Working bee
Thank you to the dedicated band of helpers who came out on Sunday and made our school grounds look fabulous and who have almost completed a beautiful day and night enclosure for our resident chooks. It is all looking great.

Tournament of Minds
Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds team, The TOM Cats, who presented and won the competition at Deakin University last Sunday. This is a credit to all the students, and to Ms Bennett and Mrs Slaven, who all used their own time to get the team up and running. Everyone involved worked extremely hard for this success. For those who can make it the TOM Cats will now move on to the State final at Deakn's Burwood Campus on Sunday 18th Sept. Supporters welcome.

Fathers Day.
This Friday our Parents Club has organized a Fathers Day Stall. Each class will have a time to visit the stall and purchase a gift for their dad/granddad/special person. If you want your child to purchase a gift please send them with up to $5 for a gift. The stall will run all day and for a short time after school.

URGENT
Please purchase your concert tickets by tomorrow (Thursday 1st September), ALL unsold tickets go in to the ballot on Friday 2nd September and people who are drawn out will be notified via email Monday next week. Your payment of $10 was for your child’s participation, the tickets are $5.00 each and MUST be purchased from the office.

Student Led Conferences
Thank you to all the staff and students who have worked so hard to organize today’s Student Led Conferences. I look forward to hearing how they went as the children are sometimes quite nervous about presenting to parents in a more structured setting.

Prep Journey
Yesterday I was lucky enough to share in the Preps Journey to Sorrento. As always the children were beautifully behaved and had a wonderful adventure. We even went on a little ferry where we could sit outside and enjoy the sunshine (and the wind).

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.

Car Park/ Road Rules

We have had a number of drivers making a right hand turn to exit our car park. **THIS IS ILLEGAL!**

Posted signs in the car park tell you no right hand is turn permitted, these are to be obeyed at all times, or you will be fined. Road laws apply to car parks also and are there to keep our children and community safe.

For Sale

Brand New Laptop bags (25), black, Toshiba brand, fits 15 inch laptop. $5 each. See the office to buy one.

Student Awards

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Father’s Day Stall: Items And Prices

50c  car air freshener ArmorAll, chocolates, planter with tomato seeds, rocky road
$1.00 car tidy bag ArmorAll, chips, chocolates, drink bottle, gingerbread men
$1.50 Bali silver bracelet, magnetic photo frame, supaglue Selleys, stress ball
$2.00 3pk garden tools, can holder, hankies, key covers, teabags 50 Madura
$2.50 Dad certificate, glass photo frame, golf ball & tees, keys rings, smiley man
$3.00 body wash set, Go go juice Neutrog, Seamungus Neutrog, torch LED
$3.50 tyre storage holder, whistle key finder, Fiskars garden tools
$4.00 mesh desktop set, razor set, strong man paper clips, wet pack
$4.50 bbq pack, cap, cooler bag, desk clock, soap & scrub set  thermal travel mug
$5.00 memo board, strike back for orchids Neutrog, Sudden impact for roses
Vouchers from Muzz Buzz, Subway, Muffin Break, etc. will be placed with various items.

This is only a list of some items available on our stall. Please note that not all classes have the same selection.
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.
- **acabellas 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@acabellas.net.au or www.acabellas.net.au

**Morning Drop Off**

Please remember that there are no teachers on duty in the playground until 8.45am and children are not supervised before this time. For their own safety we recommend that you do not drop off your children before 8.45am.

**LOST**

2 school jumpers—named Benjamin, please return to Benjamin in MDS.

**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.

**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 5th September**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- 9am-11.30am
- Sue Al Murieb
- 11.30am-1.45pm
- Jacky Luscombe

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
- Tamara Curtis
In the coming weeks your child will be asked to complete a drawing for a 2012 calendar/diary. This is a fundraiser organised by the Parent’s Club through Crazy Camel.

All artwork will be completed in Art and then orders will be taken. Payment is to be made at the time of placing your order. You will be able to order multiple calendars and diaries. The calendar artwork/photo is laminated and bound with wire into 12 tear-off months. There will be sample calendars for you to view at school in the Art room, the office and on the Parent’s Club Notice board in the foyer. Diaries are 148mm x 210mm with a hard cover, view the week at a glance from Monday to Sunday, are wire bound, have public holidays and school term dates listed, and include a year planner.

