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## Newsletter No.5 — 1st April 2022

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# Important Dates

Wednesday 6th April 2022	Pupil Free Day Parent teacher interviews
Thursday 7th April 2022	Year 7 Immunisations
Friday 8th April 2022	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 26th April 2022	First Day of Term 2 (Week 2 of timetable)
Tuesday 26th April 2022	Year 10 Flourish Mancave
Wednesday 27th April 2022	Year 9 Flourish Mancave
Monday 2nd May—Friday 6th May 2022	Year 9 Morrisby Interviews
Tuesday 10th May—Thursday 19th May 2022	Year 7 and Year 9 Naplan
Monday 30th May 2022	Year 10 Immunisations



## CAREER NEWS

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### Student Absence Reporting

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9803 5144

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### Term Dates

2022

TERM 1: 31st January—8th April

TERM 2: 26th April—24th June

TERM 3: 11th July—16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October—20th December



### Thank you

Well, we have just about completed our first term for 2022. Our mantra for this year is “Getting back to normal” and we certainly have achieved a great start to this.

Over this term our school has:

- Welcomed 246 new Year 7s and provided a wonderful transition camp for them so that they can make new friends and settle in
- Provided on site teaching for our 1106 students and welcomed the interactions and engagement that it brings both in class and in the yard
- Re-established traditions such as Year 12 dress up at the swimming carnival
- Undertaken vibrant interschool sport with round robins for all year levels
- Classes have been able to attend excursions and we have been able to welcome visitors to the school to do presentations.
- I know that even the simple things such as getting school photographs has been a positive experience for us all.
- Prepared our year 12s for the rigors of this final year with a residential study camp and supported them with an exciting VCE Formal on Tuesday
- Our student leaders have been busy organising Harmony week with its music, sporting and fashion shows.
- Our twilight music night this week was well attended and showcased the talent and skills of our students.

### Twilight Music

I would like to congratulate all the students who performed at last Thursday’s Twilight music concert. It was very well attended. The weather held (although a bit windy) and everyone had a great time.

I would like to thank all the instrumental music staff and our techs for their support in ensuring a wonderful, well-run concert.





I would also like to announce that our long awaited music practice pod has now arrived at school. Its construction was delayed due to COVID related material supply issues, but its finally here! Over the next few weeks it will be connected to services and a deck installed to integrate it into the surroundings.



Over this year we intend to purchase two more to add flexibility to the delivery of instrumental music lessons.

### **Interim reports**

Interim reports are now available on COMPASS.

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted ONLINE on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please look out for the COMPASS notice regarding Webex bookings.

### **End of Term 1**

Friday is our free dress day to cap off a wonderful term. May I again thank everyone for your enthusiasm and work.

### **Have a safe and healthy Easter break!**

School resumes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April . This will be a week 2 of our timetabled classes.

*Ian Watkins*

*Principal*

## Natalie Valentine Head of Junior School



In the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March our two Year 7 orientation camps were held at Lord Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula.

240 excited year 7 and 25 equally excited teachers attended camp during over the course of the week. They had high expectations and they weren't disappointed.

Students and staff participated in a range of activities which included stand up paddleboarding, raft building, kayaking, pizza making, t-shirt printing, initiative games and a trivia night.

Our year 7's all got fully involved in the activities and used the opportunity to strengthen their bonds with their peers and teacher.

I would like to thank the year 7's for their positive attitudes on camp and their exemplary behaviour.

I would also like to thank the staff who attended. Without staff willing to give up their time camps like this would not be possible.

Lord Somers Camp is an exciting camp with loads of fun activities involving team work and delicious food.

Tiahna 7F

Going to Lord Somers was the best because there were so many fun activities. It was the best camp I have ever been on. I can't wait until our next camp. Alexia 7F

Camp definitely created some amazing memories. Thinuli 7F



My favourite thing about camp was stand up paddleboarding. I thought it was fun because I got to push people in and go insane speeds with just a paddle. Aquila 7G

Camp was great! But what stood out the most was kayaking. It was great fun, especially when peoples boats flipped. Aamna 7G

