SPORTS DAY
Thank you to everyone who attended the Highgate School sports day. Again we were lucky enough to have a beautiful warm day with some cloud cover. All who attended would have been hugely impressed with the participation, sportsmanship and behaviour of Highgate students. There was very healthy competition, great team spirit, and an excellent community feeling. Our school values were certainly on display throughout the day. My sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this event, in particular Miss Fitzsimons for her organisation and preparation. Thank you to Unley Council for the use of such a special community space.

INTERSCHOOL READERS CUP
Congratulations to Annabel, Dhruv, Georgia, Kylie and Eli on winning the Interschool Readers Cup. The students were required to read 5 books including “Orphans of the Queen” by Ruth Stark, based on the Goodwood Orphanage. Other books included “Two Wolves” and “Figgy in the World.” Students then competed in teams of 4 to answer questions from the books. Thank you to Jo Casey for her organisation of the group.
**COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

If parents or guardians wish to take their child out of school temporarily for travel or family reasons, they must apply for an exemption. Exemption forms are available from the Front Office.

Please refer to the sa.gov.au website for more information on compulsory attendance.

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEES - LEARNING SUPPORT**

The ‘Learning Support’ committee is a sub-committee of the Governing Council. We meet twice a term and are responsible to monitor issues, trends or developments relating to the quality of student learning and well-being at Highgate School. This Committee also provides a forum for parent communication on relevant learning and well-being issues. The information is collated and referred to Governing Council with observations and recommendations as appropriate.

The Learning Support Committee has again recently reviewed data from the confidential “Bully Survey” which is conducted twice a year for all students from Reception to Year 7. The survey asks children a number of questions such as; have they been bullied, how often this occurs, where it occurs and what type of bullying occurs. Students are also asked whether action is taken by adults in the school. Additionally, the survey asks whether students are happy or sad at school and whether they have friends and feel safe. Children in the early years are generally assisted by a buddy or their teacher to complete the survey. This data is collated into a comprehensive spreadsheet comparing answers for different year levels and genders as well as trends from the data. We now have the last 5 years of information to compare. Trends show bullying has significantly diminished over that time. The next survey is to be conducted in Week 5 of this term.

The current results show that most Highgate School children feel happy and safe in their school environment, and generally do not suffer from any serious or ongoing bullying. The implementation of these twice yearly surveys have enabled the school to identify children who need guidance or assistance with the way they interact with others. The LSC is pleased to report this has resulted in positive change for many students over numerous years. The surveys also identify where bullying is most likely to occur, how often and what type of bullying it might be. Strategies have been adopted to minimise these actions as well as enabling students to feel they are being heard and understood by teachers and their peers.

There is always room for improvement in the well-being of students at our school, and the results do show there continues to be low levels of bullying in the form of verbal, physical and technological harassment. The data also shows there are children who come to school every day feeling sad and without friends. The LSC are working together with the leadership to come up with strategies to identify this small percentage of our students, and help them with support and guidance to integrate and feel safe and happy with their peers at school. As a direct result of studying the Bully Survey data, the LSC have proposed strategies to be adopted by the school, to give students opportunities to learn to play various games with others so they don’t feel vulnerable or lonely during their lunch breaks. These strategies will also enable further student leadership opportunities for older children, and continue to strengthen inclusivity in the community.

This is just some of the great work that is done on one of the Governing Council subcommittees. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, feedback and ideas, then you may like to join the Learning Support Committee, or any of the other sub-committees, such as School Grounds and Road Safety, Out of School Hours Care, Sports, Canteen, Fundraising or IT Strategy. If you wish to understand a bit more about these committees, please consider discussing this opportunity to support the school with Phil Johansen, or the Chairperson of Governing Council, Corey Spencer; or come along to the Governing Council AGM in early 2016.

*Allie Howard*

*Learning Support Committee Convenor*
Urrbrae Sports Clinic

This term from week 2-6 year five students from Rooms 14 and 7 have walked to Urrbrae High School on Tuesday mornings for a lesson of PE taught by some year 11’s. There were 5 groups altogether. Two of the groups did netball, two did soccer and one group did football. It was a fantastic experience and we all had fun.

We all enjoyed having an extra PE lesson.

Here are some pictures of both of the classes and their amazing coaches at Urrbrae... by Jess R & Myah B
MYSTERY SKYPE ROOM 1

On Friday night 6 November 2015 Room 1 participated in our second mystery Skype experience. Sadly last time, we weren’t successful but we were hoping that this time we could win. In mystery Skype there are lots of jobs involved to keep everything going smoothly.

The people who keep track of the other class’s answers such as the mappers, atlas and Google mappers and note takers make sure everything is recorded so we don’t forget important information. We also have the think tankers and the questioners. They send questions they think could be useful to the filters to see if they are adequate. If they are, they are sent back to the questioners to ask to the other class. Then we have the answerers to answer the questions they ask us about our location.

Most of our questions were based on latitude and longitude so we could keep halving the map to narrow it down to certain countries or places. We asked what side of the Prime Meridian and the equator they were on and that left us with only a quarter of the world to search, so we were getting closer to their location.

