Principal’s Message

This time of the year is when we farewell those teachers and students leaving Highgate School. This year we have two long serving staff members leaving us.

We farewell Kerry Vanderzon who is retiring. She has been a dedicated early years teacher for the last six years at Highgate. Kerry has had a long, outstanding career in many schools teaching young students. Meredith McArdle has won a transfer to Warradale Primary School. She is a passionate, dedicated early years educator. We wish them both all the very best.

Cheryl Bedford will be at Mount Barker Primary as a Deputy Principal for term one next year. We thank her for her leadership, particularly in the early years and the support of special education and EALD at Highgate.

Each year we farewell our contract staff, at this stage we are not sure we will be able to retain them for next year. They are: Melissa Lathouros, Siobhan Frost, Alex Fitzsimons, Emily Butler, Madi Skinner, Sam Overy and Tess Rieger.

We collectively thank them for the contribution they have made to students’ learning at Highgate.

Congratulations to Britt Chatburn and Vivien Chryseliou who have been appointed to permanent positions at Highgate School. We are lucky to have Kimberlee Byrne appointed as an Early Year teacher in 2016. Other contract positions are yet to be finalised, unfortunately they cannot be appointed until the start of the new year.

I wish all students leaving the school all the best, particularly our year 7’s. I appreciate how students grow and develop socially, emotionally and academically, especially through the middle years. 2015 Highgate year 7’s really are an outstanding group of individuals. 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 2016 and consolidating a lot of the work done in 2015 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.

Diary Dates

Term 4

Friday 4 December
Mother Tongue Celebration

Monday 7 December
Year 7 Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday 8 December
Students visit 2016 classrooms
Student reports go home

Wednesday 9 December
Year 7 Dinner Dance

Friday 11 December
R-7 Assembly
Last day of term 4
Early dismissal 2.15pm

Term 1 2016

Thursday 21 January
Uniform Shop open 9-11am

Friday 22 January
Uniform Shop open 9-11am

Monday 1 February
Back to School

Friday
(last day of term)
Ice Cream
Day $2.00
**2016 HIGHGATE OSHC ENROLMENTS**
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

**LEETETIA MAGRATH**
HIGHGATE OSHC DIRECTOR

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**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.

**SUMMER SPORT AT HIGHGATE SCHOOL**
**CRICKET & SOFTBALL 2016**
Cricket & Softball registration forms are due tomorrow Friday 4 December.
Please complete and return with payment ($70) to the Finance office.

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**LOST PROPERTY**
Please check the lost property rack near the computer room.

This jumper was found in one of the football kit bags. If it belongs to you please see Anna Itsines in the Primary Building.

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**REMMINDER from the FINANCE OFFICE - OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**
Please pay any outstanding monies owing to the school before the end of term - Friday 11 December.
Thank you.

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**MATERIALS & SERVICES FEE - POLLING**
Three polls were conducted for the 2016 materials and services fees. These polls closed Friday 20 November.
The results of the poll show a majority of parents are in favour of setting the materials and services prescribed sum for 2016 at $505 per student for students in Reception to Year 4.
A majority of parents are in favour of setting the materials and services prescribed sum for 2016 at $780 per student for students in Year 5.
A majority of parents are in favour of setting the materials and services prescribe sum for 2016 at $755 per student for students in Year 6 & 7.
The poll is to allow the school to legally recover fees that are above the DECD standard sum for the 2016 materials and services fee.

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**CLASSES 2016**
Class placement notes will be sent home with reports on Tuesday of the last week of school.
Children will visit their new class and meet their probable teacher for 2016.
Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

This year, (November 9 – 12 2015), our Year 7 students travelled to Canberra to further develop their educational experience by visiting an exciting range of places related to Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The National Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education.

To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 - per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has been factored into the cost of the tour, enabling the overall cost of the educational tour to be decreased.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Feedback from students and their families is that the Year 7 Canberra Tour is a highly rewarding experience for all students.

