Student Led Conferences
Your child will have brought home a note about the Student Led Conferences that are being held next Wednesday between 2.30 and 6.30 pm in the classrooms. Children come with their parent/s in groups of four or five families and the teachers are in the room, but not a participant in the conference. As a part of their learning the students develop skills in explaining how they learn. This is the way that we inform parents about their child’s learning at a point in time.
If at any time you wish to speak to your child’s teacher individually please just make a mutually convenient time to do so. As a rough guide teachers are busy in classrooms from 8.45 - 3.45 and in meetings every Monday and Wednesday until 5pm.

Independence
By this time of year we are encouraging all students to say goodbye to parents outside or at the gate and come into the buildings independently. Teaching needs to start at 9.00am and teachers need time to set up their learning environments prior to this. If your child wants to show you something in the classroom this is fine, but please respect the teacher’s need for ‘set up’ time.

Principal For A Day
On Monday Marg Linley, from The Geelong Advertiser, spent the morning with me looking at our school, meeting staff, meeting students, speaking to students and discussing the unique aspects of our school. It was great to have an opportunity to share all the great things we are doing with a local business leader.
Principal For A Day is a unique program which is a catalyst to strengthening relationships between government schools, business and the wider community. By being a “Principal for A Day”, business and community leaders get a first-hand behind-the-scenes view of a normal school day, including in-depth management discussions with the principal, visiting classes with students, talking with staff, even doing yard duty. Relationships often continue long after the school visit is over.
The purpose of Principal For A Day is to promote business/community-education partnerships by:
• Enabling business/community leaders to experience first hand the issues facing schools, and to meet with students, staff and the wider school community.
• Matching business/community leaders with school principals for in-depth conversations around management and leadership.
Developing ongoing relationships based on shared knowledge and mutual respect and understanding between business and public education.
We hope that the experience showed Marg some of our wonderful achievements, but also some of the challenges we face in providing a high quality education that meets the needs and expectations of our diverse community.

Parent Survey
If you were selected by the computer and received a parent survey please could you take the time to complete it as it is most valid when we get a solid response rate. All parents are always welcome to let me know any opinions at any time! Have a good week-Tessa Calder
**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.

**Basketball And Netball News**

Due to School Concert on Wednesday 7th September all school Netball and Basketball teams playing on this day have been forfeited.

**Tournament of Minds Presentation**

Please come along to Deakin University on Sunday August 28th at 11.30 to watch Highton’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

**For Sale**

Brand New Laptop bags, black, Toshiba brand, fits 15 inch laptop. $5 each. See the office to buy one.

**Student Awards**

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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
- **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
- **Softball**— All Ages and abilities. Boys and girls from 4 Yrs. Come and try day Sat 10th and Sun 18th September 10—noon Stead Park Princes highway Corio. Www.geelong.softball.org.au
- **Futsal**— From 8yrs up to under 19’s come and register as an individual or team on October 8th contact Futsal Geelong on 52751816 or email bneurath@geelongcity.vic.gov.au
- **Hockey** School holiday program Tues 27th Sept 9.30-12.30 Stead Park Cost $20 Booking by Sept 12th email—lizmulconry@gmail.com
- **New Under 11 Cricket team**— Barrabool cricket club, Ceres. We are family club looking for new players aged 8-11 Playing Friday nights contact Wes Grigg 0418525588. Other age groups also welcoming new players.
- **acakellas children’s singing and music** making circle is a fun, inclusive and nurturing singing group for primary school children. Term 4- Mondays @’Kalkee Hall’ Thompson St, Belmont. For more information visit the website or contact Sue on: 0407 804 886 or sue@acakellas.net.au or www.acakellas.net.au

**StartSmart**

StartSmart is a free maths program offered by the Commonwealth Bank. A facilitator will be working with each Gr1-6 class for an hour either Monday or Tuesday next week. "StartSmart is the largest face-to-face financial literacy program in the world. It offers a variety of workshops to cater to different school years and stages of development. StartSmart is helping young Australians take control of their financial futures."


We hope you take the opportunity to discuss the session with your children.

