Student Attendance
Hard to believe that we are close to the half way mark of the year and our teachers are starting to write June reports. An important part of the report is the information about student absences – important because the number of days absent has a direct impact on academic performance and results. Frequent absences also put a child’s confidence and friendship networks at risk. At the bottom of your child’s report will be the number of absences for the first 80 days of school to June 1st. Missing more than 10% of their schooling or 8 full days by this time of year may have an impact on your child’s learning. This can result from regular late arrival or from days away from school. We have recently been informed that all absences need to be explained by a signed note, so a form will be coming home with children in the next week asking for you to let us know the reason for any absences to date. In future if your child is away from school for any reason at all please can you send a signed note to school when they return.

Prep 2012
We have a very strong Prep enrolment for 2012 and I am still busy showing prospective families around the school. When showing people around it is lovely to hear the positive comments about the calm and productive atmosphere in our classrooms; this is a credit to the whole school community. If you know of anyone living in the area and wanting to enrol their child in Prep at Highton next year please encourage them to enrol soon.

Road Safety
I have been asked to mention three aspects of road safety near the school. Please take care when exiting the car park where it is a left turn only, please avoid making u-turns in Roslyn Rd near the school crossing and please set a good example and only cross Roslyn Rd at the crossing. I am noting these concerns in the interest of student safety. On a more positive note I would like to commend all parents on the smooth running of the pick-up zone this year.

Working Bee
Just a friendly reminder that we rely totally on our community to keep our grounds looking so beautiful and we have a working bee this weekend. If you are rostered on (all families with surnames starting from Do—Jo )we hope to see you there; or feel free to contact me and find a job that can be done at another time. We also welcome all members of our community to all working bees. There will be a delicious sausage sizzle to feed all participants!

Computers
FINALLY! We have the computers up and running in our MMC. Thank you to all the children and teachers who have been so patient in waiting for this to happen. We look forward to seeing a rush of new learning both in class time and at lunchtimes through the use of this great resource

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

- **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
- **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
- **Geelong Indoor Sports**— Kids Parties Cricket, footy, netball, dodge ball, poison ball, soccer and more. You bring the cake we do the rest. ph 52221822 or visit www.geelongindoorsports.com.au
- **Winter Futsal League**— Grade 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 Friday afternoons from 4.30 MORE INFO ngeary@geelongcity.vic.gov.au
- **Loved Auskick**—Girls aged 9-12 www.youthgirls.aflvic.com.au

**React Short Film Festival Workshop**

Tuesday 24th Thomas, Georgia, Ms Bennett and I went to the React Short Film Festival workshop at Grovedale Collage. It was on all day. We were representing the Gr 5/6s from Highton Primary and plan to share our knowledge with the other students. It was a great day and we learnt a lot.

By Denby Taylor

**Little Penguin Burrow 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.

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### For your Calendar

**May**

- Sun 29th  Working Bee

**June**

- Mon 20th  School Council  7 PM

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### Week commencing 30th May

**Canteen Roster**

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**Sickbay Roster**

- Ruth McKinnon
**Book Fair Next Week**

Our annual Book Fair will be open next week from Wednesday 1st June until Friday 3rd June, in the ART ROOM. The opening times are 8.30am – 9.30am & 3.15pm – 4.15pm daily. Please support the school library and come along. All sales earn our school a commission that allows us to purchase new books for the library. We are still in desperate need of volunteers during Wednesday and Thursday opening times. Please leave your name at the office if you can help. Hope to see you there.

**Canteen News**

Due to the price of bananas at the moment, they will no longer be available from the canteen until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Tonya Trott

**Working Bee**

A reminder that we are having a Working Bee at school this Sunday May 29th. We do have families rostered on to help, however if you can spare some time and are able to come along to give assistance to help keep our school looking great please do so. The more hands the quicker we work and the more we achieve.

**Road Safety**

A reminder to all families that the school grounds are a no vehicle zone.

If you wish to drop off students please use the car park area and drop in front of the hall.

There is no right turn from the car park at any time.

**Student Awards**

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Math News

Mathematics – Word Problems
How did you go with last week’s problem? Here’s the answer:

1) \[9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1 = 99\] \(\rightarrow\) 7 addition signs.

2) \[9+8+7+6+5+43+21 = 99\] \(\rightarrow\) 6 addition signs.

This one you will need to draw a clock and try different possibilities

Divide the face of the clock into three parts with two lines so that the sum of
the numbers in the three parts are equal.

PYP News

PYP
The PYP framework—Transdisciplinary theme—*Sharing the planet.*

An inquiry into:

- rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people, and with other living things
- communities and the relationships within and between them
- access to equal opportunities
- peace and conflict resolution.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

“PARK SMART”

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES IN THE BELMONT, HIGHTON & GROVEDALE AREAS
Have escalated in recent weeks.

DON’T BECOME A VICTIM!
“LOCK IT, REMOVE IT or LOSE IT”

Do Not Leave Valuables On View In Your Vehicle!
Remove GPS, Mobile Phones, IPods, Laptop, CD’s, Money, Bags, Tools, Sunglasses, Sporting Gear, etc.

Lock Your Vehicle Always Remember To Even If It Is In your Driveway!

DO NOT Place Items In Your Boot, Console or Under Your Front Seat.

Report Any Suspicious Incidents to Police on 000

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Creating Safer Communities