Thank you to Carly Stafford for the fantastic job she did in my absence. It is great to know I can rely on her competent and thorough running of the school if I am not about. Thank you also to all staff and parents for supporting Carly in the role of Acting Principal.

Conferences
On Monday of this week I attended the Victorian Principals’ Association Conference in Melbourne. We listened to a number of very interesting speakers including the Minister for Education Martin Dixon, renowned educator Professor Richard Teese and a panel of education leaders. The bulk of what they spoke about was the collaborative learning that is starting to happen in many schools across the State. At Highton our students are already working with inquiry at a high level with the International Baccalaureate and our learning no longer takes place in isolated classrooms. It is great to see that we are already implementing fantastic learning through here at Highton and, with our wonderful new building, we have the facilities to make our learning and teaching even more powerful. What I took away from the conference was the importance of developing a sense of ‘collaboration in the students we teach.

This morning I attended the local Network Principal Meeting and our collaborative / flexible learning spaces and our programs here at Highton were acknowledged by our network schools who are keen to come and observe our flexible classrooms in action.

Grade 3-4 Stalls
On August 18th the students in the Middle Grades will be running not for profit stalls and donating the proceeds to a charity of their choice. Some children will be making and selling cup-cakes. These will have no cream or custard in them and will be made with no peanut butter. If you do not wish your child to purchase food at the stalls please let both your child and their teacher know.

Student Led Conferences
These will be held on August 31st and are the opportunity for your child to share his/her learning with you. As an International Baccalaureate World School we value the input of students to their learning and this conference is held in place of a mid year parent teacher interview. If at any time you wish to see your child’s teacher please make a time before 8.45am or after school.

It’s lovely to be back and have a great week
Tessa Calder
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

- **Otway Gardening**— Rural, Domestic, Commercial contact Dean Charman 0447151585 or e mail otwaygardening@hotmail.com

- **Melbourne Victory Regional Roadshow**— at Myers Reserve, Myers St Geelong. On Sundat July 31st from 10.00 am—12 pm.

For Sale

Highton PS family moving sale. Many pieces of furniture must be sold. All less than 3 years old. Photos and descriptions on School notice board at office or ph Michelle or Paul 52444383 or 0405375732 or email elleryfamily@gmail.com

**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**.

**TOM**

Sade, Phoebe, Liam D, Katrina, Ben, Nick and myself are the 7 team members of the TOM (Tournament of Minds) group. We have picked the challenge we are doing. It is called “The journey starts with a single stop” and the challenge is to make a stop motion movie where at the final destination the film of your camera runs out and you must act out the final part. This will be presented at Deakin University in front of 3 judges on 28th of August.

**Student Awards**

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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.

2012 CALENDAR AND DIARY - FUNDRAISER

Later in this term Parent’s Club are having a Calendar and Diary fundraiser. Each calendar/diary will have your own child’s artwork or photo on it. The cost to buy one of these will range from $12 to $16. Please keep this in mind as the diary and the calendar would make a lovely Christmas gift for family and friends. The calendars are also convenient for posting overseas. A note will be sent home to each family with further details concerning this fundraiser.

Chocolate Making for Fathers Day Stall

We need helpers on Thursday, 1st September 2011, to help make chocolates. No experience is necessary for making our chocolates; it is the easiest thing to make. You don’t have to stay for long but if you have some time to pop into the staff room from 9.00am that would be greatly appreciated. Again could you leave your name with the office ladies so we have an idea of how many helpers there may be. Thank you.

For your Calendar

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Week commencing 8th August

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- 9am-11.30am
  - Kylie Sells
- 11.30am-1.45pm
  - Bernadette Stevenson

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
- Heidi Stewart
Congratulations to Sam Gibbons (former Highton Primary School student, see our Wall of Fame) who recently signed a contract with the US Minnesota Twins Baseball Team (based in Florida) after knocking back an offer from the Boston Red Sox. Sam will begin the 7 year contract in April 2012 and we wish him the very best and look forward to following his career.

Helpers Needed for Stall Please

We are again looking for helpers to volunteer some time to our Father's Day Stall. If you have a ½ hour, an hour or even more time to spare on Friday, 2nd September 2011, please leave your name and contact phone number with the office, so a roster of helpers can be drawn up. Without your help this stall would not be such a success with the children. Thank you.