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Important Dates

Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 th June	Student Free Day – Report Writing Day
Wednesday 13 th June	G.A.T. Exam
Thursday 14 th June	Winter Concert
Tuesday 26 th June	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 26 th June	School Council Meeting
Friday 29 th June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 16 th July	First Day of Term 3
Monday 16 th July	First Debutante Ball Practice
Thursday 26 th July	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 21 st July	ICAS English Competition
Tuesday 14 th July	ICAS Maths Competition
Thursday 6 th September	Spring Concert
Friday 14 th September	Debutante Ball
Thursday 20 th September	Pupil Free Day
Friday 21 st September	Last Day of Term 3



CAREER NEWS

Click the link(s): [1st June 2018](#)
[15th June 2018](#)



Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesdays
8.00am to 11.00am

Wednesdays
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Student Absence Reporting Hotline

9803 5144

Press 1
Please call before 9am

Term Dates

2018

TERM 2: 16th April - 29th June

TERM 3: 16th July - 21st Sept

TERM 4: 8th Oct - 21st Dec

2019

TERM 1: 29th Jan – 5th April

Canteen

Canteen Price List click [here](#)

Note: Due to renovations, the canteen will be closed for all of Semester 2.



Ian Watkins Principal



Principal's report

Recent changes to Department of Education Zoning policy

Parents may have noticed recent newspaper articles reporting on the changes to the school zone policy by the Department of Education. In effect, schools that have more than 50% of students who reside out of their neighbourhood zone are not eligible for any future building works or portable classrooms.

This policy could, in the future, pose problems for Highvale Secondary College as a large proportion of our students come from South Wantirna and surrounding suburbs. In the short to medium term our new buildings will be able to meet our needs. School council has discussed this issue and has written of its concerns to the Minister of Education Mr James Merlino and our local Member of Parliament, Mr Neil Angus. In this correspondence school council has sought documentation of the policy and how it is to be implemented and importantly, assurances that in the future, portable classrooms will not be removed and allocated to schools that have a greater ratio of students within their zone.

I have fielded a number of calls from concerned parents and members of the community. I would like to state that this school will continue to enrol students from its traditional feeder areas. We will never ask parents who live outside our 'zone' to leave our school.

Highvale Secondary College prides itself on providing a high quality service to the community and we will not be discriminating against families because of where they choose to live.

Mid-year concert

The gala mid-year concert is on Thursday 14 June and I am looking forward to many great performances. I understand that there are a few afternoon session tickets still available. Good luck to all of our wonderful musicians.

Mid-Year examinations

Students in years 7-11 have just undergone their mid-year examinations. Good luck!

Report writing day is on Tuesday 12 June and I am sure that the teachers will be very busy marking and finalising your marks.

Students who are undertaking a Unit 3 and 4 subject are scheduled to do the General Achievement Task – GAT, on Wednesday 13 June from 10 to 1.15pm.

Wet day arrangements

It was very good to see how students used the new breakout spaces to deal with the recent wet weather.



CHESS CLUB

At the start of this term we launched chess club. Chess club is a way to socialize and to show off your skills. In chess club we teach students how to play chess. It is run at lunchtimes in the library every Monday and Wednesday. We have several students who participate in Chess club with a range of skill levels starting from beginners to those who play at a competition level. We have a few students who play online as well. In the past couple of weeks, students have been playing each other to assess their skill levels. We would love for you to join us on Monday or Wednesday at lunchtime to either watch or play.

By Oasin Goldsmith



Kelsey Dwyer Sports Coordinator



YEAR 12 VS. TEACHERS

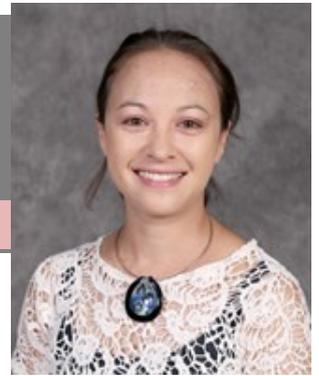
From the 21st to the 25th of May, Year 12 students took on the teachers in the annual Year 12 vs. Teachers sport week. We played a number of sports, including Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Netball and the infamous Dodgeball. The teachers started out the week strong with a close 2-point victory in basketball, with a valiant fight from the Year 12s throughout the game. Soccer was next, and it was a great game with the Year 12s coming out victorious in a stunning 3-2 win. The teachers proved too strong in Volleyball and Netball, dominating the court and smashing the Year 12s by a hefty amount. To finish off the week, the Year 12s pulled off a stunning upset by beating the 8 teachers who participated against our mere 60 odd Year 12s who participated – a very unexpected result. In the end, it was the teachers won the week's competition 3-2.



We would like to thank all teachers who participated as well as all students. Additionally, we would like to thank anyone and everyone who helped make this week run as smooth as it did, including everyone who came and watched and supported. We hope to have more future competitions with the teachers, and hopefully the Year 12s can come out on top next time.



Angelie O'Brien
Vocal Director



HARMONIX BLOW THEM AWAY AT CHORAL SHOWCASE FESTIVAL!!

