WELCOME to 2016

Welcome to a new year at Highgate School. I hope you had an enjoyable break with your children. Students have settled into their new classes really well. On the first day classrooms were abuzz with activity. Teachers have prepared their rooms really well for the start of the new year.

Welcome to our 82 new reception students that started school for the first time this week. We have also enrolled many other students in various year levels from other local, interstate and overseas schools. Welcome to these students who also seem to have settled in well at Highgate School.

Welcome to several new teachers to Highgate School, Kimberlee Byrne, Hayley Gladigau, Shannon Hornhardt, Carla Dechellis and Emma Weekes. We are also lucky to have several of our contract teachers from 2015 continuing at Highgate School this year.

There are several important dates early in the term. Acquaintance evenings are always early in the term, several have already been held. Please be aware of the importance of acquaintance evenings. The evenings are being held for early years and year 3 students on Wednesday 17 Feb and year 4 to 7 students on Tuesday 16 Feb.

The Governing Council AGM is also being held in the fourth week of the term, Monday 22 February. The support our community gives through their volunteer work is an essential key in the high quality culture of Highgate School. I would urge you to consider joining one of the many groups that support the school such as Governing Council or one of the many sub committee’s.
ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Year R-2  WEDNESDAY 17 Feb
          5.45pm - 6.45pm

Year 3   WEDNESDAY  17 Feb
          6.00pm - 7.00pm

Years 4 & 5  TUESDAY 16 Feb
               5.30pm - 6.15pm

Years 6 & 7  TUESDAY 16 Feb
               6.15pm - 7.00pm

This is an important initial aspect of the ongoing communication between parents and teachers about student learning. It provides parents with the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and meet the class teacher and other parents. The teacher will present information related to classroom organisation, routines, expectations, curriculum areas, the Wellbeing4Learning program and special events planned for the year.

If you wish to talk about your child’s individual needs please make an appointment for an alternative time.

We hope you can join us for what should be an informative and enjoyable evening.

An Invitation to the Highgate School Annual General Meeting

The Highgate School AGM is being held on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.

Thank you to those who have already nominated for a council position or a sub committee. There are several positions available on council. Your support in these positions would be greatly appreciated.

Nomination forms are available from the front office.

Highgate School Staff 2016

Leadership
Principal  Phil Johansen
Assistant Principal  Peter Pagonis

Classroom Teachers
Room 3 Phillip Pumpa Yr 4
Room 4 Di Schafranek Yr 5
Room 5 Sheila Livingston Yr 6
Room 6 Emma Weekes Yr 7
Room 7 Barbara Adcock Yr 5
Room 8 Laura Kildea (R-4 Chinese)
Room 9 Vivien Chryseliou (R-2 science)
Room 10 Jenny Tsouvallas Yr 3
Room 11 Jenny Cilento Yr 3
Room 12 Hugh Benger (Chinese Yr 4-7)
Room 14 Carol Gowen Yr 5
Room 15 Mary Adams Yr 4
Room 16 Cala Dechellis Yr 4/5
Room 17 Roz Fitzgerald Yr 3
Room 19 Mark Russell Yr 7
Room 20 Heather Birbeck Yr 7
Room 21 Jacqui Constable Rec
Room 22 Merrilyn Bittner Rec
Room 23 Kimberlee Byrne Rec
Room 24 Hayley Gladigau Rec / 1
Room 25 Shannon Hornhardt Yr 1
Room 26 Chris Leaver Yr 2
Room 27 Joy van der Lee Yr 1
Room 28 Maureen Rodgers Yr 1
Room 29 Tess Rieger Yr 2
Room 30 Amy Blackmore / Melissa Severino Yr 2

Specialist Teachers
Louise Hernan (Teacher/Librarian)
Sam Overy (Phys Ed)
Britt Chatburn (The Arts)
Lamprine Rantas (Special Ed/Greek Language)

SSO Team
Alison Bey, Chris Boere, Judy Buckley, Ida D’Onofrio,
Anna Itsines, Geoffrey Johnson, Jo Koufopoulos,
Adriana Tsesmelis, Jane Williamson

Staff employed by Highgate Governing Council
Letetia Magrath (Director OSHC),
Jodi Van Reesma (Manager Canteen)
CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
The Learning Support Committee would like to highlight to parents a document that can be found on the school website called “Highgate Class Parent Rep Guidelines”.
This document details information about what the role a parent rep (or reps) entails. Parent reps enable communication between parents, teachers and the school, and assists with growing a strong school community. If you have not yet volunteered to be a parent rep, please consider taking on the role for your child’s class (or find someone else to do it in partnership with you). There are even some templates on the website for creating a class list, so some work has even been taken away for you. Please consider being a PARENT REP, the role doesn’t take a lot of time, and you will be rewarded by being an appreciated contributor to your children’s school community.

