Mothers Day
Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful mums and grandmas! Just a quick reminder that Parents Club will be running a wonderful Mothers Day stall this Friday at school.

Compliments
It has been lovely to hear some great compliments about the our students and staff. A Principal of another local school rang to tell me how impressed he was by a child from Highton who took the time to return an electric guitar that had been left outside at his school. A delivery man commented on how good it was to deliver to a school office where everyone seems so happy. AND a number of parents who have been on school tours have commented on the respectful way our staff treat the students. Thank you to everyone for your part in making this such a great place to learn.

Curriculum
We use many sources of information to inform teacher practice at Highton PS. These include various forms of assessment, feedback and surveys. One of the most publicised forms of assessment, NAPLAN, will involve our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students from May 10 –12th. These tests provide a snapshot of the Numeracy and Literacy skills of all students across Australia in Years 3,5,7 and 9. These tests are one measure of a student’s performance in a designated testing format at a set moment of time. These tests do not necessarily measure all the skills or full potential of all students. They do however give us as teachers an indication of the areas we need to place more emphasis on in our teaching, and the types of learning opportunities we need to present. To further inform us in this regard, we also conduct a number of surveys during the course of the year that include responses from students, staff and parents. The Grade 5 and 6 students will shortly be involved in the ‘Attitudes to School Survey,’ which informs us in the design of work units, the learning preferences of our students, their feelings on connectedness to peers, student safety and their general well-being. The school takes this information very seriously and respects the ‘voice’ and opinions of our pupils, parents and teachers.

Have a great week. Tessa Calder

Highton Primary School Vision
As an IB World School, with strong community partnerships, we commit to excellence and the development of principled, compassionate, lifelong learners, who know they can take action to make a difference to our world.

Highton Primary School is an International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme.
For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **Study 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
- **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)
- **AFL Victoria**, alongside local community football leagues, will establish up to five new junior football competitions for girls only. We are seeking over 400 girls aged 9-12 to participate in competitions beginning in 2011. Girls (or their parents) who are interested can register by clicking on the image below or by going to - [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AFLVu12girls](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AFLVu12girls)
- **Barwon Miniroos is here!** Basic soccer skills, activities and a small-sided game all on the one night. Aimed at boys and girls aged 4-6 $90 per child includes a backpack, training shirt, size 3 soccer ball, drink bottle and shin pads. Places limited. Thursday 5th May to Thurs 30th June 4:30 - 5:30 Or Thurs 21st July to Thursday 15th September 4:30 - 5:30
- **GROVEDALE COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING** for parents of students entering Year 7 in 2012 Thursday 19 May 2011, 6:00pm Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend the Grovedale College Information Evening beginning at 6:00pm with a sausage sizzle and a display of students’ work. Guests are able to tour the College in small conducted tours during this time. For further information please contact:- Davin Reid, Assistant Principal on 5245 4545 Formal activities commence at 7:00pm
- **Geelong Animal Welfare Society** You can sing for the animals. Groups for 5-7 yr olds, 8-10 yr olds and 11-18 yr olds and adults. Come and lend your voice to a worthy cause
  For more information email us at: geelongyoutchoir@ymail.com or contact 0431981652
- **Bunnings**—Thursday May 5th. Mum and kids night . Face painting, come along and make a gift for mum. See Dan the magic man and workshop for mum. Booking Essential—52448200

### Sports Equipment

We have finally received all the sports equipment from the Coles—Sport for schools Programme. Some of the gear has gone to student sports baskets for student use at recess and lunch times, and some is being used in P.E. and sports classes. We are very grateful to all the families who supported this program by bringing in the vouchers.

Equipment received was-

- Play balls—in a variety of sizes
  - AFL footballs
  - Gator skin balls— for indoor use
  - Set of sof-cross sticks
  - Netballs
  - Bucket of rubber chickens for throwing
- Down balls
- Basketballs
- Soccer balls
- Waffle bats
- Catch cones

### For your Calendar

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### Week commencing 9th May

**CAibase ROSTER**

- Sarah Forssman 9.00– 11.30
- Chris Jackman 11.30-1.45

**Sickbay ROSTER**

- Aleisha Knight
Active After-school Communities Program

INFORMATION FOR HIGHTON P.S. PARENTS

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

We start on Monday May 9th. If you put your name down for the program, you are in. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you can not attend a session please let Mrs Hall know by text on 0407826504.

