgate Schools. On the day teachers will learn the current process of moderation and will moderate student work in mathematics / numeracy. Teacher judgement is an essential part of the process and this is used to compare students work with the Australian Curriculum Standard. We are looking at developing consistency of teacher judgement, so the A - E levels of student work looks the same across all schools.

Teachers have already been working on the skills of transforming tasks in staff meetings. The aim of transforming tasks is to take closed tasks and reframe them to allow all students to reach the highest grade level they are capable of in relation to the Australian Curriculum Standards.

We were complimented for our work in the transition area, but it was recommended that we closely monitor the processes and then share with other partnerships.

The school is also currently participating in a Resilient Youth Australia project. Wellbeing is always a focus for our school. Andrew Fuller is driving this project which looks at 10 domains that comprise resilience. Data is collected about the 10 domains and then used to develop a Resilience Action Plan to intentionally raise the resilience levels of students. 37,000 students around SA participated in a survey, including our Year 5 and 6 Highgate students. From this data a toolkit is being developed to support the strategies to use in developing an action plan.

We want all of our children to develop resiliency, which can be explained as the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and bounce back from adversity. Resilience enables you to take calculated risks and capitalise on opportunities.
We would like to remind parents/caregivers that there is no yard supervision before 8.30am in the morning and after 3.30pm in the afternoon. Children who are in the yard without adult supervision will be sent to Opie and families may be invoiced for the time.

The staff car park should not be used by parents for parking or as a drive through to drop off students. Thank you for helping to keep all members of our community safe by using the ‘kiss and drop’ or designated parking areas around the school.

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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Please pay your child/ren's Materials & Services Charge, Excursion Levy and Music costs now.

These accounts are now overdue.

Payment options include:

- Payment by cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard at the Finance Office between 8.30am and 4pm.
- BPOINT direct system on our website
- Via Qkr app
- By direct deposit to Highgate School Account BSB: 065140 Account: 10267540
  Please reference Family name, and invoice number

Please see Jane at the Finance Office for assistance.

Your prompt payment of these outstanding invoices is appreciated.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT PACKAGES

Year 7 students have received a package of information about enrolling in a government high school for 2017. Any parents who need assistance in completing the forms enclosed in the package are invited to contact Jane Williamson. Enrolment forms (ED176) need to be returned to Jane in the finance office by Friday 27 May.

National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its 17th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

All information can found at: walk.com.au

The event will be held throughout Australia on Friday 20 May 2016 - however due to our pupil free day we will hold WALK SAFETY TO SCHOOL DAY on THURSDAY 19 MAY

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge Participants check the PRC website**

**HAVE YOUR SAY!!!**

You can:

- **Rate-a-Read** for a book prize,
- Share your thoughts and ideas about your favourite books in our Blog,
- Look for your name and friends' names in the Hall of Fame Honour Roll,
- **Recommend-A-Read** for the PRC Booklists! Send in your recommendations today for books that you would like to see listed on the booklists, and the Premier’s Reading Challenge panel will consider them.

Have fun and happy reading!

Louise Hernan

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**Scholastic Book Clubs**

A Scholastic Book Club brochure will be sent home with each student next week. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests. If you'd like to order any of the books please return your order form to the Finance Office, in the Front office, with your payment by Monday 23 May. Please make sure you child’s surname and room number are clearly written on the form.

Every order helps us earn free books for our school. The books will arrive around three weeks after our wonderful volunteers send the orders to Scholastic.

*Happy Reading*

Louise Hernan
Teacher Librarian

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

This term we are fundraising via Jump Rope for Heart for the Heart Foundation. Students have been involved in skipping activities during their Physical Education lessons and fitness time. Parkside Primary School skipping champions will be demonstrating the skills they have developed over a number of years to our students in Week 4.

Congratulations, so far our school has raised $354!

Keep up the good work.