I enjoyed stand up paddleboarding and watching people fall off. Mathilda 7G



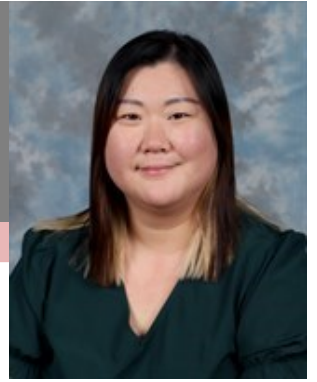
Trivia night was awesome because everyone had a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it. Dorvash 7J

The food was so great, no doubt the best lasagna I've ever had. The dessert was mouth watering. Student 7J





Carly Woo  
Head of Senior School



Last week, we celebrated the diversity of cultures at Highvale during Harmony Week. This year's College Captain Team and SRC worked hard to organise events such as Cultural Trivia and Arts, Cultural Parade, International Sports and a Cultural Concert. We're excited to organise more events like these and hope everyone enjoyed partaking!



Highvale cultural concert was held on the last day of harmony week 25<sup>th</sup> March outside of A block courtyard. There were live performances by the school students who represented their culture through performing art. It was a great celebration of cultures as everyone came together and celebrated the day colourfully.







## Chris Mitchell Director of Music



### AT537—Lunchtime Concert

Last Monday and Tuesday, students in Miss Grunwald's AT537 Music Performance and Studio Recording class performed in two lunchtime concerts. A variety of instruments were showcased including piano, double bass, violin and saxophone. While some students have been playing music for many years, others were learning an instrument for the first time this year and should be particularly commended for getting up on stage in front of their peers.





## Grand Piano

Just a reminder that if you contributed \$200 or more to the grand piano fundraiser, please ensure you have signed the acknowledgement keyboard print at the general office. I aim to get this framed and up in the theatre soon.

## Twilight Tunes Concert

Yesterday evening we had our first concert for the year, 'Twilight Tunes'. This concert is designed to be more informal than our other annual shows and gives more students an opportunity to perform as a soloist or in a small group. Performing outside made for an enjoyable atmosphere while also creating considerable challenges for students dealing with wind, sun glare, and no opportunity to do a full run through before the show! Our students of course rose to the challenge and all put on excellent performances and showed great resilience in the face of music stands being blown into them as they attempted to play!! This concert was also the debut performance for our Junior Vocal Ensemble, who put on a beautiful rendition of 'What a Wonderful World'.

A big thank you to all who came along to watch. I hope you enjoyed the program and thank you for your patience as we set up each item. Particular thanks to those who stayed to help pack up. Thank you also to all of the stage and tech crew for helping with set up, item changeovers, helping with sound and helping pack up at the end. Our music captains also did a great job compering the evening, and thank you also to the music teachers for all their assistance in preparing students for the concert and in helping on the night.





## Ensembles

All ensembles have now resumed for 2022. Ensemble sessions should appear in the student's Compass schedule.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class Time		AT529 (Class Orchestra) – check your regular school timetable for sessions.^				
Before School (7.45am – 8.25am)	Theatre				Senior Vocal Ensemble*	
Lunch (1.10pm – 1.50pm)	Theatre	Rhythm Riders	Stick Tricks		Junior Vocal Ensemble*	Harmonix
	D2				Flute Ensemble*	
After School (3pm – 3.55pm)	Theatre	Junior Concert Band	Nouveau Strings	HSC Orchestra	Intermediate Concert Band	
	D2	Stage Band*	Intermediate Strings		Chamber Strings*	

^ AT529 is Semester 1 only. Students will be allocated to another ensemble for Semester 2.

\* audition only group taken in addition to a core ensemble.

## Winter Concert

Our winter concert is currently planned for Thursday 2nd June. All instrumental music students will be involved in this performance. The date and time will be confirmed early next term.



## Brian Hurley Year 11 Coordinator



Every year the GRIP leadership organisation invites students from secondary colleges across Australia to attend the GRIP student leadership conference. A full day program of speakers and workshops designed to develop the potential of students to effectively implement real change in a school setting. This year, the junior school leaders were selected, along with a number of year 11's to attend, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March made their way to Melbourne Convention Centre to be involved.

The workshops covered subjects such as identifying possibilities for change, how to effectively advocate for change, fundraising, goal setting, public speaking, and how to lead a team. Highvale's future leaders had a very positive experience, Came away with ideas about possible programs for the school, made friends and contacts with students from school all over Victoria, and some of them even got up onstage and danced.