Some of us thought they were in Great Britain somewhere but their teacher sounded American so that fooled us all.

I think they suspected we were Australian because of our accents and they eventually asked us if we were located in Australia. Then they asked us whether we were east of the Darling River.

We answered, ‘No’ and that narrowed down the area they had to search quite a lot.

Everyone was so busy, no-one was concentrating on the time. Our teacher finally checked it, was too late to continue so neither class won. Before we went home we told the other class that the city we lived in was Adelaide.

And in fact, they did live in Great Britain after all, turns out they lived in Swindon, a large town in South West England. Before saying our goodbyes we asked them some questions about their school and they reciprocated.

All of us had a great time, including the parents. We would like to get a third shot at it before the end of the year.

By Holly G-S.
HAMPER OF HOPE
The library is a collection point for Salvation Army Food Hampers. We have been requested to collect non-perishable food items: 
tinned foods with ring-pull lids, tea, coffee, sugar, 
beverages such as long-life milk, long-life juice, cordial, soft drink, 
breakfast cereals & carbohydrates such as muesli bars, instant noodles, rice, pasta, sauces such as KanTong, Dolmio, Chicken Tonight, etc., 
treats Christmas puddings, chocolate, biscuits, jelly, lollies, potato chips, pancake mix, vegemite, etc... 
extras bonbons, long life custard, wrapping paper, sticky tape, serviettes, etc...
Please make sure all items have a long expiry date and brand name products are preferred, rather than “no-name” products, as people will be receiving this food as a gift.

Thanks for helping people feel a little extra special at Christmas, Louise, Judy, Wen-Ai, Joanne and Jo.

SPORTS CLINICS AT HIGHGATE SCHOOL
SACA have been running cricket clinics for every class. These will run until Tuesday 24 November (week 7).
Students are given a complimentary MILO drink the day they participate in the clinic.
T-ball clinics start this week for year 1/2 classes.
Classes will continue each Friday for the next four weeks. These clinics will take place outside, and it is therefore vital students have their hats.
Alex Fitzsimons
PE Teacher

WHOOPING COUGH
We have received more reports that members of the Highgate School community have contracted Whooping Cough. Whooping Cough is a highly contagious bacterial disease. It may begin with cold-like symptoms, which progress to a cough, or a person may simply begin coughing.
A person with Whooping Cough should be excluded until well and after appropriate medical treatment. The person is no longer infectious to others after five days of starting antibiotic treatment.
If any symptoms develop contact a doctor immediately.
Full immunization offers the best protection against whooping cough.
Please be vigilant and ensure that students do not attend school if they have these symptoms.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT
Early Years - Tuesday 1 December
Year 3 - 6 - Wednesday 2 December
We hope that you will all be able to attend Highgate’s end of year celebration concerts. Families are invited to set up picnic rugs and enjoy an evening of music presented by our beautiful children!
The Fundraising Committee will be serving a sausage sizzle after the event. Cold drinks will also be available.
We look forward to seeing you all there!!
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Primary Schools’ Concert Band Workshop
On Wednesday and Thursday last week (week 4) Cooper, Lucas, Henry, Jessica and Alex attended a concert band workshop run by DECD at the Ridley Centre, Wayville. For two days they joined with over 200 like-minded year 6 & 7 students to make music, learn new pieces, make new friends, practice, work hard and have fun!
The event culminated in a concert for family and friends on Thursday night. Well done to everyone who took part in the experience.

Southern Cross Care Community Day

Well done to Jessica and Alexandra who played their flutes for the annual Southern Cross Care Community Day which was held at Rymill Park on Saturday October 31. They were assisted by Michelle Maddaford and Lisa Johnson to perform as a flute quartet for the occasion and provided 15 minutes of entertainment during the morning which was well received.

New Enrolments

2016 application forms are available in the front office or the music noticeboard. Please send all new enrolment forms to the school office as soon as possible so that numbers can be arranged for next year.

For 2016 there are vacancies in trombone, trumpet, saxophone, singing, viola, cello, flute and clarinet and limited vacancies for guitar, piano and drums.

For new string applications please use a separate string tuition form.

Continuing Students

Please ensure that all forms for continuing students are returned as soon as possible to the front office, or notify the instrumental teacher if your child is leaving the school or discontinuing.

Practice Tip #11:

Listen!!

When you practise, make sure you are listening very carefully to the sound you are producing. Are your notes in tune, in time, played with care, are they the right notes, and could you improve it?
Record yourself and listen to your performance with a careful ear or play it to someone else to see what they think.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER UPDATE

So far this term, I have had the privilege of working in the garden with some students from Ms Frost’s class. The first vegetables planted last term didn’t grow very well and we managed to harvest just a few peas and beans. Since doing some replanting there is obvious movement at that station. We are looking forward to watching them grow more and eventually being able to harvest the vegetables to hopefully use in the canteen. We are growing lettuce, capsicum, beetroot, beans and broccoli.
I started wondering how this growing of plants may apply to bringing up children, and providing the right elements for some strong growth.
If we equate the needs of plants (soil, water, sun and air), to what children require (solid grounding, teaching, love, and clear space to grow), I wonder what sort of nutrients children are receiving. What sort of grounding in rules and values are they receiving to hold them and allow their roots to grow down encouraging stability? What teaching are they being showered with each day, not only at school but from society? Is it ‘good’ and ‘healthy’ water that’ll encourage strong growth, or is it unclean and polluted? What sort of love are they getting? The sort of love that warms them and lets them feel appreciated, and as constant and reliable as the sun coming up each day? And how about the space in which they may grow? Do they have the space to grow large branches, or do we as a society crowd them over, keeping them small?

