NAPLAN
Parents of students in grades 3 and 5 will have received their child’s NAPLAN test results yesterday. This test was taken in May of this year and provides schools and parents with a snapshot of their child’s achievements across literacy and maths. Whilst it is a snapshot on each individual child the collective results give us a good idea of how the school is achieving as a whole. As a school we were very happy with our collective results this year, with our students achieving above State scores at both grade 3 and 5. As always there are individual students with well above average results and others who have areas of concern. Please be sensitive when sharing these results with your child. As a school we undertake a number of assessments with our students and NAPLAN provides us with useful information at that point in time. The results show a steady upward trend in all areas over the last 3 years. If any parent wishes to come and see their child’s teacher or me to discuss any aspect of this testing please feel free to make a time to do so. Results from NAPLAN are used to produce information about the school’s performance and this is published on State and Commonwealth Government websites.

End of Term Next Week
Just a reminder that next Friday is the last day of this term and the children finish at 2.30pm after a 2.00pm assembly.

Pre-School Visits
Over the last few weeks Carly and I have been visiting local preschools to catch up with the teachers and let them know about our transition process. We have lots of lovely children starting their schooling at Highton next year and it will be great to meet them all early next term when our transition process begins. We have over 50 children starting in Prep next year and as a result we will be having 3 Prep classes. We will still be running 2 transition groups.

Uniform
Please make sure that your child is wearing correct school uniform when they are at school. We have plenty of second hand items if you need extras. Thank you for your support and have a good week- Tessa Calder

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
Shopping Tour—Fun Day Out

The Highton Primary School Annual Shopping Tour is on again. Great Bargains, Great Company, No Parking Worries, Morning Tea, Afternoon “Tea”, Lunch and Remember Wear Your Comfy Shoes! A fun day of shopping with friends. Saturday 29th October $55 per person. The tour includes lunch at a restaurant. Name and payment to the office by October 19th to secure your seat. Friends and family welcome.

Keep On Shopping

The Shop for your School and Earn and Learn programs have been extended until October 18th so keep collecting dockets coming over the school holidays. We look forward to counting plenty of vouchers when we return in term 4

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.

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.

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

Student Awards

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For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **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.
- **Life Be In It**—Enter a basketball or netball team in the coming season. For Team Entry forms visit www.lifebeinitgeelong.com or call Life. Be In It on 5223 1992
- **ST Johns Kids’ Holiday Program, A Jungle Adventure**—for prep—Yr 6 Tues 27th Sept—Thurs 29th. 9.30-3.30 BYO Lunch Cost $40 for the 3 gays, inc: morning tea & materials. Registration closes Sept 23rd. To register call 52433561 or kidsclub@stjohnshighton.com.au
- **Alexander Thompson Cricket Club**– Milo in 2 cricket under 11’s & under 13’s register on Fri Sept 16th at Roslyn Rd club rooms 6.30-7.30 Under 15’ & under 17’s also available
- **Indoor Junior Soccer**. 9 and 13 & under Tues Oct 11th & Wed Oct 12th. Come along to Kick 4 Kids Program to learn skills. Shannon, Nicole or Matt on 5222 1822 or geelongindoorsports.com.au
- **Mattel Toy Warehouse**– St John’s Lutheran Playgroup are hosting a Toy warehouse sale on Oct 22nd at 12 noon. As only registered groups are allowed in, come along with the playgroup, the warehouse is located at 70 Park West the cost is $10 per person, unfortunately NO CHILDREN ALLOWED. Phone Trish to purchase a ticket 0423090608
- **Football Federation Victoria**– School Holiday Program Sept 27th– 28th 10AM-2PM. $50 per participant age 5—12 www.footballfedvic.com.au
- **Tony Brushfield Tennis Coaching**– School Holiday tennis Programme. Phone Tony Brushfield on 52440040 or 0408524898

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### For your Calendar

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**Week commencing 12th September**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- 9am-11.30am
  - Sue Bettanin
- 11.30am-1.45pm
  - Cathy Davidson

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

- Kylie Davies
Active After-school Communities Program

INFORMATION FOR HIGHTON P.S. PARENTS

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. *Can you believe it….*

**Term 4 programs already!!!**

**Mondays - Multi Sport.**
Presenter: Lauren Kavenagh
Start 24th October
End 5th December
3:30 - 4:45

**Tuesdays – Beach Volleyball**
Presenter: Lauren Kavenagh
Start 25th October
End 6 December
3:30 - 4:45

If you would like to join our program please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. Children in all grade levels are welcome to join in either/both sessions.