The GRIP conference is always a huge success and we look forward to generations of students attending in the ears to come. The future of student leadership is looking very bright indeed.





## Phil Tawa Sports Coordinator

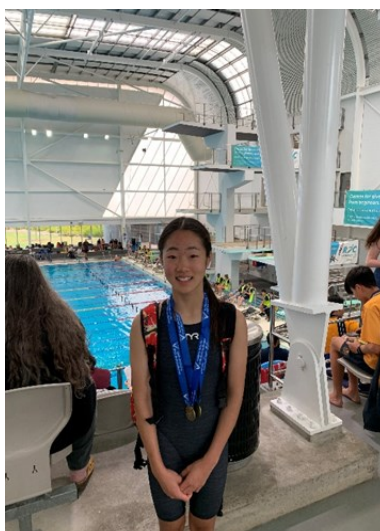


Throughout term 1 there has been a number of school and interschool sporting events, attended by all year levels. We have had the year level round robin competition days, where students have competed against Mount Waverley SC, Glen Waverley SC and Vermont SC in tennis, cricket, volleyball, baseball and softball. All students represented the college with pride and demonstrated our school values with great intent. Special mention must go to the year 7 girls volleyball team, who won their competition and will now compete at the Region final in October. Well done girls!

After competing and winning an event at the Division swimming carnival, four students represented the school at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming competition at Aquanation on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. The competitors were Aby Won, Ben Sargent, Janaila Koh and Charlotte Creaton. The event was held at Aquanation Ringwood. Aby competed in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke which she was successful in winning! She will now compete at the State final at MSAC on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. A fantastic performance Aby!

Jessie Yun competed at the Eastern Region secondary schools golf tournament on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March at Eastern Golf Club, which she won! Well done Jessie.

Highvale clearly has some amazing sports talent, and we encourage all students to give things a go especially after missing out on so much in the last two years.





Laura Nijenhuis  
**Food Technology Teacher**



Our **Year 7 Food Tech students** have been putting their newly learnt pancake making and stovetop safety skills to the test at home and have come up with some fancy pancake creations. A few early submission are below.



**Priya Pennadam Year 7I—Burger Pancake**



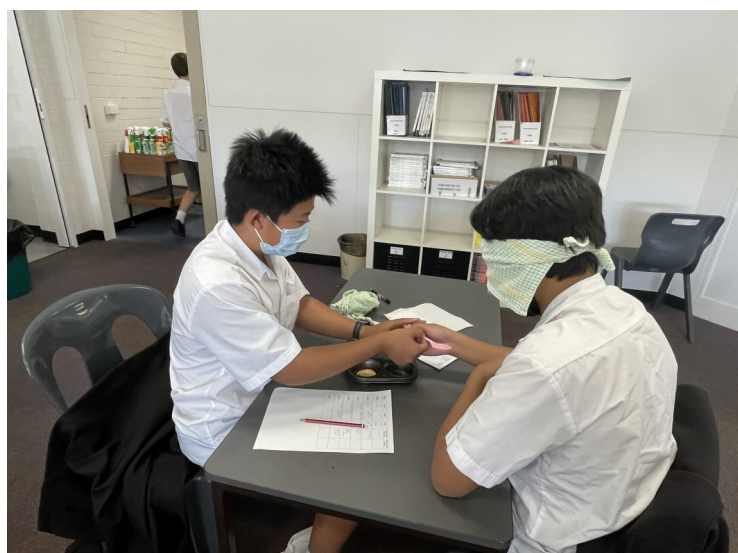
**Aarav Hirani Year 7J—Smiles all the Way Pancake**



**Ehen Chua Year 7J—ice cream mound pancakes**

## Our TS405—Real Meals class enjoying themselves whilst learning!

Students put into practice what we've learnt about sensory analysis over the term and were undertaking some blind taste testing. Everyone took turns wearing a blind fold and tried different foods to see if they could describe the taste and texture and learned how our sight impacts our other senses. Smile and the world will smile with you!





## Joanne Howard Humanities Teacher



As part of the Year 9 and 10 Geography Coasts and Connections Unit, students have been studying coastal landforms and investigating and evaluating management strategies.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the students travelled by mini bus to the Mornington Peninsula to visit a variety of coastal environments and view these features first hand. The weather was warm and sunny and perfect for a beach visit. Students collected data, completed sketches and took photos that will be used in class to complete an individual field work report. Locations visited included London Bridge National Park near Portsea, Sorrento village and bay beach and Rye beach.