Qkr! is now at Highgate School

ORDER AND PAY FOR FEES, CAMPS, Canteen AND UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE

The new Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) app is now live for families of students at Highgate School.

Qkr by MasterCard is a secure payment app for schools and can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply select Highgate School from ‘Nearby Locations’ on Qkr or type HSSA after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of the school in future to make payments even easier.

You can order and pay for canteen lunches, uniforms, M&S Fees and more right now using Qkr, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

All feedback to the school office is very welcome.

Please contact Jane in the Finance Office for more information.

New Pastoral Care Worker times for 2016

Hi Everyone! Welcome back to Highgate School for 2016!

This is just a quick note to let you all know my new times as they have changed slightly.

I am now available

- **Thursday** 8:30-2:30
- **Friday** 9:30-3:30

Should you or anyone wish to contact me for any reason, you can do so through the school office, or send me an email at the address below.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and have had a smooth beginning into the new year.

I am excited for this year and cannot wait to see what it has in store. I look forward to continuing to serve and support the Highgate community.

Many Thanks!

Amy Pfeiffer
(Pastoral Care Worker)
amy.pfeiffer805@schools.sa.edu.au

Nominate for SAPSASA State Teams

Students who are 12 years & under who would like to nominate for SAPSASA State Teams may go onto the SAPSASA website: www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport and go to the particular sport they are interested.

School Fees

By now you will have received a pack of information which includes invoices for Fees and Excursion Levy.
If you have not received this, please check your child’s school bag.
School Card forms and Payment Plan forms are available from the finance office - open from 8.30 am - 4 pm every day.
For quicker, hassle-free canteen and school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1** Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2** Register

Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3** Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

**Step 4** Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...
ROAD SAFETY AROUND HIGHGATE SCHOOL BEGINS WITH YOU!

Parking rules apply around schools, especially around school entrances. In a school zone, parking restrictions may be stricter than normal. Highgate School has designated pick-up and drop-off areas where parking is not allowed—but where you can collect your children in a fast and safe way.

Drivers must not stop at any time for any reason in an area marked NO STOPPING or NO STANDING or in a bicycle lane. You cannot stop in a NO PARKING zone unless for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers. The driver must remain with their vehicle and be in the zone for no more than 2 minutes. Drivers are asked to observe the speed limits and parking rules around the school.

A kiss and ride zone is located in Highgate Street, cars may stop in this area to drop students at school or to collect students. The driver must stay with the vehicle at all times.
Cars may not park and wait for students in these areas.
These same rules apply for areas marked with no parking signs.
Cars must not stop at all in areas marked as no standing.

Our year 6 and 7 students act as road safety monitors at the Highgate Street crossing and a strict 25 km/hr speed limit applies when the lights are flashing.

Please be mindful of our students’ safety, especially before and after school when the roads can be quite congested, by driving slowly on all the roads around the school.

For further information visit:

CALLING ALL HIGHGATE DRIBBLING DADS!

Are you keen for a regular weeknight run-around on the school’s indoor basketball court with other Highgate Dads? No skills or experience required – just enthusiasm and deep heat!

A group of Highgate Dads are running a weekly social game of basketball in the Highgate School Hall, open to all interested Highgate Dads & male community members. No playing for sheep stations and no slam dunkers – just a laugh, a bit of sweating and bloke bonding. If the US President can make time to shoot a few hoops, don’t say you’re too busy...

When? Tuesday nights, 7:45 for 8pm – 9pm at the Highgate School Hall. Each week of Terms 1, 2 & 3 with holidays off. The first game is scheduled for 16 February 2016 (Week 3, Term 2).

How much? $10 donation per game - $7.50 goes to Highgate Fundraising, $2.50 to Beyond Blue’s Mantherapy Initiative. Monies payable each game.

If you’re interested in a regular or even an occasional run-around (we appreciate sometimes other stuff gets in the way), just email Travis Adams on vcptyltd@gmail.com to register.

Hope you can join us Dads!
2016 Highgate Out Of School Hours Care Term 1 Goals

Educators: On Going Focus:

Staff to: Reflect on OSHC Rules at group meetings and within activity sessions. Explain behaviour expectations to children before activities begin.

