Thank You
We had a very successful Mothers Day stall on Friday thanks to Maxine Eaton and her band of willing helpers. It was lovely to see the children’s pride in choosing something special for their Mum or Special Person at the stall. This stall is not a fundraiser but is run as a part of our community focus.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who ran in the District Cross Country on Friday. It was great to hear about your sportsmanship and care for each other on the day. Good luck to those students who have been selected to move on to the Bellarine District run which will take place in Eastern Gardens on June 7th.

Student Learning
At Highton we place strong emphasis on effective student learning through our IB Primary Years Program and we take great care to address the needs of all individuals. As such, all teachers attend a range of Professional Learning activities and participate weekly in formal professional learning at school. This evening all teaching staff will be working with a Numeracy Specialist, Andrea Hillbrick on developing a more individualised numeracy program.

This year we have given staff specific leadership roles throughout the school to both support and extend students and staff in all areas of the school curriculum. It has been great to see every teacher taking on a real leadership role and encouraging professional growth across the school. Our leaders are: Lisa Pecchiari and Jane Stewart – Literacy, Marie Diaz and Lauren Koerner Numeracy, Jenni Garland and Elisabeth Curtis Short IB, Elisa Carroll Technology, Rebecca Slaven Performing Arts, David Kehler Science, Ann Henzgen Visual Arts, Sue Jirik PE and Carlo de Mori Italian.

Have a great week.
Tessa Calder
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

- **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

- **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

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

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For your Calendar

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Entertainment Books

A reminder to all families that you need to return or pay for your Entertainment Books now. 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 they are available from the office.

Book Fair

Highton Primary School will be holding its annual Book Fair from Wednesday 1st June until Friday 3rd June. A percentage of all sales from the Book Fair allows us to purchase new books for our school library. We will be needing parent volunteers to help setup, work during the opening hours of the book fair and then pack up. If you can help please leave your name and contact details at the office. Without assistance we cannot run this event and make it a success for the students.

Mother’s Day Thank You

Our Mother’s Day Stall was a great success again this year and we would personally like to say a BIG thank you all those who offered their support by making goods, coming to meetings and helping out on the day.
A very big thank you also to OPI cosmetics for their lip glosses, Nude by Nature for their eye palettes, Planet Earth for their hand/body creams, Mirenesse for their facial products, and Seedsticks who supported our stall, their contribution was greatly appreciated.
Thank you also to Lyn and Gaylene for your time and patience.
*Please note: if there is anyone still wishing to purchase any leftover items, please put a note with your request (name and contact number) in an envelope and leave it with the ladies in the office before 20th May 2011. Also if anyone has any comments on the stall/gifts, you can also leave your note at the office.*

Student Awards

| PRC  | Noah Griffin  |
| PRD  | Sam Taylor    |
| JKS  | Josh Cartwright |
| JRC  | Claire Brodie |
| JRP  | Alex Moorfoot |
| MDK  | Emily Bell    |
| MDR  | Sophia Jeffreys |
| MDS  | Maddy Doyle, Christian Mahon |
| SNG  |              |
| SNK  | Thomas Bennett |
Math News

Mathematics – Word Problems
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:

- Is the word problem similar to a previous work, if so how was it solved.
- Develop a plan based on the information determined to be important for solving the problem.
- Carry out the plan using the math operations which were determined would find the answer.

The object of this activity is to find the sum of the first 25 odd counting numbers. One way is to add 1 + 3 + 5...continuing until you have added the first 25 odd numbers. However, this is too much work for the problem. Look for patterns and combinations to find a much easier way to solve this. Apply what you have learned from this problem and find the sum of the first 25 even counting numbers.

PYP

An inquiry into:

- the natural world and its laws
- the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies
- how humans use their understanding of scientific principles
- the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

Channel 31 News

The Gr 5/6s had Noel Fanning, the producer of News Geelong for Channel 31, come to talk to them about filming. He was so impressed by their Short Film projects he is sending out Larni and the weather crew to film with the kids. So make sure you watch Channel 31, 44 digital, on Friday 13th at 6.30pm.

Little Penguins Burrows Grant

Phillip Island were thrilled with our DVD of Highton Primary and have sent some goodies to say thank-you. We have two DVDs about penguins and the Phillip Island habitat for the library. The Penguin Foundation has made us honorary Bronze Class Adopters. So we’ve been sent a soft toy penguin, wearing a cute little hand knitted jumper. They use these jumpers to help save penguins who have been affected by oil spills. If anyone would like to help out and knit a jumper for a penguin we have a copy of the pattern at the office.

Each of the six children who made the DVD have been given family passes to the 3 parks on Phillip Island, worth $92.50 each. We have also been given two of the same family passes to use for fundraising purposes. If anyone would like to buy these from the school we are asking just $40 each, they’re valid until 11.11.11. Available at the office on a first-in basis.