Assembly
Thank you to our wonderful circus performers for their presentation on Friday at assembly. I know it made the assembly run over time but I am sure you would agree that the students presented a wonderful performance. We value our student led assemblies and it is great to see the children having the confidence to present their achievements to the school community. I am sorry for any problems caused by the late assembly and please feel assured that at any time you can pop in and collect a child from assembly if you are in a hurry or just want to get away on time.

Student Attendance
On every student report we list the number of days your child has been absent or late to school during the course of the semester. One of the reasons we do this, is for parents to reflect on the actual amount of ‘learning time’ their child has missed out on. We are well aware that some absences cannot be prevented, but it is the avoidable lateness and absence we are concerned with. Essentially, if your child misses between 7 and 10 days of schooling each semester, this equates to over a full year of schooling between Prep and Year 10. Late arrival is also a big learning issue as important learning takes place right from 9.00am and the whole class is interrupted when the teacher needs to re-explain to late children. So please remember, ‘it’s not okay to be late or away!’

Second Copy of Reports
We are updating our records and we need families to inform us if they need a second copy of their child’s school report to be posted to a parent at an alternative address. If we do not hear otherwise, a single copy of the report will be sent home in a sealed envelope on Wednesday June 29th. All parents are entitled to a copy of their child’s report, but we do need to have a current address to send it to or alternatively you can ask for it to be printed and kept at the office for collection after June 29th.

Teachers
Did you know that research indicates that, outside the home environment, teachers are the most powerful influence on primary student achievement at school? Other factors include environment, student intelligence, curriculum, security and support.

At Highton we have enthusiastic and knowledgeable teachers
The enthusiasm that abounds within the classrooms as both teachers and students inquire into all aspects of their learning is exciting to witness. Divergent thinking is encouraged through student questioning, teaching of specific thinking skills and the use of exciting ideas to stimulate new ones. The concepts studied within the units of inquiry lead to deep understandings.

Every teacher has a genuine concern and interest in each student’s development
Through encouragement and scaffolding of learning, targeting of student needs and the recognition of success, students gain both understanding and self esteem - important to the learning process. Our teachers’ genuine interest in each student’s personalized learning and their targeted class activities which underpin the values of the PYP learner profile and attitudes make an ongoing difference to the development of the whole child - academic, social and emotional.

Have a great week
Tessa Calder
**Shopping Tour**

The Highton PS annual shopping tour is booked, and it is being held on Saturday October 29th. The cost will be approximately $55 per head which includes a great day out, restaurant lunch and morning tea. Shopping with no parking worries. WOW! Put it on your calendar now.

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**Parents Club Meetings**

Please note that all Parents Club Meetings for the remainder of 2011 will be held at 9am in the staffroom. Everybody welcome. Dates are: 29th June, 3rd August, 29th September, 12th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

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**Absentee Letter**

Many students will be receiving absence letters this week from Ms Calder. This letter is for parents to fill in and sign for any unexplained absences. You may have notified us of your child’s absence by phone, however we also require a hard copy for our files, absence notes are available from the office or on the school website. If you have sent a note in your child’s diary please indicate this on the note and we will follow up with your child's teacher. Please fill in the notice, sign and return to the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Chocolate Drive**

Boxes of chocolates will be going home to families shortly. Please help raise much needed funds for our students by supporting this fundraising effort. All money is to be returned to the school office.

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**Head Lice**

It is that time of year again, and we have had reported cases of head lice in our school. We ask that all parents regularly check their children’s hair and treat accord-

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**Congratulations**

Felix Will has been selected to represent Victoria in the Under 12 State Inline Hockey Squad. Well done and congratulations Felix.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 20th June**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

9am-11.30am
Jocelyn Mackay
11.30am-1.45pm
Bernadette Stevenson

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

Louisa Sanghera
Community News

For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **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.aflvict.com.au
- **Fun 4 Kids Festival**— Australia’s Best Children’s Festival. July 3—July 10 Warrnambool. For more info go to www.fun4kids.com.au or ticket sales phone [03] 55624044
- **Aussie Rules Academy Program**— During the school holidays an Aussie Rules program will be held for 10-14 year olds. July 4th—6th at The Geelong College Preparatory School
- **Hanbury Centre Launch into Sports**— for 6-15 year olds, Aussie Rules Football, Netball, Soccer, Basketball, Dance and All Sports/Circus Skills there is a total of 10 days to choose from! 9:30am until 4pm with a half-hour break for lunch and a swim. For session times and further information contact Kelly Craven on 5273 9893, or email kcraven@ggs.vic.edu.au, or download information/form at www.ggs.vic.edu.au/HandburyCentre
- **GMHBA— Child Health and Well Being Seminar**— Thurs June 16th 6-7 Registration and showcase 7–8.45 Seminar at the Sheraton Four Points in the Peninsula room Free to GMHBA members and a friend RSVP Bevlee Reynolds on 5202 8740 or bevleereynolds@gmhba.com.au Places are limited so registration is essential
- **YMCA Vacation Care Program**— July 4-15th for Prep—Grade 5. Register at YMCA Newtown Fri 17th June at 5.30-7pm or Saturday 18th June from 9am-12pm. Registrations close 24th June. For further information contact Kimberley Maher at YMCA on 5223 2714 or email kimberley.maher@ymca.org.au
- **Kung Fu Panda Holiday Program**— From beginner martial arts and Chinese Kung Fu movements as well as circus activities, fun and games Tues 5th—12th July, 1/2 day enrolments available. 10.30—1 pm Kung Fu Panda fun and 1.30—4 pm Circus fun activities Ph 52428458 or www.kidsplace.com.au

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**Student Awards**

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Math News

How did you go with last week’s problem? Arrange the numbers 1 through 9 on a tic tac toe board such that the numbers in each row, column, and diagonal add up to 15.
4, 3, 8,
9, 5, 1,
2, 7, 6,

I have had many people comment on how much they enjoy working on the maths challenges and have come to me with their own maths problems and puzzles to do. If you have a maths problem or puzzle you would like to put in our newsletter to challenge our school community, please drop the problem or puzzle into the office, with your name, grade and the answer and I will start including them in next week.

PYP News

Assessment in the PYP—Teachers identify the learning outcomes and design appropriate assessment tasks to provide evidence of student learning.

Teachers also take into account the diverse, complicated and sophisticated ways that individual students use to develop and demonstrate their understanding.

The prime objective of assessing students’ learning and performance is to give feedback to:

- students—to encourage the start of lifelong learning
- teachers—to support their reflection on what to teach and how to teach it
- parents—to highlight their child’s learning and development.