Social Skills: Educators and children to work together to make strong choices within areas of co-operation and fair play, sharing spaces and equipment.

OSHC Environment: Children to take responsibility for looking after OSHC Resources by engaging in appropriate use and packing away.

My Time My Place Framework

Learning Outcomes Focus

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
Term 1 Focus: For middle primary and upper primary children to be active within the OSHC environment, encouragement will be placed on activities of personal interest that can be conducted and shared with peers. Educators will facilitate Clubs with children who will organise, run and take part in. Clubs will be used to grow friendship groups.

2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world
Term 1 Focus: Educators and children to collaborate on ideas for the OSHC garden. Setting up roles and responsibilities.

3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
Term 1 Focus: Children will have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities by participating in team building skills, group games through sporting activities, music through sharing of skills, craft, dance and drama activities that will be based on children’s interests.

4. Children are confident and involved learners
Term 1 Focus: OSHC Helpers: Establish new OSHC helpers and establish goals for the term. A selection of group experiences will be programmed using child suggestions. Children can build upon skills in relation to fair play by working together to find positive solutions within group activities.

5. Children are effective communicators
Term 1 Focus: Involve a variety of children to present activities at meeting. Encourage leadership opportunities so children can be challenged and problem solving skills exercised.
EFFECTIVE LIVING CENTRE
POSITIVE PARENTING COURSES

The Effective Living Centre has run Positive Parenting Courses for a number of years, supported by the Unley City Council.

Term 1 program
Wednesday March 2 – Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk – Donna Broadhurst
Wednesday March 16 – Understanding your Child’s Temperament – Donna Broadhurst
Wednesday March 30 – Managing Anger in Children – Donna Broadhurst
Wednesday April 6 – Talk so Teens will Listen and Listen so Teens will Talk – Vina Hotich

All sessions run from 7.30 -9.30pm at 26 King William Rd Wayville
Cost $15 adult, $12 Conc, $10 ELC Friend, $ 24 Couple
Further information on the full year’s program and how to book at www.effectiveliving.org
or email office@effectiveliving.org

10 Year-Old Participants Wanted for Flinders Sleep Study
Are you interested in finding out more about your child’s sleep? We are too! Investigators at Flinders University are investigating how boys’ sleep and biological rhythms change as they enter their teen years, starting at age 10. We are looking for healthy, good sleepers. This landmark study will occur over 3.5 years and will involve your child attending a ‘sleep camp’ twice a year at our fun and comfy sleep lab. Participants will receive a payment every 6 months for taking part in this study.

If you are interested in finding out more, email us at sleepcamp@flinders.edu.au.
Phone: 08 8201 2655

After school R-7 art lessons at Highgate School

Art Classes that build self-confidence, life skills and creativity.

There are vacancies for the after school Art classes for term 1.

Venue: Highgate School art room

Thursday Year 3 - 7
Friday Reception - Year 4

To see the programme and to find out about after school classes check out the website. www.itsanartrage.com

Sally Fraser 0410462451
email peppercornplace@gmail.com
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
Marryatville High School
Special Interest Music Centre

INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 11 April, 2016
7.00 - 8.00pm

The Stables
Marryatville High School
170 Kensington Rd
MARRYATVILLE

Information about the Special Interest Music Centre, course structures, curriculum and selection process.

Bookings: Music Centre 8304 8431

Dreamstart
Soccer Academies

SOCCER SUNDAYS
Soccer coaching for boys and girls aged 3-9 years. Children learn how to follow instructions and be part of a team, in a fun & friendly environment.

Goodwood: Soutar Park
Sunday 9 - 10am (3 - 5 years)
Sunday 10 -11am (6 - 9 years)
Term starts 14th February

dreamstartsocceracademies.com.au
James 0420 238 605

SPLASH INTO SWIMMING!

Aged 7-12 years?
Thinking of joining a swimming club?
Want to try competitive swimming?

SwimmingSA’s Come & Try events are FREE!

Sunday 21st February 2016, 3:45pm
at the Unley Swimming Centre

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact SwimmingSA 7133 0548
or nswilson@swimming.org.au
Unley Swimming Centre (outdoor pool)
15 Ethel Street, Forestville

ENTER ONLINE AT www.ss.swimming.org.au/try by 12pm Friday 12th February

All Connections to Unley
ART PRIZE

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