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Reminder: Please ensure when communicating with our school to provide us with full student name, student ID number and the staff members name. This will assist our College in identifying and directing your query appropriately.

Newsletter No.19—9th December 2022

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Important Dates

Monday 12 th December 2022 – Thursday 15 th December	December Program (Yr 7-9 Students)
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Year 7 2023 Orientation Day — Pupil Free Day
Friday 16 th December 2022	Presentation Night
Monday 19th December 2022	Environmental Day
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Environmental Day Last Day of Term 4
Monday 30th January 2023	First Day of Term 1— Years 7, 11 & 12
Tuesday 31st January 2023	First Day of Term 1 — Years 8, 9, 10

Student Drop Off & Pick Up—Staff Carpark

Please be aware that parents and students (including learner drivers) **ARE NOT** permitted to drive onto school premises to drop off or pick up students during the peak before school and after school periods. This is a safety issue during these busy times. The school buses also require clear access. There is ample street parking in the neighbourhood and the car parks on campus are designated for school staff only.



CAREER NEWS

Click the link— <u>18th November 2022</u> <u>11th November 2022</u>



Uniform Shop 2022

Click <u>here</u> for Uniform Order Form

See Compass newsfeed to book appointment

Student Absence Reporting
Hotline

9803 5144

Press 1

Please call before 9am

Term Dates

2023

TERM 1: 30th January—6th April

TERM 2: 24th April—23rd June

TERM 3: 10th July—15th September

TERM 4: 2nd October—20th December

lan Watkins **Principal**



End of the year

The end of the year is fast approaching. For me packing up, selling our home and buying a new one in a location that you know no one has been a big task. I certainly have gained further appreciation and respect to our overseas families and their efforts in seeking a new beginning. I have really enjoyed my time at Highvale and look forward to an exciting 2023. But there is still lots to do here to make sure. Highvale has a smooth start to next year.

End of Year Program for Years 7 to 9

The December Program for Years 7, 8 and 9 students will begin next Monday 12th December. Students will receive a timetable via Compass outlining the week's activities. A variety of activities will be offered including excursions to the zoo and the Melbourne Museum.

Students should wear their sports uniform though out the week. The canteen will operate as normal.

Year 6-7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 13th December has been set as a pupil free day for students. During this day, 171 students from our 25+ feeder primary schools will attend Highvale and undertake an intensive transition program. Our school captains will be providing valuable support over this day, and I want to thank them for their commitment to the school. We are looking forward to a great day.

Gumbuva World Excursion - Thursday 15th December

As part of this year's December Program students will have the opportunity to travel by bus to Gumbuya World in Tynong North where they will enjoy a day of recreational activities.

Just a reminder that parents/guardians need to provide consent via Compass by **Monday 12th December** to enable to your child to attend. Students should wear their sports uniform and will need to bring a towel, swimwear, sunscreen, hat and a packed lunch and drinks as there are no food facilities available at the venue on the day.

This excursion will be conducted during normal school hours on Thursday 15th December. Every student must have parental consent in order to attend. Those students without consent will remain at school on that day. An alternative environmental program will be provided for those remaining students.

Award presentation Friday 16th December

Our annual school award presentation will be held on Friday 16th December. Awards will be presented for Academic Excellence, Service to the College Community as well as a number of significant 'Special' awards.

Presentation of Awards will again be conducted from the very nice Alexander Theatre Monash University. Parking is free after 4PM and there are plenty of spots available. Parents of children who are going to receive an award have been contacted via email. A few late minute awards invitations will be sent on Monday.

We look forward to awarding over 200 awards like last year so please ensure you check email accounts! Parents are asked to log onto the link in the4 email to book a seat at the venue.

Roslyn Patti **Assistant Principal**



2022 International student program evening

On Friday the 2nd December we were invited by myaide to celebrate the work done by the school and the international coordinators in making a difference to the international students. The event was held at the W Hotel in the city and was attended by schools that support international students.

It was a very informative and enjoyable evening.



Maria Smith Librarian



WISHING OUR HIGHVALE SECONDARY COLLEGE COMMUNITY, STAFF AND STUDENTS A RESTFUL, ENJOYABLE AND SAFE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

In pictures, the Library Team got ready for the season to be jolly while going through the excitement of Headstart and Book Hire, thanks to our Library monitors and other student helpers (including the bookworms) for making the whole process less stressful and more enjoyable.

Gratefully despite our hectic schedule, we managed to come together for a quick but meaningful Christmas morning tea (before the tsunami of books arrived).













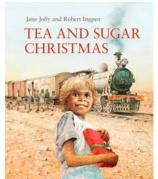


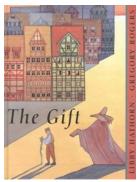


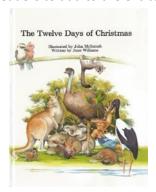




Some picture books in our Library for our young readers to add to the excitement of the season:









And yes, we found time to create 'Our Australian National Symbols' display wall (thanks heaps to Library Assistant Ms Nida Baldwin) to celebrate our rich cultural identity, something for our students to appreciate and learn more about in 2023 and beyond.