In Canberra, our students visited:

New Parliament House    Australian War Memorial    Old Parliament House
Black Mountain Communication Tower    Cockington Green Miniature Village
Government House    Questacon Science Centre    Australian Institute of Sport

Remembrance Day Service
While in Canberra we received many positive comments from members of the public acknowledging the outstanding behaviour and manners of our students. The students also received high praise from the flight attendants for their conduct while aboard both their flights. We have every right to be extremely proud of our Year 7s!
Thank you to our staff, Anna Itsines, Jo Casey, Heather Birbeck, Phil Johansen, David Penfold and Mark Russell for providing outstanding care and support for our students.
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES - Have your say on early childhood reform

The Premier of South Australia is committed to leading early childhood education reform. As part of this commitment, feedback is being sought from South Australian families and service providers about early childhood education services that are needed to support young children.

We ask for your support to promote the article below through available communication channels:

“The South Australian government wants to hear your ideas for improving early childhood education and support for families.

Research shows that access to services such as preschools can reduce the effects of disadvantage, giving children a better start to schooling, creating benefits that continue into adulthood. It also tells us that it is more effective to support children’s development during their early years than attempting to ‘fix’ problems when they are older.

Share your views and ideas about before and after preschool care, services for disadvantaged children, and greater flexibility and choice for families when accessing preschool.

Have your say by visiting the YourSAy online consultation until 4 December 2015 and go into the running to win one of three prizes.

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PASTORAL CARE WORKER
As we near end of the year, I cannot help but look back at the year that has been. With a thankful heart I think of the relationships I have been building and all the fun and joy I have been able to experience here in the Highgate community.

As we enter the time of year that can be both fast and slow; joyous and sad; busy and quiet, I encourage you all to take the time to reflect on the things in life we have to be thankful for – from the flower you saw on a walk, to the big promotion or the love in a child’s hug – and look in hope for more good things in the year to come. I hope we all have a safe and blessed holiday season and I look forward to continuing to be part of this community next year.

Amy Pfeiffer
Pastoral Care Worker

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YEAR 5 RECYCLING FUND
This year the Year 5’s in Rm 14 have been collecting 10c containers in the school to raise money for charities. Altogether so far we have raised $824.00. Last week we visited the Zoo and presented $100 to the Orangutan and $100 to the Bilby as they are both threatened species. The Orangutan is threatened because of the deforestation. When they harvest Palm Oil it is bad because as they take away all the undergrowth and the trees and that leaves nothing for the Orangutans to live in. It was great to spend time with the keeper and the Orangutan.

By Dane H and Tom V
**SPORTING NEWS**

**Cycling**
Jonty and Angus in year 7 both took part in the SAPSASA cycling competition at Edwardstown. The competition included 3 different races including time trials and a skills course. Points where accumulated and Angus finished the day third overall.

**Softball**
Congratulations to Zara M who represented South Australia in the recent Pan Pacific Softball competition. Her team were awarded a gold medal at the end of an exciting competition.

**Premiers Be Active Challenge**
Congratulations to the 71 students who completed the Premiers Be Active Challenge this year. Special mention to the following students who continued to BE ACTIVE beyond the 4 week requirement.

Maddie H  Jessica M  Emily O’B  Jock P  Lola S  Eliza W
Joash C  Benji H  Josh H  Niamh K  Lucy M  Tommy M
Charlie M

**Softball Carnival**
Highgate was strongly represented at the recent Softball carnival. The year 7 team finished first and the year 3 and 4 teams both finished second.

**KO Cricket**
For the second year in a row the Highgate SAPSASA cricket team made it through to the Grand Final. The boys bowling was tight highlights included D’Arcy’s two maiden overs. When chasing the target the middle order made some quick runs to set the match up for an exciting finish. In the end the boys fell two runs short of the win.

