



HIGHVALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

EXCELLENCE ~ INTEGRITY ~ RESILIENCE ~ RESPECT ~ RESPONSIBILITY

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 12 th September	Term 3 Interim Reports Uploaded To Compass by 4pm
Wednesday 13 th September	Market Day – Lots of food and drink items for sale at lunchtime
Wednesday 13 th September	Parent Teacher Interview Bookings open 9am (must use Parent Login to book)
Thursday 14 th September	Intro To Outdoor Education Warburton Camp Departs
Tuesday 19 th September	Parent Teacher Interview Bookings close 3pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews Held 12.30 to 8.00pm – No classes
Friday 22nd September	Last Day Term 3
Monday 9th October	First Day Term 4 / Yr 12 Practice Exams & Performance & Language Orals Commence
Friday 13 th October	Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics
Monday 23 rd October	State Athletics
Friday 27 th October	Yr 7-10 Exams Commence / Yr 12 Graduation Dinner
Tuesday 31 st October	Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Wilsons Prom Camp Departs
Wednesday 1 st November	Yr 12 Exams Commence
Monday 6th November	Curriculum Day (no classes)
Tuesday 7th November	Public Holiday (no classes)
Friday 10 th November	Yr 11 Studio Arts Exhibition @ Deakin Uni 6-7pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Intro To Outdoor Education Brisbane Ranges Camp Departs



CAREER NEWS

Click the link(s):

[Career News 1st September](#)

[Career News 8th September](#)



Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesdays 8.00am to 11.00am
Wednesdays 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Click [here](#) for Uniform Order Form

2017 Term Dates

TERM3: 17th July – 22nd September
TERM4: 9th October – 22nd December

Canteen

Canteen Price List click [here](#)

Student Absence Reporting Hotline

9803 5144 press 1 - Please call before 9am



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2018 Course Information Sessions

2018 Courses information sessions have been conducted this term, with the Year 7-10 one held this week.

Course Information packages will be distributed during Focus Group next week in order for students to commence their subject selection. In the meantime, the 2018 Course Information Book can be accessed online <http://highvalesc.vic.edu.au/course-information-booklet-7-10/>

Building Program Update

H Block

During the last weeks of Term 3 there will be activity around the school moving internet services, furniture and lockers from the H Block and the Administration Block in preparation for the commencement of the refurbishment during the holidays. This means there will be a disruption to internet services for English and LOTE classes. I encourage students to bring their BYOD device to facilitate their learning.

Administration Block

From Monday 9th October (first day of Term 4), the Administration Block will be located at in the new building at the front of the school. This building will also house new student toilets and First Aid.

Main Gate Entrance and Visitor Parking

From Monday 9th October (first day of Term 4), the main gate for entry into the school premises will be via the gate closest to Troy Street. The gate with the brick entrance will be closed off.

Visitor parking inclusive of disabled parking will be adjacent to the new Administration building.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Learning Task Feedback

On Wednesday 20th September, there is an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress. I encourage parent to access the Learning Task feedback on Compass for their child prior to the interviews.

BYOD

In Term 4, students are encouraged to bring their BYOD device especially as their access to Desktop computers will be limited. Students who have not signed up to use their device at school can collect a book from their sub school office or General Office.

Spring Concert

Congratulations to the staff and students on a wonderful music spring concert.

The level of abilities and confidence is increasing every time the music students perform

Ian Watkins
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy and Numeracy Week (Mon 4th – Fri 8th Sept)

Literacy and Numeracy Week 2017 got off to a flying start with 'The Great Book Swap' on Monday. Heaps of fantastic books were sold at extremely reasonable prices (from \$1.00 to \$5.00). The library staff and the library monitors were rushed off their feet as demand for some titles was very high!

Many thanks again to the wonderful Highvale community of staff and students for their invaluable donations of books, DVDs and PlayStation games.



On Tuesday, the library hosted 'The Great Trivia Quiz'. Miss Costello, Miss Cleeland and Miss Bate set some extremely challenging questions for the students to answer. Numerous teams entered the quiz but there could only be one winning team and that team was Nikita and Olivia.



On Wednesday, 'The Great Teacher vs Student Debate' took place in the library. The debate topic was 'That Handwriting Has No Place in the Modern Classroom'. The Affirmative team was Mr Korlos, Mr Abdallah and Miss Costello. The Negative team consisted of Felix Donahoo-Andrusiak, Will Hindmarsh and Sarah Duncan.

The arguments on both sides were passionate and forceful (if a little personal at times). It was a very close call but the winners were the students who strongly argued against the proposition 'That Handwriting Has No Place in the Modern Classroom'.



On Thursday, staff and students were treated to a fabulous concert performed by some of Highvale's most talented students. There were solo performances by Brandon Somphanpanya, Sabrina Fong, Grace Gardiner and Jacinta Thomas. Duets from Richelle Lim and Nerika Powell and some very beautiful and powerful singing from members of the Highvale choir. The concert was a wonderful performance by some extremely talented students.



Mr Korlos has been running a Maths Brain Teaser Competition throughout the week, with a different Maths problem each day, for the students to solve. Heaps of students have entered each day and the winners have received a movie voucher for solving the puzzles.

The winners were:

Monday	Ruby Galambos (Yr 10)
Tuesday	Jadon Chiang (Yr 10)
Wednesday	Charlotte Creaton (Yr 7)
Thursday	Sulaiman Balkhi (Yr 10)
Friday	Jaimie-Lea Earle (Yr 7)



Lots of other competitions have been taking place in the library. We have had 'The Great Book Raffle', 'Guess the Lollies in the Jar', 'How Many Scrolls are in the Container' as well as posters and bookmarks available for purchase.