In the spirit of giving during this upcoming festive season, The Big Issue magazine is the way to go: https://





The Big Issue is an independent and not-for-profit magazine sold on the streets around Melbourne, a social enterprise started 25 years ago to benefit those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage. The Big Issue is more than a magazine for creative expression. The vendors of this magazine buy each copy for \$4.50 and sell it to you for \$9,

keeping the profits to support them. The website provides more info on how The Big Issue is more than just a magazine... it is an opportunity to help others in need. Happy giving!



Discover your passion for writing! Exciting Opportunities for our young people to discover their passion for writing from the State Library of Victoria (SLV)! Click the link and discover your hidden (untapped but ready to be explored) talents in written expression by participating in this Teen Writing Bootcamp Info Sessions in February 2023: https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/teen-writing-boot-camps

STUDENT REPORT

For our Child Development class, we took a trip over to Highvale Primary School where the Preps participated in group activities like memory cards, colouring and making chatterboxes. Each Year 9 student took a group of roughly 6 preps for 10-15 minutes.

These activities were designed by the Year 9s to promote the Preps intellectual development, grow their social <u>skills</u> and increase their fine motor skills. The Year 9s were given this task to further understand the areas of development as they would have to observe the way the Preps responded physically and intellectually to the tasks. Overall, the Preps had fun and broadened their skills.

By Peyton Williams (9.8)







Jackson Turner Robotics Teacher



On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of December 2 robotics teams travelled to Sydney to compete in the Vex Robotics national competition. After a couple of days of great games one of the teams progressed to the finals, just missing out on an invitation to the international competition in the U.S.A.











Uniform Shop UPDATE



The uniform shop is currently open for appointments via bookings only on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Click <u>here</u> to book.

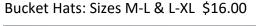
Alternatively you can download the uniform order form from the website and submit it via email to uniform@highvalesc.vic.edu.au for processing.

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Available now to purchase from the Uniform Shop are the new:

Baseball Caps : one size \$14.00







Please contact Sashka, the Uniform Shop Manager, on 9803 5144 if you require any assistance or further information. Thank you.



Advertisements **UPDATE**





The Australian Federal Police through the <u>Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation</u> is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media

Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app

Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised

Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions

Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with

Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed

Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe

Support your child and know how to respond. The <u>Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit</u> has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

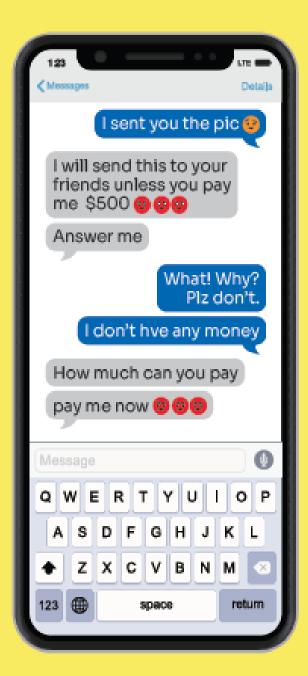
You can make a report via <u>accce.gov.au/report</u>. For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au



POLICING FOR A SAFER AUSTRALIA

The Australian Federal Police acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.





This is sextortion.

It's a scam. And it's trending. You can make it stop.

- Do stop the chat
- Do take screenshots of the text and profile
- Do block the account and report it to the platform
- Do report to the ACCCE
- Do get support
- Don't send more images
- Don't pay
- Don't respond to demands
- Don't enter into further communication
- Don't think you're alone

If you're under 18, we can help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep children and young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.



To report or get help: accce.gov.au







If you're in a life-threatening situation, call Triple Zero (000).

The eSafety Commissioner can help to remove naked or sexual images shared online without your consent: eSafety.gov.au















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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The NEW Entertainment Memberships are here! The memberships start at just \$69.99 and you'll receive thousands of dollars worth of offers you can use for up to 2 years (depending on the package you purchase). You can get a digital membership by following this link https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/187h873.

Can I still buy the Book?

The Entertainment Book's changed a bit. In fact, it's no longer a book at all. Instead, what was once the Entertainment Book is now an easy-to-use app that's updated every few minutes – instead of once a year. That means we can give you even more possibilities to discover, more experiences to unlock, and more rewards to share. You'll still get a full 12 months of membership (no matter when you sign up). You'll have the same great savings you've come to expect. And you'll be able to make the same difference for the causes you care about.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carer

保護孩子免受虐待 給家長和照顧者的資訊

Bảo vệ Trẻ em khỏi bị Ngược đãi: Dành cho Cha mẹ và Người chăm sóc

학대로부터 어린이 보호하기: 부모와 보호자를 위한 정보



Dear Parents

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

For Easy English version, please click the following website,

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish_Second arySchool_FactSheet.pdf

For other languages, please click "Translated information" in the following website and select your language.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/safety/Pages/child-protection.aspx (Click here)

NOTE: This is only a screenshot of the translated section. Translated information Protecting children from abuse • 🔼 Arabic • Chinese - Simplified Chinese - Traditional • 🔼 Dari • 🖟 Dinka Karen • 🖟 Khmer • 🔼 Korean • 🔼 Russian • A Sinhalese **Somali** • 🔼 <u>Tagalog</u> • 🔼 Turkish Vietnamese

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