Welcome Back for our final Term in 2011
By the time you read this I will be at the IB Heads of School Conference. Ms Stafford will be in charge while I am away.

Hats
Just a reminder that hats are to be worn when outside in Term 4. This is a blanket policy and hats need to be either the broad brimmed or bucket style bottle green. This rule is in place in all Sun Smart schools and children without hats need to sit on the office steps in the shade.

Planning for 2012
We are well underway with our planning for 2012. There will be 3 Prep classes, 3 Junior classes, 3 Middle classes and 2 Senior classes.

Just a reminder that If you have any specific requests regarding placement for 2012, based on your child's particular needs, please put them in writing and get them to me by the end of October. As I indicated, grades are devised around learning needs and students who work well together. Social groupings happen in the playground where play is the primary focus.

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

Acceptable use for the Ultranet, Internet and Digital Technologies

You will receive the Student Agreement and the Family Information from your child/ren today. Please take time to read through these documents and complete the student agreement and sign it, returning it to school as soon as you can.

We will ask each student and family to sign this agreement at the start of each school year, however DEECD has asked that we use these documents immediately.

Technology is a wonderful educational tool and we encourage the use of technology at school and at home. This information is to inform you of our expectations for its successful use at school.

Geelong Show
We have several pieces of work in the Geelong Show this year. We have 10 items in the Adult Home craft Jewellery section and one piece in the Adult photography section' A bugs life'. Well done to the students for their hard work and good luck!

School Uniforms
Just a quick reminder about the school uniform—Netballs skirts and leggings are not a part of our school uniform and please make sure socks are black, white, grey or green and tights are green.

Geelong Cup
Just a reminder next Wednesday the 19th October is Geelong Cup Day and the school will be closed.
Student News

It has been an exhilarating Exhibition journey so far. We are at the midway point now and putting in all the effort we have left to make our action work. All groups are working diligently on all the back-breaking activities that the teachers are throwing at us. Wistfully some groups are putting in so much effort into their work that they have gotten a new privilege level. To get a new privilege the groups must complete different expectations. Most groups are on track to make their action work which should make a difference in our local community. Even though there’s three weeks left it doesn’t mean there’s still a lot of difficult work to do.
Genetically Modified Food Group

Concert DVD

The school concert, QUEST was a huge success and many families ordered a copy of a DVD of the night. The DVD’s are completed and now available for collection. If you ordered a copy please come to the office to collect your DVD.

Basketball

Highton Tiger Gold play at 5.20

Student Awards

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Collaborative Learning Community
With all the buzzwords and fads in education, "collaborative learning community" has the potential to lose its meaning, of losing its potency. So what is this thing called a "collaborative learning community"? It is a philosophy as well as a place; it is a way of being as well as a working model. It is a mindset as well as a map.
Over the next few weeks I will share with you each word individually, its meaning, what it looks like in our school and then how all three combined, make a very powerful educational environment.
The foundation of a collaborative learning community is collaboration - working together for common goals, partnership, shared leadership, co-evolving and co-learning - rather than competition and power given to only a few. Collaboration is what we encourage in our classrooms and in the playground, to work together, often to achieve a common goal.
Discuss at home the difference between collaboration and co-operation, can you see a difference?

B Pay
Thank you to all the families who have embraced our B Pay system, it is a very simple and effective way of paying for your school excursions. If you are need to pay for multiple excursions you may do so in one payment as your reference number is the same.

Head Lice
A reminder to check regularly for head lice as it is the season, and to remind your children to not share hats.
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 Bargains, 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.** A few seats are still available. 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.
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.
Round Robin Stories
Have you ever made a story with a group of people? It’s great fun, especially in a family. Here are some suggestions listed in order of difficulty.

• **I start – you finish.** The adult starts telling the story, brings it to an exciting part then passes it on to a child. It can move back and forth between parent and child, or circle around a table to all members of the family. For instance, the story could start: “A boy went into a dark cave. He heard a noise, so he pulled out a flashlight and saw…” Make it nice and moody or exciting before handing it off. **EASY**

• **Fortunately / unfortunately.** Here, the story is aided by a bag of props. The first person starts telling the story, bringing it to a cliffhanger. Then the second person takes the bag of props and says, “…but fortunately…” and pulls out an object, then finds a way for the hero to save herself using that object. Then just as it looks like everything is fine in the story, Person #3 says “…but unfortunately…” and takes something from the bag, something that will cause a problem for the hero. It keeps going until there are no more objects. What kind of objects should you use? Anything you have around the house that’s small and interesting: a ball, a rubber band, string, a spatula, a hat… anything will work if you have a good imagination. **HARDER**

• **The family novel.** This works best with school-age children. Once again, all family members will get involved, but here the goal is for each person to write a short chapter to keep the story going. The youngest writers may have to dictate their part. When we did this in our family, each of us got to add our own character in our chapter. The fun of this activity is seeing the story develop with more thought than if it were invented on the fly. I should mention, in our story I had to make one rule: no killing off other people’s characters. It’s a boy thing, I think. **HARDEST**
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!!!**

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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.