Literacy and Numeracy
Every day students in State schools are involved in two hours of literacy and one hour of numeracy. Highton is no different, and it is wonderful to walk around and see the fantastic things that are happening throughout these sessions at all levels of the school.

At Highton we believe that every child can achieve success given sufficient time and support and the identification of students who are having difficulty or excelling with literacy and numeracy learning is an essential part of our program. Any children below or significantly above their indicative year level has an Individual Learning Plan which addresses their specific needs. This Plan is generally short term (1 term), with a specific goal and includes suggestions for classroom and home activities.

End of term
This Thursday is the last day of Term One. School will end at 3.30 as normal. I would like to thank every one of you for the effort you put into making our school so special. Students, parents, community members and staff all give that bit extra to make Highton a wonderful place to live and learn.

Volunteers
Thank you to all the volunteers who came in on Tuesday for a quick refresher on confidentiality and to sign their annual agreement. All parents who work at the school need a Working With Children Card which we copy and then we also need a confidentiality form signed by each volunteer. If you have not done this please pop in and see me as it only takes a few minutes to complete and it is important to keep all our children safe and secure at school.

Riding Bikes or Scooters:
To ride a bike or scooter safely children need the following:
Knowledge: Road laws and correct helmet fit and adjustment.
Skills: Scanning, Slow riding, Braking, Riding in a straight line, Single file and paired riding.
Simulations: Driveway ride outs, Negotiating intersections, avoiding hazards or pedestrians.

Parents ultimately make the decision about when their child is likely to be safe on their bike or scooter. We do however, ask that any child riding to school has a properly fitted helmet and does not ride in the school or car park. This is for the safety of all concerned.

Holidays
I hope you all have a lovely safe Easter holiday break and return to school fit and ready on April 27th

Have a great holiday break.
Tessa Calder
For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **DOC Football Academy** will be running a two day holiday camp during the school holidays. At Kardinia International College. on 11th – 12th April 2011 from 9.30am – 3.30pm Cost: $150.00 (includes: lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, fruit, trophies, plus loads of prizes) To register email to: doc@docfootballacademy.com or call David on 0402 520 888

- **Barwon Soccer Club**—for boys and girls aged 4 to 18 give us a call on 52416601 / 52445013 or Michael on 0411659281 Website: [www.barwonsoccerclub.com](http://www.barwonsoccerclub.com)

- **St Mary’s Auskick** - Sessions will be held on Friday nights from 5-6pm. Registration night and season kick off is Friday 29th April 5-6pm. Register and pay online at www.afl.auskick.com.au - select St Mary’s (Geelong). After you register online please print out and keep your receipt. Any enquiries contact Christeen Brice 0425 873 887 (coordinator).

- **Yoga** In the school hall, Mondays nights from 6 PM –7 PM. Mention this ad for one free introductory class from Monique who is a Master Yoga Teacher. Contact Monique on 0449976328


- **Drumming Basics**—Bruce Corrin. Ph-0423 788 001 or email me at drummingbasics@gmail.com

- **CFA VOLUNTEERS**—Are you interested in becoming a volunteer with the CFA. We have expression of interest forms available from the office for anyone interested in supporting your community. If you are interested in learning more about brigades in your area phone Jacquie Chapman 0407459975 or Sandra McNicol 0419328169

- **Geelong Art Society**—School Holiday Program Tuesday 12th April - Phone 52231825

- **Karlene Georgiadis Naturopath specialising in Autism Spectrum Disorder**

  Please follow the link to find out more [www.karlenegeorgiadis.com.au](http://www.karlenegeorgiadis.com.au)

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**We Need Books**

Our Vice School Captains are organising a classroom library for the senior building. We need donations of books suitable for children in grade Prep-6. These could be fiction or non-fiction books, or magazines eg K-Zone. Please bring them to the bubble room, which the round room to the left of the main door in the senior building. We would appreciate this ASAP. Thank you, Matthew and Debby

**Mother’s Day Chocolates**

We are looking for volunteers to help make Chocolates for Mothers Day on May 4th, please leave your name with Gaylene or Lyn in the office.

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### For your Calendar

**April**

- Thurs 7th: Last day of Term One
- Fri 8th: **Curriculum day**—No students at school
- Wed 27th: Term Two Commences
- Thurs 28th: Mother’s Day meeting 2.30 - Staffroom

**May**

- Wed 4th: Mother’s Day chocolate making
- Fri 6th: Mother’s Day stall
- Sun 29th: Working Bee

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### Week commencing Wed 27th April

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- 9.00– 11.30
- Aleisha Johnson
- 11.30-1.45
- Louise Jarvis

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

- Sue Jirik
To the very special Highton community we would like to express our sincere thanks for all your well wishes for our wedding. We had a lovely day everything was perfect, even the weather was kind to us. We were deeply touched by the generosity and kindness of the Highton families and a special thanks goes to the 'wedding fairies' who just seemed to pop up when I was least expecting them. The beautiful gifts took prime position on our wedding table so you were all in our thoughts.