Amy Pfeiffer (Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays. Feel free to make contact through the school office or email me at
**SPORT NEWS**

**Athletics:**
Congratulations to Ella B in year 7 who has been selected in the state athletics. She will compete at the National Championships in Canberra later this term.

**Softball:** Jessie K has been selected in the State U15 Softball team. She will travel to Brisbane in January for the national championships.

**Rugby:** Brady C-S was selected in an SA State Rugby Team to compete in the SAPSASA Rugby carnival on the 21st of October. They won 4 out of 5 games losing by 1 point to Pembroke in their Pool Final.

**Cricket:** Harry M has been selected in the state U12 cricket team. This is the third year in a row Highgate School has had a student compete at the national cricket tournament.
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IGNITE PROGRAM for Gifted Students
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Thursday 3 December 2015
6.30pm
Glenunga International High School
in the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending this information evening go to: http://www.trybooking.com/JQSB

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Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service. All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend.

School Dental Service clinics are open during the Christmas school holiday break.

Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment. For clinic details visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au.

Summer Sport at Highgate School

Cricket & Softball 2016

Cricket & Softball registration forms have now been sent home with your child.
Cricket & Softball are played at Highgate School in terms 1 & 4. Children are eligible to play from year 2 onwards. Matches are played on Saturday mornings, home and away.
To register your child complete a registration form and return with payment ($70) to the Finance office by 4 December 2015.
Forms are available from the Front Office.

Parenting SA videos for parents of teens and pre-teens

Parenting SA has recently developed four short videos to give parents and carers tips and strategies for living with teens and pre-teens. Topics include: helping teenagers stay safe online; teenagers and feelings; managing conflict with teenagers; and living with teenagers.
To watch the videos, go to the Parenting SA website www.parenting.sa.gov.au/videos.htm

Contact: Manager, Parenting SA, Diana Skott, telephone 8161 7150

2016 HIGHGATE OSHC ENROLMNTS

All children who will be attending Highgate OSHC in 2016 will need to fill out a new enrolment form. Forms can be collected from the OSHC Service, school front office or can be downloaded from the school website: http://web.highgates.sa.edu.au/argon

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENROLMENT FORMS BY FRIDAY 11/12/15

Thank You

LETETIA MAGRATH
HIGHGATE OSHC DIRECTOR
Attention: Reception and Year 7 parents

Orders have been extended for the Apron and Tea Towels....

Phone Jane in the Finance Office 82719622 to place your order - Friday morning by 11am at the latest....

If you would like to purchase ART from THE EXHIBITION please see Jane in the Finance Office all left over ART is FOR SALE $25... great Christmas present!

The Foundation AGM is being held next Monday night 16 November 7.30pm in the office.

We still have a position on the committee if anyone is interested.

Please contact janefrats@gmail.com
Highgate Primary School OSHC Christmas Appeal.

We are inviting Highgate families to make donations for the OPIE annual Christmas Appeal. Donations may be left under the Christmas Tree at OPIE house from now until 17 December. Thank you in advance for your generosity, as the items left will be greatly appreciated by the S.A. Families needing extra help at Christmas time.

Merry Christmas to everyone.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOPS

Highgate School Art Room
Tuesday 15 December
Wednesday 16 December
Thursday 17 December

Burnside Lacrosse Club Devereux Rd
Monday 21 December
Tuesday 22 December

TIME 9.00am-4.00pm
Please bring a packed lunch and a drink.

Enrol for any days

GREAT FUN ACTIVITIES!

Check out the website for the programme
www.itsanartrage.com
email peppercornplace@gmail.com
ring Sally Fraser 0410462451

Now is the time to enrol in the 2016 after school Art classes

Appleton Sports School Holiday Cricket Academy

Where: Scotch College - Carruth Rd, Torrens Park

When: Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 & Wednesday 18 December 2015

What: Coaching Academy (Children aged 5-11 years)
Pathway Academy (Children aged 12-17 years)

Times: 9:00am–12:00pm Coaching Academy
1:00pm – 4:00pm Pathway Academy

Cost: Coaching Academy - $110.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days
Pathway Academy - $140.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days

For further information please contact – Jeremy Appleton
Mobile - 0408 490 079 or Email - jeremy@appletonsports.com.au

Summer Tutoring

Small group tutoring available for preschool to year 6 children.
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Ph: 0437364715 to register or for more info.
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Tuffkidz Moana
You also have the option of registering your child for the Tuffkidz Moana Triathlon at Moana Beach on Sunday 20 December for just $20. Visit www.moanatriathlon.com.au for details.

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