**KO Softball**
Well done to the SAPSASA softball team who won the knock-out competition. The girls encouraged each other and it was a real team effort.
Highgate School
Community Fair
2016

The Fundraising Committee are very excited to announce that Highgate School are currently in the early stages of organising & planning a Fair in late 2016.
If you have a business or service that can support our event we would love to hear from you and your expressions of interest.
We are also looking for marquees or gazebos that can be used on the day.
Please contact our coordinators Anna Itsines and Amy Simons via email or mobile.

anna.itsines453@schools.sa.edu.au
0407 184 734

amysimons21@gmail.com
0417 866 649
AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
On Thursday 7 of August 64 year 3 - 7 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

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Congratulations to Max B in Year 7 who received The Prudence medal and prize for the highest number of consecutive correct answers.

Year 3 - Julius J.  Year 4 - Leo D.  Year 6 - James M.  Year 7 - Eli B.

COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION (University of New South Wales) was held on Tuesday 19 May 2015.

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Congratulations to Grady D. who achieved a medal for Computing in year 6. This means he was top in the State and Northern Territory for Year 6.

Congratulations to Joshua T. who achieved a medal for Computing in year 5. This means he was top in the State and Northern Territory for Year 5.
**SCIENCE COMPETITION** - (University of New South Wales) was held on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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**Year 4**
- Leo D.

Congratulations to **Leo D** who achieved a medal for science in year 4. This means he was top in the State and Northern Territory for Year 4.

**MATHEMATICS COMPETITION** (University of New South Wales) was held on Tuesday 11 August 2015.

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FROM THE CANTEEN

Jodi and Rachel would like to thank the Highgate School Community for their support of the School Canteen in 2015.

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.

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University of New South Wales **ENGLISH COMPETITION** was held on Tuesday 28 July 2015.

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Netball SA is running an intensive ANZ NetSetGO on 15, 16 and 17 December
From: 9:30-11:30am
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA

Netball SA is running a School Holiday Clinic
On 19 & 20 January
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA
Time and date vary dependant upon the participants age

We also post on our social media site which you are all welcome to like and share
https://www.facebook.com/netballsouthaustralia

DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Does your students want something to do during the January school holidays that gives Mum and Dad a break?

Little Athletics SA and Athletics SA have launched our Dream. Believe. Achieve. Development Clinic. This clinic conducted in the January school holidays is open to ALL children from 3 to 17 years of age. The clinics are designed to improve the children’s specific technical competencies in all different track and field events and ultimately, assist them to develop their skills to achieve personal best results!

More information is available on our website - http://salaa.org.au/holidayclinics

YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMPS

Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled school holiday camp these summer holidays!
This summer YMCA Camping has plenty of camps on offer with a huge variety of awesome activities to keep your children busy throughout the summer holidays.
A teen surf camp, a Kangaroo Island Adventure, Caving at Naracoorte and a New Years Party are just some of the amazing camps we have planned for this summer!
YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place in the sun, and join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventure!
All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/ymca-camping/school-holiday-camps/
Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au for more details.
Thank you for all the delicious (and practical) long life food donations you have made to the Salvation Army this year. Families have been very generous! Donations can still be made, at the school library, until Wednesday 9 December.
Thanks again,
Louise Hernan

Library News
All library items are now due back at our library.
The library is now closed for the Christmas holidays, except for returns and Salvation Army donations

We wish you and your families a happy and safe festive season,
Louise Hernan, Jo Casey, Judy Buckley, Wen Ai & Joanne Koufopoulos

Unley & Goodwood Libraries
School's out and there is time to play and explore. At Unley Libraries, the school holidays are a bustling time as our Youth And Children's team launch their school holiday program. Based on an exciting theme each holidays, we invite performers, provide activities, and have some great fun.
Children under ten must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Children over ten must be signed in and out by a carer or parent. Please see a member of our Youth and Children's staff. Events are only suitable for particular age ranges, please take note when booking your child. [http://www.unley.sa.gov.au/leisure-recreation/unley-libraries](http://www.unley.sa.gov.au/leisure-recreation/unley-libraries) 8372 5111
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music Concerts
Term 4 is a time when many students participate in end of year concerts. Congratulations to all the students who performed on Monday 23 November at our senior instrumental concert featuring the String Ensemble, School Band and many soloists, duets and small ensembles. Every instrument was represented during the evening and it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Congratulations also to the drum students of Chris Neale who had their concert on the evening of Monday 30 November.

