Welcome Back
Welcome back to another term at Highton. I hope you all had a wonderful break with your children and managed to stay warm.

Thank You
A special thank you to the parents and friends who came in over the holidays and worked in the school grounds. You may have noticed it is wet and muddy on the oval so please be careful when playing there.

Craft Connections
We have a group of students who were selected to be a part of a craft connections group and they have been very busy learning the many skills involved with quilting and more recently blanket making. The group have made several blankets for the homeless and will be showing these at assembly on Friday and then donating them to the organisation Concern.

Carpark
Just a reminder for when you are picking up children from the hall, that you must be in front of the hall and stopped, before the children can get in the car. We just need to make sure that our procedures are followed at all times for the safety of the children. We do try and move cars through at a safe pace.

Goodluck to the Girls Football Team
We have a group of girls heading out tomorrow to play football against other school teams. They have been training very hard and managed to all secure football boots from brothers’ friends and family.

House Athletics
This year the 3-6 House Athletics were fortunate enough to be held without a drop of rain! All houses were clearly represented in house colours and fantastic original chants. Everyone participated and had a go at all of the events, showing what great risk takers our students are. Congratulations to Mitchell for a very close win and to all of the teams who showed excellent sportsmanship and cheered all of the students on.

Diaries
Please make sure your child is bringing their diary to school everyday and home every night. Diaries are a great way to communicate with your child’s teacher and vice versa. Please check for notes and reminders which are often mislaid in school bags!

Late Arrivals
Just a reminder that is it important to have your child/ren here on time, so they don’t miss any of their learning. Morning is often an important part of the day, as teachers run through the schedule for the day and often important announcements are also given. If they are here on time they tend to also be more settled and ready to learn.

―Be yourself; everybody else is already taken‖ Oscar Wilde.

Carly Stafford

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
Shop For Your School

Both major supermarket chains are offering rewards to the school for you shopping with them. **Coles** are once again offering sport for schools vouchers in August until October. Every $10 you spend you receive a sports voucher, bring in your vouchers to the office and we can redeem them for sports equipment for the school. **Safeway/Woolworths** are now offering Earn and Learn codes. Each time you shop in store you earn a unique code. So bring in the bottom section of your docket with the unique code on it and we can redeem it for new classroom and library resources. It is currently running and will continue until September 18th.

So all the supermarket shopping can help your school receive valuable recourses for the students ask neighbours, friends and grandparents to collect for you also. Please bring all receipts/ vouchers to the office.

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.

Parent Payments

Family Statements have been sent home today with your eldest child, if you have any queries please see Lyn in the office.

Lost

Yellow House captain badge. When found please return to Lauren Seymour in SNK.

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.
Thank you for your support of school fundraising efforts.

For your Calendar

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Week commencing 25th July

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
9am-11.30am
Aleisha Knight
11.30am-1.45pm
Louise Jarvis

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
Bernadette Stevenson
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
- **Children’s Yoga**— July 26th—September 20th, St David’s Church hall Newtown. $90 term or $15 per session. Innercor Yoga is taking positive and decisive action to combat the problems our children face in society today by offering Yoga to Primary aged students. The benefits the students will acquire are physical fitness, flexibility, self worth and self esteem. Phone 5223 3117 or Email: info@innercor.com.au Web: www.innercor.com.au

Father’s Day Stall

**Father’s Day Stall: Meeting Tuesday 2.30pm 26th July 2011**

It is the start of term 3 and that is the time of the year again when we must start to think about our Father’s Day Stall. A meeting will be held in the staffroom next Tuesday 26th at 2.30pm to discuss our annual Father’s Day stall. We would really love to hear from anyone who has some ideas for gifts (e.g. plants, biscuits, craft) that would be suitable for the stall. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting and have a chat and cuppa. If you can’t attend but have some ideas, please leave any suggestions at the office and we will follow them up.

For those new parents at the school, Parent’s Club hold a Father’s Day stall for the children each year. The stall enables the children (class by class) to shop and makes them feel proud that they have played a big part in choosing a gift or two for their ‘Dad’. Most items on the stall are priced from 50 cents to $5.00.

Thank you.

**EMA Second Semester closes 8th August**

If you are the holder of a current Health Care Card and haven’t filled in the Education Maintenance Allowance form at the start of the year please call in to the office with your current card and fill in the form before 8th August to be eligible - NO LATE APPLICATIONS.

**Student Writing**

On Friday 16th June I went to Luna Park with my family and friends. I thought it would not have so many people there but it was quite busy. Luna Park is full of rides, my favourite is a ride called the “spider”, it lifts you up and twirls you around. I think my brother liked the dodgem cars the best. We ate pink fairy floss but I wanted to try the blue fairy floss, but it was still yummy! I think it’s a fun place for kids but maybe not for adults! Perhaps you can go there in the next school holidays?

**ALSO**

Last weekend I went to the MCG as Geelong, my favourite football team were playing. I was all dressed in Geelong colours, I own one of Matthew Stokes football shirts that he wore in the Grand final. Matthew is one of Geelong Football Players, he is number 24 on the team, he asked me if I would like to be his mascot. I met Matthew at the MCG and when it was time for the team to run out, I ran out too! We had to break through the Geelong banner. It was great fun and even better news Geelong won the match!!

Both pieces by Harmony Stewart MDR
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