Friday was the final day of Literacy and Numeracy Week 2017 and culminated in a Dress-Up Day with the theme of 'My Hero'. There was a parade in the library at lunchtime and prizes were awarded for the best costumes as follows (left to right) :

1st Jazz McLennan, 2nd Elyssa Le, 3rd Vera Tan and 4th Sean Lee



Many thanks to all the Library Monitors who have worked tirelessly to plan, prepare, organise and run the events in Literacy and Numeracy Week. Their contribution has been outstanding.

Special thanks to our wonderful photographer, Josh Tran, for his fantastic photos of all the events in this very special week.

All money raised this week is donated to **The Indigenous Literacy Foundation**. The Foundation's aim is to reduce disadvantage for children in remote and very remote communities by improving literacy rates.

Librarians - Marian Johnson, Anne Mangan, Suzanne Marshall

ANALOGUE CAMERAS WANTED

Do you have any unwanted analogue cameras that you'd like to donate to the school?

They're required for an analogue photography workshop for my Year 11 students at Melbourne Polytechnic in Term 4.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

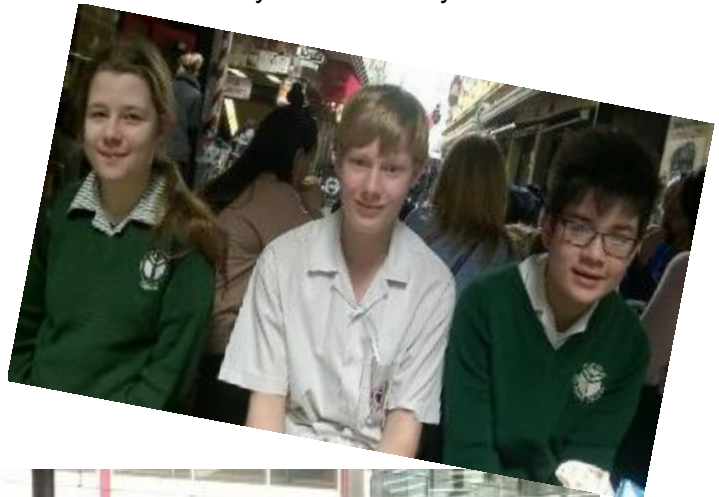
Thanking you in advance.

Helen Pappas
Head of Visual Arts

FRENCH LANGUAGE EXCURSION

Sortie Cinema Yr.9-10

On an unusually balmy winter's day, the Yr 9-10 French students accompanied by Madame Bosquet and Madame Moore went to the city to watch a French rom com entitled "Un homme a la hauteur". All had a great time! In addition, on the train ride home, students and teachers alike were treated to a wonderful rendition of "La vie en Rose" by Edith Piaf played on the Ukulele by the incredibly talented Sabrina Fong; Merci Mademoiselle!



Julie Moore
French Language Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

SPRING CONCERT

Last night, the annual Spring Concert was held in the College Theatre showcasing the work of the more senior performance groups of the instrumental music program. ***The HSC Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Highvale Harmonix, Stage Band, Sticks tricks, Flute Choir, Brass Ensemble and VCE solo performance students*** presented musical items ranging from 1940's Big Band standards to a massive 87 piece orchestrated medley of music from the James Bond movies.



Harmonix : *'Across the Universe'*

The evening began with the Stage Band performing a version of the heavy metal 'Enter Sandman' and was followed by a series of soloists and ensembles accompanied by some exciting visual effects.



Harmonix : *'Lean on Me'*

Chamber Strings : *'Music from Brave'*



Congratulations to all the student performers and a big thank you to our instrumental music staff and the students and staff of our stage crew who always do a wonderful job. The high standard of performances were a direct result of the hard work and effort of both our student musicians and instrumental music staff.

HSC Orchestra : *'James Bond'*



Our junior performers will have an opportunity in Term 4 to present their work at the Junior Concert on November 16th. The concert will involve the String Orchestra, Rhythm Riders, Junior Stage Band and Highvale Hamonix.

Anne Linton
Director of Music

On Tuesday 29th August, the Senior Stage Band visited the Highvale Retirement Village. We are regular performers at this local venue and the students enjoyed the opportunity to perform a large selection of their repertoire to a bigger than usual audience. The Village's 'Musical Appreciation Group' that meets regularly joined us for the performance and commented on the excellent standard of playing.

Afternoon tea was an added bonus that our students enjoyed.



Suzi Reid
Senior Stage Band conductor

This is one for the **LADIES!**



"A gym membership is too expensive!"
"I don't have enough time in the day to exercise"
"I feel uncomfortable exercising in front of other people"
"I want to exercise but I don't know where to start?"

Whatever voice inside your head that is stopping you from challenging yourself physically, here is something to consider becoming a part of....

**Come along to D3 Wednesdays lunchtime for a 30 minute Bootcamp workout with Ms. Dwyer starting in Term 4.
The first session will be Wednesday 11th October.
This is available to girls ONLY from Years 10-12.**

Exercise is proven to boost your confidence and happiness levels, it gives you that energy boost and helps with your sleep and concentration.

This WILL cater to ALL fitness levels. This WILL be a fun and non-intimidating environment. There WILL be great music to work out to. What are you waiting for?



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After School Tutoring

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Ms Mann - Maths & Science

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Mr Barton - English & Humanities

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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	
Rachael	Biology English French	Rebecca	Physics Chemistry	Reema	English Language	Rebecca	Physics Mathematics Chemistry
Shaun Fortnightly (Week 1)	Specialist EAL	Kylie	Literature Geography	Hazel	Music Chemistry Health	Simone Fortnightly (Week 1)	Accounting Business Management
		Randall	Further Methods	Sarah Fortnightly (Week 1)	Psychology Legal		

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

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