Students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and focus throughout the day.

A big thank you to Mr Sloane for driving the minibus on the day.



# Student Report

## Copernicus Fung, Year 12; Haruka Cooper and Chloe Tan, Year 10

### French Immersion Days

*Bonjour à tous !* Highvale's Year 10 and 12 French students have recently attended immersion days organised by the Alliance Française, an international organisation that promotes the French language and francophone culture worldwide. We shared this exciting and worthwhile experience with students from other schools, such as John Monash Science School, Peninsula Grammar, and Haileybury College. This language immersion occurred substantially, since from 10:00 to 16:30, we spoke almost exclusively *en français*. Imagine having not a double period, but five whole periods of French in a single day! The costs of the event (\$235 per person) were subsidised completely by the DET, so there was nothing to lose.

The Year 12s had their immersion day on Sunday, 13 March 2022. Officially titled the 'VCE Immersion Day: Introduction to the VCE Exam', the *objectif* was to familiarise ourselves with the VCE Units 3&4 French oral and written examinations that will be held in October and November this year. Of the school's seven Year 12 French students, two went to the physical event run by Mme Élodie Mouawad at the Alliance Française's CBD branch, while the other five joined a comparable online session led by Mme Isabelle Martin.

We tested our French speaking skills for the first half of the day with activities that correlate to *l'examen oral*. These included impromptu conversations on our daily lives and our interactions with the French language and culture as learners. At one point, we were given five minutes to prepare a one-minute presentation on issues such as whether French is still a useful language and the effectiveness of learning languages via Duolingo or Babbel. For the second half, the students focused on the written exam. As part of the discussion, we went through a practice paper, which consisted of reading articles and listening to rapid French speech in order to answer comprehension questions, and writing texts such as journal entries, emails, speeches, and newspaper articles. Advice from the teacher was absolutely *en abondance*, and we were trained with numerous strategies for attacking the questions and seizing full marks from them. However exhausting it may have been, attending a French-only event for six and a half hours straight made speaking and working in French feel much more natural to the Year 12s, which goes to show the bilingual benefits of these events.

A week later, it was the Year 10s' turn to have their *journée d'immersion*. This session, named 'Year 10 Immersion Day: Grammar & Conversation', was run online by Mme Julia Donier and comprised a more general selection of French skills. Generous servings of vocabulary and grammar points helped the Year 10s to refine their parlance with more sophisticated ways to express themselves in writing and in speech. Conversations, too, were in no short supply, where our Year 10s mingled in French in breakout rooms with students from other schools. Although awkward at first, these activities fostered teamwork and ultimately boosted their confidence in speaking French. They managed to get a lot out of the day, with areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing all being covered for a more comprehensive *compétence* in French, the language of love.

Overall, both the Year 10s and 12s found their immersion day enlightening, whether it be in terms of understanding the VCE French exam or of grasping the language better in general. With the bonus of the costs' being subsidised, future immersion days run by the Alliance Française will certainly be worthwhile experiences for senior French students.



*The view (including St Paul's Cathedral) out the window of the Alliance Française CBD branch*



## Uniform Shop UPDATE



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## FREE TUTORING FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10-12

MONDAY-THURSDAY/3.00-4.30PM/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

MON		TUES		WED		THURS	
Sean L	Software development Accounting	Sienna P	Health PE	Asteria D	EAL Specialist Mathematics Accounting	Ananya M	Further Mathematics
Rayne S	Mathematics Methods Economics	Kiril R	Physics Biology	Amy C	Further Mathematics Health Psychology English	Roel T	English Language Legal
	Geography	Jasmine T	English language		Business management	Ahin K	Literature

English|science|H&PE|Humanities&Civics|Mathematics|Art/Language

## Year Level Coordinators

Please see the table below for a list of the 2022 Coordinators.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS	
YEAR 7	Karnel AHMET
YEAR 8	Alexandra CLARKE
YEAR 7 & YEAR 8	Betty SINGH
YEAR 9	Philip BAUMGARTNER
YEAR 10	Jenny WARWICK
YEAR 11	Brian HURLEY
YEAR 12	Richard SHELLY
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL	Natalie VALENTINE
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL	Carly WOO

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