On Friday 1st June, as winter made its debut, Highvale Harmonix made their debut at the Choral Showcase Festival. Marten Visser, Head of Performing Arts at Wantirna College, organised the event to bring local schools together to share in a magical night of musical fun and learning. With Harmonix growing in their confidence and calibre, we gladly accepted the invitation to perform at this great event. Members from local council were present and were treated to a wonderful night bursting with young talent, along with a sold-out show of over 300 family and friends of our young performers.

Harmonix performed 2 pieces, 'Across the Universe' by The Beatles, and 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay- two contrasting pieces where Harmonix were able to showcase their musicianship skills. The Senior Vocal Ensemble also performed the 2 pieces that saw them place 2nd at Boroondara Eisteddfod just a couple of weeks ago, and were met with a joyous applause.

Congratulations to all the students involved in a wonderful night!

Angelie O'Brien

Vocal Teacher



STUDENT REFLECTION - MUSIC

Silence. Its dark, really dark. I can hear whispering from every direction. The music ceases. There is applause. The long line of students clad in black begin to jolt forward and adrenalin courses through my veins. As we walk out lights shine on us, bathing us in a greenish glow. Quietly, we bustle into position. Suddenly, the stage erupts into a harmonious cacophony of colorful sound and welcoming smiles. Our voices resonate through the halls of Wantirna College, bouncing off walls and filling ears. We slip back into the wings when all is done trailed by sonorous applause. Everyone is beaming from ear to ear.

It is always a pleasure to perform as a Highvale student, and I, as a music captain, hold nothing but the highest regards for the staff who allow these events- such the performance I am referring to in the passage above- to happen. Our teachers go above and beyond the status quo and constantly out do themselves year after year, so thank you to all (especially Mrs. Obrien, who gives up her Friday lunchtimes to teach the choir). Though there is something to be said for the pure talent of the students involved. My peers, those in music at least, show a tremendous amount of dedication to their individual ensembles and give up their free time to make performances like these so spectacular.

Personally, I enjoyed the performance tremendously, so thank you to everyone who was involved, and to anyone who is unsure about joining choir who may want to in the future, please, don't hesitate. We rehearse Friday lunchtimes in the theatre. Feel free to come and try it out at any time.

Felix Donahoo- Andrusiak (Senior Music Captain)



OTHER MUSIC NEWS



WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

The Winter Concert will take place next week on Thursday **June 14th** and will involve **all instrumental music students** and all instrumental ensembles. Due to the large demand for tickets there will be two performances on the day. Each performance will have the same program and all students will be required for both.

Concert 1 4:30pm – 6pm

Concert 2 6:30pm – 8pm

Before the first concert, the students will be invited to a sausage sizzle (with vegetarian options) after school. At 4pm they will need to change into their performance attire (black tops and pants/skirts) and organise their instrument/music, ready for the performances.

Tickets for the evening concert are sold out but some tickets are still available for the afternoon concert through **Trybooking**. Parents should go to the College website homepage to click on the link to Trybooking.



We are looking forward to seeing you there.

AMEB EXAMS

Application forms for the Session 5 Australian Music Examination Board assessments will be available from instrumental music teachers throughout the next week. Students who are interested in attending the October/November instrumental music examination, should collect an application form from their instrumental music teacher. Forms and payments are due back to the College by June 27th.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



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Mr Barton - English
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in the library

FREE VCE TUTORING

The program runs in the safe, supervised environment of the senior study centre afterschool between 3.00-4.30pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

All our tutors are past Highvale students who achieved outstanding results in their chosen subjects and have been endorsed by the teaching staff as being highly knowledgeable of the subject content.

Tutoring can provide a number of benefits for students of all learning stages such as:

- Assist with subject content and improve results
- Gain confidence.
- Goal setting and time management skills.
- Provide students with valuable advice, feedback and encouragement.

Please refer to the timetable below for subject availability.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Egan at keg@highvalesc.vic.edu.au to enquire about how you can get involved.

Kellie Egan
Tutoring Coordinator

FREE TUTORING FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10-12

MONDAY-THURSDAY | 3.00-4.30pm | SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

MON		TUES		WED		THURS	
Rebecca	Specialist Chemistry General Maths	Sarah	Accounting Business Management	Harry	Psychology English Biology	Megha	French Literature
Adele	Biology Further Health Method	Riana (Speaks both English and Chinese)	Chemistry Methods EAL	Jacob	Specialist General Maths German	Megan	Economics English Language
Jacob	Physics Legal studies	Tahlia	Media Psychology	Rebecca	Chemistry Physics		

The Arts | English | Science | Health | Humanities & Civics | Mathematics | Language

COMMUNITY NEWS

Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carers



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Çocukları Tacizden Korumak: Anababalar ve Bakıcılar İçin



Dear parents,

As adults we play a critical role in protecting children from harm. The following link provides you detailed information.

For English version, please click the following website,

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/ChildSafeStandard5_ParentsProtecting.pdf

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