Please remember you can register your child for fundraising online with the following link:

http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Highgate-Junior-Primary-School-HIGHGATE-SA-118482

The fundraising will culminate in a jump off day 10 June 2016 to celebrate the skipping skills students have learnt and to acknowledge the fundraising efforts of all students.
**FROM ROOM 5**
Students in room 5 recently have recently been learning about the events that led to Australia's Federation. They prepared speeches to be delivered at one of the national Conventions that were held in the late 1800s. Students chose to argue either for or against the uniting of the colonies to form one nation. Some students chose to dress up for the occasion.

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**WIPE OUT WASTE AT HIGHGATE SCHOOL**
Last term KESAB came and with them our class went through one day of our school’s rubbish. We made a graph: we only had 1% of landfill in our bins - the 99% included uneaten food, recyclables, yoghurt suckers, reusable items, 10c containers and plastics. This is only one of our bins, all of our bins rubbish included 128L, 9kg and 37% of landfill rubbish. We found that in one day the students and adults of our school had thrown out 167 snap lock plastic bags, which would be 30,000 snap lock bags per year. We also found 25 uneaten fully wrapped sandwiches which would be 5,000 per year. If one sandwich cost $2 that would be $10,000 per year going in the bin.
We aim to get the students to use reusable packaging so we can cut down on the rubbish and save money. We would also like families to talk to each other about what students bring to school to eat. Maybe some kids bring too much food or stuff they don’t really like.

By Eliza W and Grace W
Last week Jackie French came to talk to us,
    And she was very nice.
She talked to us about how to speak wombat.
She told us that she was dyslexic and once lived in a shed with a wombat called Smudge and a wallaby called Fred.
Nicholas S, a student from RM1 has done an amazing thing!
He has guessed where one of Jackie French’s book characters came from.
Jackie French has told us not to tell anyone the secret so sadly we cannot tell you.
Jackie French also told us she wrote her first book Rain Stones so she could get money to register her car.
**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Thank you to all the children who purchased gifts for their special people at our stall on Friday. There were some tough customers who were having trouble deciding what to choose, however with help from parent volunteers everyone left happy!!!

This was Highgate's third Mother's Day stall, a wonderful opportunity for our children to give a gift selected by themselves. We hope that you loved receiving gifts that were so carefully chosen. Over $1400 was raised for the school!

A BIG thank you to volunteers Kate Spencer, Fiona Howat, Sandy Budgen, Trish Woodham and Fundraising Committee members Jacqui Milne, Sue Harris, Cheryl McDonald, Anna-Lisa Focareta, Emma Uren, Amy Gill and Lisa Virgo.

Anna Itsines and Amy Simons

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Highgate School is pleased to offer the 2016/2017 Entertainment book for sale to the school community.

Available as a traditional Entertainment Book or Digital Membership on your smartphone, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2017!


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**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL**

Did you have a clean out over the holidays? We are looking for household items, toys, glassware, sporting goods etc that you would like to donate to our second hand stall.

**NO ELECTRICAL, LARGE FURNITURE or CLOTHING.** These donations can be left in Anna’s office which is situated in the Primary building opposite Room 4.

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**BOOKS**

Do you have any books that others might enjoy reading? We have begun collecting second hand books and magazines for our bookstall. Any donations can also be left in Anna’s office which is situated in the Primary building opposite Room 4.

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**HIGHGATE FAIR**

First Fair meeting on Tuesday 31 May at 7:00pm in the Staff Room

ALL WELCOME

To confirm attendance please email amysimons21@gmail.com

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**HIGHGATE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 25 JUNE**
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Instrument vacancies

All instrumental teachers this term are at capacity or almost! Piano, guitar, violin, viola, cello and drum places are full and new applications will be put on a waiting list. Clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, flute and voice have one or two vacancies each this term, so get in quick if your child wants to learn one of these instruments! Trombone tuition is also available at Highgate School. Instrumental Music application forms are available from the front office.