Each child will be given a separate sheet of paper to draw on. It is advised that they use lots of bright colours and that the art paper is fully covered, using crayon, paints, textas, etc. You can make collages from photos, magazine cutouts, etc. or just glue a photo onto the art work. If you would prefer a photo calendar, all digital photos should be in a horizontal format. These can be sent through directly to Crazy Camel or placed on a CD/DVD.

For those families who have more than one sibling at school, it is possible for them to share the one page of art paper. It can be divided into 2 or more sections, however this will reduce the amount of space each has to draw; or they could place their names and a small photo of themselves or draw a picture of their choosing next to their name. Perhaps you could discuss this now as a family in preparation before the art class starts. You also have the option of having a digital photo of the children transformed onto the calendar, instead of individual artworks.

When all the artwork is finalised an order form will be sent home to each family for completion. This is then to be returned to the office with all money included.

**Art and photo calendars will be $12 each and diaries will be $17 each.**

Every child will be asked to draw their own picture, regardless of whether or not they will be having the calendar/diary made. All artwork and photos will be returned to the school and passed back to the students.

We anticipate that all orders will be completed and back at the school by the first week in November, leaving plenty of time for those who want to send calendars overseas.
**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:

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**Approximate costs:**

- Team entry $25 - split between players
- VNA membership - new players only

Netball:
- $30 if born 1999 or after, $40 born 1998 or before
- Weekly match fee $5-6 per player

Basketball:
- Team entry $25 - split between players
- 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.................... Parents name........................................

2nd.................... Signature........................................

Contact........................................

**For more information please contact me on 0407 826504.**

Carolyn Hall
Co-ordinator.
**Tournaments of Minds**

We are thrilled to announce that Highton Primary School’s Tournament of Minds team came first place in the Applied Technology section at the Regional Tournament held at Deakin University yesterday. The team made an excellent presentation and are now through to the State Finals at Deakin’s Burwood campus on Sunday 18th of September. Congratulations go to Nick, Katrina, Phoebe, Ben, Fabian, Sade and Liam from Gr 5/6! We are very proud of you! Thank-you to all the Highton families who came along to support them. Ms Bennett and Mrs Slaven

*On Sunday the TOM group went to Deakin University to perform our play. We were lucky enough to come first. So now we go to the next stage in Melbourne—the semi finals.***

**Literacy - Questioning**

Questioning supports students to develop deep understanding of both concepts and of their own learning. Students need support to practise and reflect upon their questioning techniques and to develop skills in identifying different types of questions that may be framed to obtain a more comprehensive response. Teachers formally teach the art of questioning and provide regular practice to improve students’ skills and confidence in this area.

There are two kinds of questions; open and closed. A closed question looks for specific facts, and only requires a one-word answer, often a yes or a no:

"What time did this happen?"
"How many people are going to the party?"
"Where were you standing when at the football?"
"Did you finish your homework?"
"What game were you playing at recess?"

Open-ended questions invite the student to elaborate, without limiting the direction or otherwise controlling the conversation. They also require, or at least open the door to, answers of more than one word:

"Why don’t you tell me more about that?"
"What do you think would happen if…?"
"Sounds interesting. How does it work?"
"How do you feel about that?"

Sometimes you can help children solve their problems just by asking open-ended questions.
The evaluation report

After analysis of the self-study questionnaire, the supporting documents and the findings of the school visit, the IB will send a final report to the head of school, which will reflect on the self-study submitted by the school, including the process and the conclusions that the school reached. It is the principal’s responsibility to share the findings of this report with the school community.

The report may include:

Commendations: These relate to school practices that address the *Programme standards and practices* in ways that solve challenges faced by the school and/or outstanding implementation.

Recommendations: These provide guidance for the school on further developing the programme.

Matters to be addressed: These are areas within a school’s practice that, if not addressed immediately, will jeopardize the integrity of the programme and thus the school’s entitlement to be considered an IB World School.