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For your Calendar

**August**
- Wed 24th: Exhibition Parent Info Evening
- Sun 28th: Working Bee 9 AM

**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

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**Week commencing 29th August**

CANTEEN ROSTER
- 9am-11.30am: Nadine Cuthbert
- 11.30am-1.45pm: Ruth McKinnon

SICKBAY ROSTER
- Donna Brandwyk
Father’s Day

Our Father’s Day stall is just over ONE week away. Please keep those offers of help coming. There is a box in the office where all info is collected. Even if you cannot help on the day you may be able to make some simple biscuits or have some plant cuttings. We still want people to help on the stall. Please let the office ladies know if you can help by spending maybe ½ an hour or even 2 hours on the stall. This will help us to draw up a roster.

On Thursday 1st we will be making chocolates. Please stay after dropping the children off and help out if you can. Everyone is welcome.

Remember it is for our children and the Dads. Thanks again.

2012 Year 6 Jumpers

We are seeking a volunteer (or two) from current year 5 parents to coordinate the 2012 year six jumpers. If you are able to help please see Lyn or Gaylene in the office.

Working Bee

A working Bee is being held this Sunday from 9 AM. If you are rostered on please bring along any tools that may be of use for the jobs listed on the letter you received. Even if you are not rostered on we would love to see you there. Many hands make light work.

PYP

Evaluation

Our school is up for our three year International Baccauarlareate(IB) evaluation. Each week I will go through a part of this process with you. Our first stage is…

The evaluation visit

Upon submission of the self-study questionnaire, a visit to the school will be carried out to verify the school’s assessment of its implementation of the programme.

The purpose of the visit is to verify this assessment in order to ensure that the standards and practices on which the IB programme is founded are maintained and furthered. A description of the visit can be found in the following pages of this document.

The findings of the visit will inform the final evaluation report sent to the school.

Concert Tickets

All concert tickets need to be purchased from the school office, on or before August 28th. Any unsold tickets after this date go in to the ballot for other families to purchase.
Basketball and Netball

teams for Summer season (term 4 2011 and term 1 2012)

Time is flying by and it is time to sign up for a team for next season. All children are welcome to join a team even if they have not played before.

The available options are:

**Netball**
- Monday Grade 3/4
- Monday Grade 5/6
- Wednesday Grade 3/4
- Wednesday Grade 5/6
- Thursday Grade Prep/1/2

**Basketball**
- Tuesday Grade Prep/1/2
- Tuesday Grade 5/6
- Wednesday Grade Prep/1/2
- Wednesday Grade 3/4
- Thursday Grade 3/4
- Thursday Grade 5/6

**Approximate costs:**
- Team entry $25 - split between players
- VNA membership - new players only
  - $30 if born 1999 or after, $40 born 1998 or before
- Weekly match fee $5-$6 per player
- CBBA membership - new players only - $45
- Weekly match fee $5-$7 per player
- Top levy $10 per player

**Other information:** Grade prep/1/2 competitions are very much about teaching the children to play the game. For basketball the rules are modified (and not always strictly enforced eg travel) and the referee is called a court coach and as such should be helping the children to understand the game. Netball at this level is similar and the umpires will assist the children to play the game rather than just enforcing the rules.

As children progress up the levels rules are more strictly enforced.

**Basketball tops:** this season we introduced a $10 levy to cover the cost of replacing tops as they become worn. Tops currently cost $38 each and a minimum of 10 must be ordered. It is therefore necessary to build up funds in order to be able to buy tops when needed. Money will be held in a dedicated account by the school. We appreciate your assistance in paying the levy at the start of each season so we can continue to provide tops for our teams.

**Coaching a team:** We have been fortunate to have parents volunteer each season to be a ‘coach’. The position involves putting the teams on the court. If we don’t have parents to co-ordinate who is playing which positions (netball) and how long players get on the court (basketball) then the children cannot play. You do not need to be an expert - rules can be learned. You just need a sense of good sportsmanship and fairness to all players regardless of ability. If you can arrange a time to practice as a team that is great but not essential. A ‘volunteer working with children check’ is necessary but this does not cost anything. If you would be willing to give it a go please check the box below and thank you for helping our children experience the wonder of team sport.

[ ] Yes I will give coaching a go! Please contact me on the number below.

Name ........................................... Grade........... Team (current players only)..........................
Friends I would like to play with.................................................................(not guaranteed but every effort made to place children with friends)

Sport: NETBALL or BASKETBALL (circle)

Preferred nights: 1st..................
2nd..................

Parents name.............................................
Signature............................................... 
Contact..................................................

For more information please contact me on 0407 826504.

Carolyn Hall
Co-ordinator.