Primary Schools String Workshop

DECD string students and school string orchestra members are invited to participate in the Instrumental Music ‘Sempre Sensational’ String Workshop to be held at Belair Primary School on Monday May 30 (term 2, week 5). The workshop will run from 9am to 12.30pm and conclude with a short performance at 12.15pm. Families must make their own transport arrangements. Please return all forms to the front office by Thursday May 19.

String Ensemble and School Band

A reminder that rehearsals for the school string ensemble continue each week under the direction of Anne Rodda on Wednesdays at 8.15am in the Performing Arts room. To maximise the rehearsal time for the ensemble, it is important that each student arrives on time to help set up and be tuned to be ready to play at 8.15am. Late arrivals cause disruptions to the group with the need to tune instruments.

The school band will continue to rehearse on Thursday mornings for the rest of the year with Lisa Johnson in the Performing Arts room at 8.15am.

Music Practice Tips:

*Chunking*: our brains can cope best with small amounts of information at a time so simplify the learning of difficult music by learning a couple of bars at a time and mastering them before moving on!

Look for *patterns* in the music too: find the passages that repeat, look for scale and arpeggio patterns and it will help to make sense of the music and make it much easier to learn.

Vinnie’s Winter Appeal

Donations accepted until Friday 27 May

Have you recently had a clean out of your children’s clothing?

The school library is a collection point for Vinnie’s Winter Appeal “Get involved and rebuild lives”.

Please leave any donations of clean winter clothing in our specially marked bins and we’ll pass them on to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to families across South Australia.

Thank you

Louise Hernan

WANTED

Building supplies for the new Highgate Maker Space.

Especially:

- Plywood
- Handy mesh panels
- 90x35 or similar lumber
- Black house paint
- Fixings

If there are any supplies you can spare please contact Hugh Benger either in Room 12 or via email: hugh.benger198@schools.sa.edu.au

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Highgate OSHC Activities
Outcome 4: Children are Confident and Involved Learners

Co-operative group play during Grip Ball

3D Dinosaur Construction

Erupting Volcanoes

Dinosaur Fossil investigation

Crime investigation

Drama performances
These activities will be available throughout the day. Children are also able to have free choice time during the day.

Inside Activity:
Make a snow globe, sand art, snowflake art and make some play snow. Upper primary children can make robotic sea animals.

Cooking Activity:
Pancakes and hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Outside Activities:
Gym group games, soccer, hand ball, target games, sidewalk chalk, punching balloons and rocket balloons.

Nintendo and PlayStation available throughout the day.
There will be a movie in the afternoon. Children attending can take a vote from popular movies.
After 5 Activity: Bingo
Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please provide your children with a packed lunch and a hat.

Cost:
Full day: $40.00
Any 5 hour block session: $24.00

For Bookings
Ph: 8357 9207
Between
2.30 pm-6.00 pm
Weekdays

48 Hours notice is required for cancellation and no fee will be charged.
2 Full business days notice required (WEEKENDS ARE NOT INCLUDED).

E.g. To cancel for a Friday- must phone by close of business hours by Tuesday.
SPELD PARENT SESSION
SPELD has a new event for parents on Thursday 23 June, 2016
Mandy Nayton from DSF in Perth will present a session on the AUSPELD guide for parents that has been specifically developed to answer many of the questions raised by parents about learning difficulties.

This information and Q&A session on the Guide will be held on Thursday 23rd June, 7—8:30pm. Entry: a gold coin donation.

The Guide examines the identifying features of learning disorders, identification and diagnosis, successful intervention programs and the parent’s role in supporting children and young adults with learning difficulties. The session will run for 1½ hours, with a further 30 minutes afterwards for additional questions.

The guide will be available for purchase for $35 on the night.

For more information and to express interest in attending - [you must register]:

Keep your kids smiling
SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Mitcham School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8271 0371

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Food Chef