On Mondays we have a Deakin Uni student coming to run a multiskill program which will involve lots of games and skills needed for a variety of sports. Our Beach volleyball program on Tuesdays will include 4 sessions with a blow up court for the children to play on.

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.

Thanks
Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

I would like my child/ren ……………………………………………….to participate in the Active After School program on :

**Monday / Tuesday / Both days.**

(please indicate which days you require).

Parent name……………………………………………..Contact no………………………

Signature…………………………….. Date…………………………

I would like my child to walk home after the program.
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

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…………………
2nd…………………

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

For more information please contact me on 0407 826504.

Carolyn Hall
Co-ordinator.
2012 Calendars

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.

N.B. Photo calendars and diaries do not display the name of the school or name and age details.
Continuing on with the IB PYP evaluation, the self-study process is the most important aspect of the entire process of programme evaluation.

We are currently planning the self study, developing timelines and beginning to identify groups that will be responsible for the information gathered and presented in our self study. As there are many people involved in the organisation and implementation of the programme at Highton Primary School, their contribution to this process is valuable. This will include members of the school council, administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and parents. It involves looking at all aspects of school life that are affected by the programme.

We will be starting a new parent group who will discuss and share their experiences with the PYP programme and the Highton school community. We will be meeting on a Wednesday morning 9.15-10.15am starting Term 4 this year. If you are able to come along, please ring or let the office know. We would love to have as many people from our community as possible, as more voices will provide us with more information.

Thank you,
Carly Stafford

Literacy - Writing

I have been visiting classrooms and talking to teachers and I am always amazed at the fantastic writing our students are doing. They have such a passion for what they are writing and it is this authentic process that enables a connection between writers and their work.

Here are some tips for you if you want to work on writing at home:

1. As with any skill, writing gets better the more we do it. Let your child/ren see you write often and encourage them to write often, too. At-home writing might include e-mails, instant messaging, thank-you notes, scrapbook descriptions, diaries, and what’s-for-dinner notes.

2. We write differently for each audience. Encourage your child/ren to expand their range and abilities by writing for many different audiences. They could try a letter to the editor or to a legislator, a silly story for his younger sister, or a “list of ten” to cheer up a sick friend.

3. Language play and writing can be fun. Have fun with language yourself and share that sense of play with your child/ren. Point out new words and phrases you come across in the newspaper or on the radio; share favourite song lyrics; get creative in naming a new pet or writing humorous gift tags or cards.

Here are some great websites to have a look at:

The Amazing Wordtamer (WEBSITE)
This interactive site provides visitors with challenges that help them wrangle with words. Play with genre, setting, plot, create characters, and link captured words into sentences. Solutions can printed or saved to work on later.

http://www.wordtamer.co.uk/

Shidonni (WEBSITE)
This innovative site lets kids (or adults) draw, then watch those drawings come to life in animated imaginary worlds. You'll need to have Microsoft Silverlight to play.

http://www2.shidonni.com/v2/MainPage.aspx
Health Update

- Please remember to keep a close eye on your childrens' hair as it is prime time for head lice, tie up long hair and do not share hats, hair ties etc.
- If your child is sick you may phone the school in the morning to let us know - with all the viruses still rampant it is highly advisable to keep them home until they are well again to stop the spread of these viruses.
- We have also reported cases of chicken pox so be alert to this virus travelling around Geelong.

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.

Concert Review

On Wednesday at Robertson Hall Geelong College, on the night of the concert, I felt like a butterfly fluttering around faster than usual. So there I was, standing there waiting to go on for the 3/4’s first dance—The Beanstalk Walk, from the Quest musical. Mt heart felt like it was running a marathon! When I got on stage I froze for about 5 seconds and then I took a deep breath and relaxed. - By Luisa D'Agostin MDR.

Performing is like.............
Performing is like weights because the pressure is on you. By Connor Eaton
Performing is like a shooting star with colours shooting through the sky. By Jumanna Hassan.
Performing to me is like I’m in a dream . By Dougie Beckworth-Gilbey
Performing is like a nightmare because your mum and dad are watching. By Sophia Jeffreys

Crossing Safety

Please remember the speed limits around schools. We have had a number of vehicles not observing the speed limits in school zones. Safety of our children is the most important thing when driving around schools so please keep a vigilant eye out for the students on our paths and roads.