Concerts still to come:
- **Modern Guitar concert** Friday 4 December, 1pm in the Studio (students of Jason Slack)
- **Piano concert** Sunday 6 December, 2pm in the Performing Arts room (students of Rhonda Parker and Liz Pearce)
- **Classical Guitar/Piano** Sunday 6 December, 2.30pm in the Studio (students of Emilio Pieroni)

AMEB Results
Many students at Highgate work hard to prepare for music exams on their instrument. Congratulations to all the students who have successfully completed AMEB exams recently. Well done to the students of piano teacher Sally Teng: Leo D. – A (Prelim); Jack H. – A (Prelim); Alexandra T. – A (Grade 1); Olivia S. – A+ (Grade 1); Seb H. – A+ (Grade 1)

Learn the trombone!
Does your child want to learn a really unique instrument in 2016? Suitable for girls and boys in years 4 – 7, the trombone has a great sound and is fun to play! No fiddly keys or lots of parts to put together – just a slide, a bell and a mouthpiece and you’re ready to blow. The trombone is great for developing lung capacity, ear training and muscles.

Not sure which instrument is for your child?
Sometimes it’s easier to have a try of a number of instruments before deciding on which instrument is right for your child. The school has a selection of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, violins, violas and cellos available for your child to try if they are unsure. Please contact Lisa Johnson (lisa.johnson451@schools.sa.edu.au) to arrange a time for your child to come-and-try. **Now is the time to enroll for 2016.**

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.

Hired Instruments
If your child is continuing with lessons in 2016 and wishes to use the same instrument, you may keep it over the holiday break. If your child is leaving the school or discontinuing lessons, please return it to the school office in week 9. This also applies to Size-owned instruments hired through the school.

Band/String Ensemble polos
Students who are in year 7 or leaving the school at the end of this year are asked to return their Band or String Orchestra tops after their final performance on the last day of school.

Final School Assembly
A Highgate first! The School Band and String Ensemble will join forces to present an item at the last assembly on Friday 11 November as they accompany the Junior Choir in an all-in Christmas sing-along! Don’t miss it!

Enjoy the music and happy holidays!

Lisa Johnson
Instrumental Music
ZOOcation
Care

A school holiday program for 5 to 12 year olds*

9am — 4pm
Spend the day with a qualified conservation educator exploring the Zoo!

$85 per child
$55 for Zoo members

For enquiries contact: Adelaide Zoo Learning on 08 8230 1258
azl@adelaidezoo.com.au

Book online @

*5 year olds must have spent 2015 at school

December
Deep the kids at the Zoo and head into the city for some last minute
Christmas shopping!

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All Connections to Unley ART PRIZE

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Enquire now!
Primary school R-7
Afrikaans, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian,
Italian, Japanese, Kikuyu, Korean, Polish
(Years 6-7), Spanish and Vietnamese.
These courses are aimed at second language learners,
with the inclusion of Afrikaans, Kikuyu and Polish.

- Classes are held once per week, after school hours
- Engaging lessons developed around the students’ knowledge and skills
- Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan, with lesson content and homework activities
- Each class has an e-learning space to support learning between lessons
- End of Term reports distributed to parents and home schools
- Annual cost: Reception – Year 7 - $75

For artworks exploring connections to Unley

Major prize - $5,000 non acquisitive
Youth prize - $1,000 plus mentorship, non acquisitive
Children's prize - art materials to the value of $100, non acquisitive

Finalists exhibited at the Hughes Gallery in May 2016 and the winners displayed publicly along Unley and King William Roads.

Open to all South Australian artists, young people and children
2 dimensional artworks in mediums of painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, collage and new media.

Entries close 15 March 2016

For full details including terms and conditions visit
unley.sa.gov.au/unleyartprize
**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.

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**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**

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**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

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**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