Classrooms at Highton
At school Council on Monday night we looked at a presentation about the changes in school classrooms over the years. It is interesting to see that the model of school that we grew up with; having individual children being filled with information by a teacher in an isolated classroom, has needed to change significantly to cater for a changing world. As an International Baccalaureate School with a commitment to Inquiry Learning we have made great progress in the area of collaborative learning spaces at our school. Our teachers share ideas, teach in collaborative spaces and teach through a student centred program. Our students control their learning and the learning is personalised for individual students. The learning is set in a physical, virtual and global world. Our students are focussed on constructing new knowledge and taking action on their learning. There is an interesting little film about the world that our children need to be prepared for; and the fact that as a school we can no longer focus on the skills of last century or on the ‘factory’ model of schooling. If you get time it is worth having a look at this link. Leadership in our kids world.

Environment
We had an Environment Committee meeting last night and worked out the tasks for the working bee on August 28th. The main focus will be on getting our Environmental Learning set up and on a general tidy up of the yard. Please keep an eye out for a note about the working bee which will come home shortly for those families who are rostered on this term.

Ultranet
We are starting work with our Ultranet Coach Erin Weightman today. This week she will be working with JKS and MDR classes as well as her focus classes of MDK and SNR. Erin has a wealth of knowledge that she shares with Jenni Garland and Lauren Koerner (our lead users) on a regular basis. We hope to have a number of children able to access and use the Ultranet as a part of their ongoing learning. Erin will be working with all staff after school each Wednesday to improve our knowledge and enable us to work with students at a deeper level.

Voluntary Contributions
At School Council it was decided to leave our parent voluntary contributions at $50 per family next year. We are aware that this is lower than most schools however, as a school we are also aware that we have other parent expenses. We have a commitment to learning beyond the classroom involving visits and excursions which are a cost to our parents. Excursions and visits are charged at the cost price and do not make money for the school. If at any time you are concerned about paying for an educational extra at school please contact me and we should be able to develop a plan that works for you and the school.

Have a great week Tessa Calder

Leadership in our kids world.
Our 4 year Free Fruit Friday Grant thanks to “Go For Your Life” was about to end but we have been lucky enough to gain an extension for another year. As you can imagine, washing, chopping and distributing fruit to our 225 students is quite a task. **So if you are available to help on a Friday morning, after drop off, we’d really appreciate it.**

**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 resources for the students ask neighbours, friends and grandparents to collect for you also. Please bring all receipts/ vouchers to the boxes located at the office.

**Tournament of Minds Presentation**

Please come along to Deakin University on Sunday August 28th at 11.30 to watch High-ton’s Tournament of minds group perform their solution to the long term challenge. The performance goes for 10 minutes and is in the ka building (you can park for free in car park 2). We hope you can make it to support Fabian, Phoebe, Ben Sade, Katrina, Nick and Liam from Grade 5/6. Jacqui Bennett

**Student Awards**

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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
- **Otway Gardening**— Rural, Domestic, Commercial contact Dean Charman 0447151585 or e mail otwaygardening@hotmail.com
- **East Belmont Cricket Club Junior Registration Day**, Sunday 11th of September 11am - 1pm Free BBQ for all Children and their Families Teams for all age groups - U/17,U/15,U/13,U/11 Milo have-a-go program for children under 10 For further information contact Brendan Thomas on 0412132595
- **Saint Ignatius College**, Geelong is holding its School Musical Production (High School Musical) on 15th & 16th September which we think will be one of our best!. Ph 52511136

**Community News**

**August**
- Wed 24th Exhibition Parent Info Evening

**September**
- Thurs 1st Fathers Day Stall Chocolate Making
- Fri 2nd Fathers Day Stall
- Wed 7th Parents Club meeting 9 AM- Staffroom
- Wed 7th School Concert

**October**
- Thurs 27th School Photos

**Netball**

*Brooke Perry, a student from Middle Slaven has been travelling to different places in Victoria to play with Sunshiners Netball Club. She has written about her experience.*

On the 31st of July, in Gisborne the Sunshiners Netball team played 5 netball games in a round robin. We won the first 3 games and lost the 4th but tied in the last game. We came 2nd on the ladder overall. All the girls felt excited. I have been a part of the Sunshiners Netball team for approximately a year. I really enjoyed the experience, and I was the goal keeper.

By Brooke Perry, MDR.

**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.

**Week commencing 22nd August**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- 9am-11.30am Sue Bettanin
- 11.30am-1.45pm Roseanne Bartlett

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
- Jocelyn Mackay
Can You Help?

