End of Term
This Friday is the end of Term Two. It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year already! Next term promises to be very busy with the concert, student led conferences and lots of learning planned. School finishes at 2.30 this Friday after a 2.00pm assembly. We return to school on July 18th. I wish you all a very happy holiday.
I will be on leave for the first two weeks of next term and Carly Stafford will be in charge. Jane Stewart will cover Carly’s teaching role and have some time to settle Louise Thacker into her 3-4 class. David Kehler will be acting Assistant Principal as well as teaching his class. I am sure this will be a very smooth start to the term for all of our students.

Ultranet
Next term we have been very lucky to get a weekly booking with Erin Weightman our Ultranet coach.
Erin will be working with staff and students to support them in their teaching and learning through use of internet technology.
We look forward to seeing all the great things that will be happening in classrooms.

Busking Day
Don’t forget that tomorrow is our Junior School Council fundraiser for the Jirrahlinga Animal Refuge in Barwon Heads. This was suggested by Emily Davidson one of our younger students who saw a need and decided to take action.

Student Learning
This is an ongoing improvement focus area for all staff. As a school leader, I continually work with staff to assess the knowledge and skills they require to deepen and enhance student learning. As such all staff reflect on their practice and continually strive for improved student outcomes. Recently we have been working on our commitment to provide intellectually challenging and stimulating tasks for all students in the classroom and this is also an area that you can develop in the home environment.
When interacting with your children, try and steer away from questions that might generate “one word” answers. Instead, use prompts such as; “Can you explain……,” or, “What do you think will happen if…..” or, “Why do you think…..?” This will encourage your child to think more about their thought processes (metacognitive aspects), the reasons they might be learning or doing something, or their general decisions and actions. Talking about learning is a very important part of actually learning!

Thank You
I would like to thank all our students, staff and parents for their part in making this such a great place to learn and develop.

Have a fantastic safe school break
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.

Student Disco

A student disco is being organised by Parent’s Club for the evening of Friday July 29th. Mark the night in your calendar now.

The disco is run in two sessions, a Prep to Year 2 group followed by the Year 3 to Year 6. The cost per child will be $5 each. We will be seeking parental assistance on the night. If you will be available to help “chaperone” the event please leave your name at the office.

Congratulations Highton Primary School

Winners of the World Environment Day Competition

Highton Primary School entered a DVD showcasing all the great environmental initiatives that are going on at our school. We are thrilled to announce that we were successful in winning a Flip Mino Camcorder for the school. The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority wrote “Keep up the good work in your environmental endeavours – it’s great to see such positive actions taking place in your schoolyard”. A big thank-you to Nicole and Mark Griffin for putting the DVD together and to all the children who starred in it!

Chocolate Drive

Many thanks to all who helped pick, sort, pack, label and distribute the chocolates for our chocolate drive. All your time and effort is appreciated by the Highton School community. A reminder all money is due to the school office by Friday July 22nd. $48 per box.

So get selling those fantastic $1 chocolate bars over the term holidays and support your school fundraising efforts.

For your Calendar

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Last day of Term 2   **FINISH 2.30 pm**  School Disco— in the hall
House Athletics

Week commencing 18th August

CANTEEN ROSTER
9am-11.30am
Sue Al Murieb
11.30am-1.45pm
Sarah Forssman

SICKBAY ROSTER
Helen Perry
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
- **Fun 4 Kids Festival**— Australia’s Best Children’s Festival. July 3—July 10 Warmambool. 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
- **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
- **Aussie Hoops**—Introduction to basketball, 8 week program $65 - includes coaching, certificate, insurance, backpack, t-shirt, basketball & drink bottle. Session times Wednesday (4:10pm to 4:55pm) @ The Geelong Arena - Starts 27th July Thursdays (4:10pm to 4:55pm) @ Clairvaux School Hall - Starts 28th July Saturdays (9:30am to 10:15am) @ The Geelong Arena, - Starts 30th July. Register by phone 5277 1388 or Cortney@basketballgeelong.com.au

### School Holiday Tennis Clinic

At Wandana Heights Tennis Club
Phone Tony Brushfield on 52440040 or 0408524898

### Student Awards

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School Council President’s Update

School Council met on the evening of 20 June, and we kicked off with students from 5/6 presenting their learning about their Ancient Civilizations. Once again we were treated to a wealth of information and the effort the students put into their ancient artefacts and presentations to secure a place in the Highton Museum was impressive.