To the staff, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and friendship over the years and for helping us celebrate our very special day.

To Mrs. Curtis-Short, Mrs Macrae and the lovely preps thank you very very much for making last week truly memorable and spoiling me with your kindness. I especially enjoyed my rehearsal at assembly with all 19 page boys and 16 flower girls and my wonderful send off you made me feel so loved.
Marie & Daryl
**Math News**

The key to solving math word problems is to have a plan or strategy, which works in any math word problem solving situation. For children having problems with math word problems, the steps I am including each week are provided for helping children become good problem solvers.

Here are the next two steps:

- Look for clues to determine which math operation is needed to solve the problem, for example addition, subtraction, etc. Look for key words like sum, difference, product, perimeter, area, etc. They lead to the operation needed to solve the problem.
- Look for what is needed solve the problem, for example: how many will are left, the total will be, everyone gets red, everyone

Last week’s answer:  
1. = 6 minutes  
2. = 6 Monkeys

**Food for thought:**

What assumptions are made in arriving at the solution? Does one assume that 6 monkeys take 1 minute to eat 1 banana and that all bananas are consumed at the same pace? Or does one assume that 1 monkey takes 6 minutes to eat 1 banana and that all monkeys eat at the same pace?

**PYP**

The PYP framework—Transdisciplinary theme—*Where we are in place and time.*

An inquiry into:

- orientation in place and time
- personal histories
- homes and journeys
- the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind
- the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

**Student Awards**

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Poetry Competition

Liam entered a poetry competition, this is his entry.

What I wish the world would do!
By Liam Dempsey
Why did the world have to be this way?
Wasn’t it supposed to be peaceful?
We really need to put it right
Come on, help me people!
People need to be a little bit greener
Instead of sitting on the couch, getting fat
Turning off light bulbs when you don’t need them
Recycling cans, stuff like that
Put in a donation for a good cause
World hunger, flood relief, you know what I mean
The world needs to be a better place
Come on, this is the year to be green!
Well, I’ve said what I want to say
This is what I hope the world will do
I hope everyone will be this way
I hope you believe that this is true!

Mother’s Day

A meeting to organise the brilliant Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday April 28th at 2.30 in the staffroom. All welcome.
We will also be looking for volunteers to help sell on the stall on Friday May 6th. If you can assist on the day for any time please leave your name at the office.

Wanted

Cubby house to be used in our new chook enclosure (soon to be built). If you have an old cubby collecting cobwebs or taking up valuable space in your garden – we would be interested in recycling it as the new palace for our chooks. Take a photo of the cubby and send it into school, with your name and an address on the back. As a reduce, reuse and recycle school, we are keen to model this behaviour and show students what can be recycled/achieved. Thanks Carly Stafford

Tennis Clinic

School Holiday Tennis Clinic at Wandana Heights Tennis Club. on April 18th, 19th and 20th that a cost of $50 Enquiries please phone Tony Bushfield on 0408524898 or 52440040
The Active After-school Communities Program is an Australian Government funded initiative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for your children. The program runs for 7 weeks each term, is FREE and students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack.

**Term 2 programs!!!**

**Mondays - Multi Sport.**
(skills for netball/basketball)
Presenter: Carolyn Hall
and Garrison Grigg
Start 9th May
End 27th June
3:30 - 4:45

**Tuesdays - Circus/Fun**
Presenter: Bronwyn and Joe from Kids Place Circus School
Start 10th May
End 21st June
3:30 - 4:45

Term 2 is not far away so if you would like to join our program please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. Children in all grade levels are welcome to join in either/both sessions.

On Mondays we will play games involving skills needed for netball or basketball. We will try to have a mini netball or basketball game on some sessions.

On Tuesdays we will have the circus school again. Preference will be given to those children who did not get a spot this term however please put your name down if you would like to join in for a second time and I will allocate any remaining spots on a first basis.

All children need to be marked off my roll before they leave so that I know an adult has picked them up and they have not just wandered off. Please make sure that you let me know if you take them early. Or if they will not be attending on a particular night then either text me 0407 826504 or let the office know.

Thanks
Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

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**Active After-school Communities Program – Child Expression of Interest Form**

I would like my child/children _________________________________ to participate in the AASC program on Monday Tuesday afternoons (please circle).

Parent/Guardian (full name): ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________

Emergency contact no. ________________________________

☐ My child will walk/ride home at the end of the program.