We are looking for the following:

Do you have any old tools for building or garden tools lying around that you don’t use anymore? We would love to give them a new home. As part of our Outdoor Environmental Learning Group, we are starting to work in the gardens, plant an orchard and build new equipment for around our school and would be very grateful if you could help us out. We meet every Wednesday afternoon if you would like to help us out. Thank you.

Hi, our Craft Connections group are making beaded brooches and other things to enter into the Geelong Show and we were wondering if you had some beads or beading equipment lying around don’t really use anymore? If you are also able to help us with our beading technique, we get together on a Thursday morning **10-11am** (this is a correction – last week’s time was wrong) the new building and can always do with extra help, as it is the first time we have done beading before. Thanks

Our Prep students are starting a new Unit of Inquiry about Journeys and were wondering if anyone had any items that you had purchased on your holidays that you don’t want anymore and that our preps could talk about and discuss. Things like, postcards, dolls, toys, replicas, hats, costumes, etc. We are also looking for travel brochures, if you have any lying about at home. Thank you.

Fathers Day Stall Helpers

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.

Chocolate Drive Money Return

All families should now have returned their Cadbury chocolates or the money for them.

Unfortunately we still have some chocolates or money outstanding. If you are still to bring your money to the office please do so promptly, so we can finalise this fundraiser.
Today your child has brought home a note with details about the concert. It is on the evening of Wednesday 7th September from 6 to 7.30 pm. It will be at Robertson Hall, Geelong College Middle School entering via Minerva Road. **Please note that there is to be no parking on any grassed area** but use the car parks provided outside the hall or at Campbell House. (Geelong College Junior area). Tickets are $5 per seat with no concessions. We have allocated 2 tickets per family however if you require any additional ones, leave your name at the office for a ballot of the remaining tickets. Tickets can be purchased from our school office from tomorrow. If you require a DVD of the concert made by a volunteer, please fill in the DVD slip on your child’s form with payment of $10 at our office before 5/9/11. The children have been busy rehearsing songs and are most excited about this event.

Rebecca Slaven. Concert coordinator.

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**Grade 3/4 Market Stalls**

Tomorrow, the 18th of August, the grade 3/4 students will be having many market stalls set up in our courtyard. Each group have formed a non-profit organization with a mission statement to raise money for a chosen charity. Please support us by sending some money along with your child to do some shopping. We have items like fantastic home made paper crafts, origami, popcorn, cupcakes, cards, paintings, key chains, coasters, fruit punch and rocky road brownies to name just a few. Parents are also welcome to visit our stalls at lunchtime 1.30—2.30.

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**Student Safety Reminder from the Department of Education**

**Student Safety while travelling to/from school**

Please remind your child to follow the safety steps below

Avoid travelling alone, travel in pairs/groups where possible.

Avoid dark laneways/streets/areas.

Travel down well lit streets or main roads.

Walk away from trouble.

If in danger, call Police by dialling 000.
Without interruption,
Reading

Please take the time to read through the reading sheet below titled **“When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to aid in decoding unknown words”**.

As a reminder, take home reading is not intended to be hard. Students need to feel positive about their reading. Home reading is designed for students to enjoy literature and to demonstrate their reading success. Reading levels are for teacher use and are designed for quick selection of appropriate texts to develop individual reading strategies. Levels do not indicate the prowess of a reader, but assists the teacher in the selection of an appropriate text for a particular reading strategy. Children are invited to select a ‘just right book’, based on their own interests. It is important that they make their own selection.

**CHALLENGE**

We discovered there were more than four words that ended in "-dous" thanks to one of our super sleuth families. They found 14 words that end in ‘-dous’ – amadous, apodous, decapodous, hazardous, horrendous, iodous, nodous, nonhazardous, palladous, stupendous, tremendous, ultrahazardous, vanadous

Can you think of a word that rhymes with ‘orange’?

**Reading Sheet**

**When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to aid in decoding unknown words.**

1. Tell the child to look at the picture. You may tell the child the word is something that can be seen in the picture, if that is the case.
2. Tell the child to look for chunks in the word, such as it in sit, at in mat, or and and ing in standing.
3. Ask the child to get his/her mouth ready to say the word by shaping the mouth for the beginning letter.
4. Ask the child if the word looks like another word s/he knows. Does bed look like red?, for example.
5. Ask the child to go on and read to the end of the sentence. Often by reading the other words in context, the child can figure out the unknown word.
6. If the child says the wrong word while reading, ask questions like:
   Does it make sense?
   Does it sound right?
   Does it look right?