Starting last year and over the past few meetings we have discussed the best way to distribute the newsletter to the school community. The new school website enables us to assess the effectiveness of the online newsletter and given the website statistics we are quite sure that the majority of families are accessing the newsletter via the website each week. Several families continue to collect a paper copy from the office.

The excursions we reviewed were all sports based, including Girls Football and House and District Athletics. We focussed on the IT Acceptable Use Policy which is increasingly important in an increasingly ‘online’ world.

The school environment continues to improve and many thanks to everyone that helped out at the Working Bee. There was a lot achieved inside and out, and we managed to complete everything on the Environment Committee list for the day. A great result.

We also discussed the upcoming renovations for the establishment of the Autism Inclusion Unit. This will be a wonderful resource not only for our school, but also for our school Region given it’s primary purpose is to enable other schools to learn how to incorporate autistic students in mainstream schools, just like ours does. It’s a credit to our past and present teachers and staff who have been recognised for excellence in this field by way of the grant to establish the unit. They will be able to teach the methods to other educators within the facility. So the next time you hear of someone who has been told “We are unable to cater for your (autistic) child” suggest to them that maybe that school should equip itself to be more inclusive. We are here to help those schools.

Parents’ Club continues to do great things in the community and in fundraising. Please ‘join the club’ if you can. The team is always looking for new people, perspectives and ideas.

My number is on the first page should you wish to discuss anything with me.
Mark Nicholls.

House Athletics

Reminder that House Athletics (for years 3 –6) is on Tuesday 19th July. Any parent who is able to assist throughout the day please leave your name at the office.
Math News

Last week’s problem

Mrs. Puglisi’s third graders visited the park nature centre to see the tadpoles and frogs. Here’s one way you could have answered last week’s question:

- Draw a square on a piece of paper.
- Check the denominator of the fraction to see how many groups are needed. Divide the square into that many identical parts.
- Makes dots or tally marks in each section, as above, dividing the total number of objects evenly among the groups.
- Check the numerator of the fraction to see how many groups you must label for the answer.

Here are some websites to have a look at during you break:

- www.vickiebmath.com
- www.mathwire.com
- www.easymaths.org
- www.nrich.com
- www.coolmath4kids.com

Enjoy!

Being culturally aware

I have included a range of websites in this week’s newsletter that are around cultural understanding. Most of them are interactive sites that you can go on and explore and learn about different cultures around the world. If you find anything interesting, write it down and share it with your class when you come back to school in Term 3.

http://wilderdom.com/games/MulticulturalExperientialActivities.html
http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/
http://www.africa.mrdonn.org/games.html
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/games/interactiveadventures/
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 3 programs!!!**

**Mondays - Multi Sport.**  
(skills for afl, cricket & soccer)  
Presenter: SEDA  
Start 1st August  
End 12th September  
3:30 - 4:45

**Tuesdays - Dance**  
(modern, hip hop)  
Presenter: Erin Burns  
Start 2nd August  
End 13th September  
3:30 - 4:45

If you would like to join our program please collect and complete the form from the office and return 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 AFL, cricket or soccer. On Tuesdays we will have a dance teacher coming. She can do a variety of dance and will work with the children to find styles they enjoy including some hip hop.

To help us keep the program running smoothly please be sure to let us know if your child will not be attending on a particular night. A text is fine (0407 826504) or let the office know.

This term our school has been selected to help with an evaluation of the program. A short survey is being conducted and to enable this to happen I need a different consent form signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

The survey will be conducted by phone and should only take about 15 minutes to complete. Participants are selected randomly from 300 schools across Australia so you may not even receive a call. As part of our continued funding of this program it is expected that we will assist with these types of feedback. I thank you all in anticipation for your assistance in this matter and look forward to another term of sporting fun with your children.

Thanks
Carolyn Hall  
AASC Co-ordinator