Last Week of Term
Just a reminder that we will be having our end of term assembly on Friday at 2.00pm and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. I wish you all a safe and happy school holiday.

Tournament of Minds
Well done to our TOMcat’s team for reaching the State Finals and for their presentation of the Applied Technologies section of TOM. The students did a marvellous job at the State Finals at LaTrobe University last Sunday. They were awarded with honours which is a fantastic achievement in their first year of entering the competition. Thank you to the teachers Rebecca Slaven and Jacqui Bennett for the hours they put into working with the team and for supporting them at every stage of the competition. AND thank you to the parents who travelled down to Melbourne to support the team. It is great to see different groups of students using their talents in so many different areas of school life.

Congratulations
Well done to Gus who has made it through to the next level of athletics in Long Jump.

Class structures for 2012
Presently we are holding discussions at different levels and consulting with staff about possible class structures for next year. This is a very complex process and requires careful analysis of the ages and year levels of different cohorts of students, as well as the learning spaces we have available. Traditionally we have run with straight Prep grades and then composite classes from there on and we plan to maintain this structure as it fits well with the Victorian Education Standards and with the IB. At this stage it looks like we will have approximately 240 students at the start of 2012. If you have any plans to move from Highton at the end of the term/year please let me know as it has an impact on our planning.

If you have any specific requests based on your child’s particular needs please put them in writing and get them to me by the end of October. Grades are devised around learning needs and students who work well together. Social groupings happen in the playground where play is the primary focus.

Head Lice
While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. Please check your children’s hair weekly and if you do find your children have lice or eggs, let us know via the office or teachers so we can advise classes to be extra diligent with checks and so we can stay on top of these pesky little creatures.

Thank you for your support and have a good week- Tessa Calder
**Student News**

**Action Through Exhibition**

Last week, the senior students started their spectacular Exhibition journey. Over the next 6 weeks, our group will be focusing on the life or death topic of leukaemia. Sadly, leukaemia affects the blood and the bone marrow. Taking action is a big part of Exhibition, so we are hoping to take some effective action by organising a fun day for the kids at Highton Primary to raise lots of money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Since we only just started our Exhibition journey, we haven’t yet figured out when or where this extraordinary event will take place. We just need to put our marvellous idea to the Junior School Council to see what they think. Hopefully they will accept our idea so that our action can take place. The hard-working members in our group are Phoebe Trott, Laura Firipis, Laura Eaton and Connor Kennedy-North (Grade 5/6 students).

**Tournament of Mind**

On Sunday the 18th of September the Tournament of the Mind (T.O.M) group went to Latrobe University to compete in the Victorian State Finals. Over 30,000 Children across Australasia, Asia and Saudi Arabia competed in T.O.M this year. Six Hundred children entered in our regional finals and we were one of the five teams chosen for the State Finals competing in the category Applied Technology. We were very proud to have been awarded Honors. We would like to thank Mrs Slaven, Mrs Bennett, our parents and families and the school community for all their support.

By Phoebe Trott.

**Athletics News**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the athletics at Landy field on Tuesday. Although the weather was not ideal everyone remained in good spirits and tried their best. As this was the biggest team to ever get through everyone is to be commended on a fantastic effort. A special mention to Gus McKinnon who won the 12/13 boys long jump, and will be continuing on to the next level.

Miss Koener

**Student Awards**

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Ribbon Dancing

Last week in P.E. The all 1 / 2's did ribbon dancing. First we all used the schools’, they just had elastic bands and a piece of string. Then we used the real ones. We all tried our best, even the boys had a go to. We did it to different kinds of music. We all had fun.   JRP
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

- **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 days, inc: morning tea & materials. Registration closes Sept 23rd. To register call 52433561 or kidsclub@stjohnshighton.com.au

- **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

- **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

- **Oxfam Trailwalker** - Heather Dempsey and Carolyn Hall are seeking enthusiastic runners/walkers to take part in the 2012 oxfam trailwalker event. Teams of 4 raise funds for Oxfam and then take part in a 100km walk/run over the weekend of 20-22 April 2012."For more information about Trailwalker go to http://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/melbourne/" If you like a challenge please contact us as soon as possible as entries open October 2nd and places fill very quickly. Carolyn 0407 826504  Heath 0407 098303.

- **Bellarine Horse Riding Centre**— School holiday program www.bellarinehorseridingcentre.com.au

- **Bunnings School Holiday Program**— see noticeboard

- **Looking for Host Families** for Japanese exchange students. See noticeboard.

- **Game On holiday program**— Oct 4,5,6 9Am-3.30PM $40 per day or $105 for 3 days.

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**Graduation 2011**

A reminder to all year 6 students to return your $25 graduation payment before the end of term 3.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 10th October**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
9am-11.30am
Chris Schiesser
11.30am-1.45pm
Jacky Luscombe

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
Kylie Gliszczynski
School Council President’s Report

Hello All. School council has had two meetings since I last provided you with an update. There was no Student Presentation at the first of these, but the Preps well and truly made up for this on Monday 19 September. It was simply a delight to see these four bright faces explain to an unfamiliar audience how involved they are with their Program of Inquiry regarding journeys and how they change us. We heard about family trips to the snow, Lorne and Sydney, and a journey to where Spitfire caterpillars live. The students’ experiences changed them in different ways; eating snow for the first time, catching a fish and learning to surf, learning about the concept of Happy Hour before dinner, drinking lemonade before breakfast, and getting a surprise bite by a caterpillar to name but a few.