Entertainment Books

A reminder to all families that you need to return or pay for your Entertainment Books as soon as possible, there is no obligation to purchase the book. Please make your payments of $55 to Lyn or Gaylene in the school office. Thank you to all families who have already done this, if you require more books there are more books available form the office.

Student Awards

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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 three steps:
Use variable symbols, such as “X” for missing information.
Eliminate all non-essential information by drawing a line through distracting information.
Draw sketches, drawings, and models to see the problem.
A visual representation of a problem can be a great way for the problem solver to ‘see’ a start, clue to solving the problem or even the answer. It enables visual learners to access the problem at another level, sometimes just the drawing of the problem is enough for problem solvers to see the answer/path.

PYP

An inquiry into:

- the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values
- the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity
- our appreciation of the aesthetic.

Sewing Group

Our Craft Connections group are just about to start quilting and would love any donations of fabric to use for their creations. Also if you are quite handy with a needle and thread and have some spare time, we would love to benefit from your skills and assist our students in creating their masterpieces!
Thank you Carly.

Cubby Hut 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
**Play Time Equipment**

We now have a great collection of sports equipment for play, and to keep this all students need to remember to return whatever they have borrowed at the end of recess/lunch times.

**Reminder**

The **Mother’s Day Stall** will be held for all classes on **Friday, 6th May 2011**. A list of all goods available is included with this newsletter. Items as usual range from 20 cents to $5.00. The stall will be open after assembly for all those wishing to purchase any extra goodies.

**Reminder**

A big **THANK YOU** to **MR LINDSAY DIBBIN** for donating the beads for the bracelets and necklaces for our stall. With some added touches these pieces of jewellery look beautiful.

**Sellers Needed**

Our **Mother’s Day Stall** will be held for all classes on **Friday, 6th May 2011**. Would anyone interested in helping out on the stall at any time during the day, please see leave their name with Lyn or Gaylene in the office so a **roster** can be done. Thank you.

**Donor Thanks**

Our Mother’s Day helpers group would like to thank the following companies for their support of our stall. Without their help our stall would not be such a great success. **THANK YOU** to:

- **OPI** for the lip glosses
- **Feel Good Australia** for the **Planet Earth** Hand Creams and Body Butters
- **Mirenesse Cosmetiques Australia** for the facial products
- **Nude by Nature** for the eye palettes
- **Seedsticks** for the flower seeds

**Thank You Families**

A massive thank you also to those **parents and grandparents** who provided **hand made/knitted** goods for the stall. We are so grateful to receive these goods and this is what our stall is all about. Thank you again so very much.

**Basketball**

We are desperately seeking players for our Year 3-4 Thursday Basketball team, if you or a friend( Not necessarily from Highton PS) would like to play, please see Mrs Hall or contact the school office. No experience necessary,
Our House Cross Country was held at Barwon Valley Running Track in the last week of term 1. Students from year 3-6 participated in the course and should all be congratulated for their effort and enthusiasm. As well as the great running we had 4 fantastic house chants. We have a team of 40 students who will be representing H.P.S. at the District Cross Country on Friday 6th May at Barwon Valley. Good luck to all students. Thank you to the many parents who helped at the House Cross Country, with bike riding, course supervision and encouragement. If anyone is available to help on Friday 6th May 12.30—3 PM please see Sue Jirik or leave your name at the office.
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<td>mums caps, footsies (‘feather’ wool slippers with soft sole), eco ceramic cups (reusable), cosmetic purse – Planet Earth body moisturiser/loofah/soap, cosmetic purse – Planet Earth hand cream/emery board/bath fizzer/soap, cosmetic purse – OPI lip gloss/Nude by Nature eye palette/soap, Mirenesse gift bag – power lift + mousse mask, wooden tray with 3 tea light candles</td>
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This is a guide to the items that will be available on our stall. Please note that because of the quantities available, NOT all items will be available for each class.