All sub-committees continue their great work in assessing and making recommendations regarding the varied aspects of school council’s responsibilities. School council endorsed several policies this term, is pleased with the progress towards our IB PYP Evaluation next year, and the strong financial management of the school continues to provide school council with confidence.

On the school environment, this term’s Working Bee was well attended once again, and the achievements on these days are always impressive. The new permanent chicken enclosure occupied many on the day, along with the establishment of the orchard and other projects. Routine maintenance is always required and many of you contributed to the general upkeep and tidiness of the school and grounds. We are looking forward to a high level of support for the Term 4 Working Bee on 26 November.

New members of the Environment committee are always welcome. Several current members have been long term contributors to the committee and the organisation of Working Bees, but unfortunately for us a few of them will be leaving the school at the end of this year (as their last child is off to secondary school). So please, if you are interested and/or have any ideas for the school environment, come to the next Environment meeting on the evening of Tuesday 15 November. See you there!

And last but certainly not least, in an unashamed plug for Parents’ Club, they are achieving great things this year in what was to be a much quieter year than last year, without huge events like the Trivia Night. The next two special events happen to coincide, with the Shopping Trip and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle both on Saturday 29 October. This will be another test of support across the school community and I reckon we’ll again show what we can achieve together.

Cheers,
Mark Nicholls
Parent Club News

Shopping Tour—Fun Day Out

The Highton Primary School Annual Shopping Tour is on again. This year’s outlets include: some old favourites – Social Club Books, Royal Nut Company, Natio, Olga Berg Handbags & Beaches (for clothes). And there are new outlets too – In Essence (Candles, aromatherapy, soaps, gift packs etc), new Jewellery place, new Christmas shop, 1999 for clothes and Bambis (homewares – glassware, vases etc)…..and more. Great Bar-gains, Great Company, No Parking Worries, Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea, Lunch and Remember Wear Your Comfy Shoes! We meet at school at 7:15am and return at 7pm. **Saturday 29th October $55 per person**. Name and payment to the office by October 19th to secure your seat. Friends and family welcome.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Great news – we have finally been successful in being allocated a sausage sizzle day at Bunnings in Waurn Ponds. This is a very popular and very profitable fundraiser and there is a long waiting list for allocations. So we are looking for all the BBQ enthusiasts to help on **Saturday 29th October** for a couple of hours between 7:30am and 5:30pm. We need 4 to 5 people on the stall at all times, so all help is appreciated. Please leave your name, when you can help and contact details with Lyn and Gaylene at the office.

Trivia Night 2012

We are starting to plan for our big biannual fundraiser - The Highton Primary School Trivia Night will be on again in 2012. The great organising team of Tonya & Gaylene has retired after our very successful night in 2010 so we need some new energetic and enthusiastic organisers. If you are interested in organising the event, assisting with sourcing auction items and prizes or just helping on the night, please contact Kate Fletcher on 0408 396 829 or leave your name and number at the office.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone for your continuous support this term, enjoy the holidays and we look forward to more great fundraising events and Parents Club activities in Term 4. Reminder: everyone is welcome to the meetings – next one is Wednesday 12th October at 9am in the Staffroom.
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.
Basketball

A reminder to all our current basketball players. If you are not returning to play next season please return your tops to the school office by the end of term, ready for us to distribute to the new players next season.

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.

PYP

What our students are inquiring about through our Central Ideas:

**Preps**: *Similarities and differences make us who we are*
1/2 – *Stories inform and evoke us and can give us pleasure.*
3/4 – *The earth is a complex geological structure which may be compromised by human needs and wants.*
5/6 – *Working together and learning to take action may empower people to make a difference globally and locally.*

Evaluation

Just a reminder...
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

Evaluation Process continued on the next page.
Steps of the programme evaluation process

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**Literacy - Writing**
Continuing on with our writing journey, here are some more tips for writing at home:

4. Support your budding writer. If your child chooses to share their writing with you, point out specifically what you like best about the piece. Rejoice in effort, delight in ideas, and resist the temptation to be critical. Maybe you'll want to ask your child to read the piece aloud. Feel free to ask questions about parts that aren't clear, but leave the answering of those questions to them. And make it clear that you are always interested in reading any writings that they want to share with you.

5. While it’s true we learn to write by writing, we also learn to write by reading. Offer your child a wide variety of opportunities to read, both educational and entertaining, and pass on your own favourite authors, novels, and magazines to show them you’re a reader, too. Talk about those things you’ve both read.

6. The funny thing about writing is that it actually helps the writer think. Encourage your child to use writing to think more deeply about things in their life—questions, problems, hobbies, and topics they want to learn more about.

7. We all have trouble getting started once in a while. If this happens to your child, suggest they try brainstorming, jotting lists of ideas, or talking through their thoughts with you or a friend. Sometimes just spending 15 minutes writing anything and everything (including “I don’t know what to write.”) loosens up the very ideas needed for the piece.

Here are some more great websites to have a look at:
Writing for fun by Jenny Eather
www.writingfun.com
Free audio books
www.audiobooktreasury.com/free-audio-books/children.htm
Famous actors read free stories to you
www.storylineonline.net/
Great interactive stories and activities for younger children
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/onlinestory.htm#talk
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: 

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.