International Baccalaureate Conference
Last week and weekend I attended the IB Heads of School Conference. I went to Singapore with over 500 delegates from schools around the world. It was great to learn from many new colleagues and four colleagues from other Victorian Government Primary Schools. During our time at the conference we learned about how the Primary Years Programme can be implemented at a deeper level through team planning and developing learning spaces that really allow for inquiry learning. It is fantastic to see Highton up there with some of the world’s most influential schools. I look forward to working with our school community to further develop the program at Highton.

Sausage Sizzle Helpers
We desperately need a number of people to help run our fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday October 29th. If you can spare a couple of hours please give the school a call.

Congratulations to our Balanced Students
Our students have had a number of recent successes across a range of areas and it is great to see them displaying their balanced approach to their schooling. As a part of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme we work with our students on the Learner Profile and being balanced is an important aspect of our student learning. Last week Gus competed in the Regional Athletics and came second in the long jump. This means that he will go on to compete in this event at a State Level. We had a number of students who entered items in the craft sections at the Geelong Show and all our entrants received a prize for their creations.

Parent Support
Highton Primary School is able to run a rich and diverse learning program to all students because we have such dedicated and hard working parents. Over the years Parents Club have contributed to the purchase of computers, i-Pods, cameras, books, Italian resources, furniture, learning technologies, musical instruments, sports equipment and much more. Our Environment Committee have organised and run four working bees each year giving the children fantastic grounds where they can play and learn. We have had parents helping in classrooms, running clubs, cutting up fruit, fundraising and helping in the office. Without all this support we would not have the unique and caring community school that we have today. Many parents choose Highton for their children because of the strong sense of community and we are hoping that every member of every family feels welcome to contribute to the school in some way. Without this community involvement we would not be the school we are.

Have a great week Tessa Calder
Puppy Farms, yes, you’ve most probably heard it all before, it’s repeatedly been on the news, you’ve probably grown sick of hearing about it by now. But listen, you may learn from them! Those Puppy Farms are detestable and you know it. For those of you whom do not know, Puppy Farms are merciless places. Heartlessly, they treat puppies like dirt. Basically, what happens is they constantly breed dogs for a profit. Wretchedly, They OVER breed the innocent, helpless dogs. Usually once a puppy has had a litter of puppies, they don’t have any more for approximately 2 months or so. With Puppy Farms, the dogs are only rested for a much shorter, unnatural time. This is extremely hazardous for the puppies. There is an awfully high risk of serious illness or, even worse, death. The puppies are cruelly fed once every 2 days. I am about to sum up here, but I need to ask all of you these questions, Would you LIKE to be in a bleak cage for no proper reason? Do you ENJOY being ill? Do you LIKE being awfully hungry? NO! So why do you think the puppies will? “DON’T BREED OR BUY WHILE HOMELESS PUPPIES DIE!”- The ALV- By Lauren Seymour and Madi Ito, Puppy Farms.

Don’t Litter
For those of you who haven’t seen the ‘Don’t Litter’ exhibition group at Highton Primary down in the 5/6 building, well here’s what Ben, Jacob and Erin have been doing for the past 4 and a half weeks. They have finished all of the work that was assigned to them by the teachers. They have also decided on the action they are going to take. They plan to gather up a group of people and rapidly clean up the Highton Reserve and shops. If you would like more info about their action and if you would like to help, come down to the 5/6 building to meet them.

Manners, Opinions and Recommendations
Have you thought about others’ opinions on orthodox manners? If you have, read on. Fairly, the exuberant ways of various cultures and the average Australians will be discussed. Think carefully! It is important to learn about other cultures’ manners when you travel. Also, you should think about how to apply this as you travel.

As you have seen, we the Australian public, have divided views on manners. Surprisingly, a few think it is always better if you show your true appreciation of a situation. Most, however, think manners are an advantage to all and a way to gain friends and respect.

People around the world view manners differently. Remember; make sure you learn about manners in different countries. Thinking carefully about how you apply manners around the world can help you become respected wherever you go.

Andrew, Michael, Jai and Hassan

Geelong Show
Our Gr 5/6 craft group entered jewellery into the Geelong Show. Congratulations go to Alicia Chandran for receiving 1st place, Sade Stafford 2nd place and Isabelle Heily for 3rd place. Debby Ward and Msendoo Tine both received Highly Commended. The jewellery looked stunning so well done to all the girls.
Sade also received a Highly Commended in the Photo exhibition.
Community News

For More Information Please See The Office Noticeboard

- After Hours Home Visiting Doctor Service – For more information see the website homevisitingdoctor.com.au

Calendars and Diaries

A note went home with students about the fantastic chance to purchase a calendar or diary featuring your child's art. Please return your order and payment to the school office by next Monday October 24th.

Active After School

Active After School commences next week.

Monday 4th October.

School Crossing

A student was almost hit by a vehicle while crossing Roslyn Road on Monday night! The driver of the car was very upset and shaken. The student was not using the supervised crossing. Incidents like this are traumatic for all involved. Please use our crossing for your own safety and the safety of drivers.

Student Awards

PRC      Tye Curtis
PRD      Matthew Purnell
JKS      Holly Lunn
JRC      Jackson Jenning
JRP      Jemima Jarvis
MDK      Samuel Tine
MDR      Harmony Stewart
MDS      Christian Mahon
SNG      Michael Breedveld
SNK      Maddi Ito

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Week commencing 24th October

CANTEEN ROSTER
9am-11.30am
Louisa Sanghera
11.30am-1.45pm
Jacky Luscombe

SICKBAY ROSTER
Sue Jirik
**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 (home wares – 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 21st to secure your seat. Friends and family welcome.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Help Required**

This is a very popular and very profitable fundraiser and there is a long waiting list for allocations, so we needing to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is on the same day as the shopping tour so we will be needing extra hands to assist on the day.
**Your help is required 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.

**Concert DVD**

The DVD’s of the school concert Quest are completed and now available for collection. Please collect your DVD form the school office.

**Book Club**

Scholastic book club is due back at school By Monday October 24th. No late orders can be accepted sorry.
The focus of the collaborative learning community is learning - learning where students are actively demonstrating their understanding, rather than students passing written tests as the sole sign of knowing. Learning, that is based on conceptual understanding and the ability to apply this knowledge in a variety of contexts, is a primary goal within a collaborative learning community. It is important to recognize that all students can and will learn, that learning needs to be demonstrated, that it is important to learn not only facts, but also conceptual relationships of ideas and the processes and positive attitudes of learning. We are committed to using thinking and problem-solving skills, multiple intelligences, learning styles and fostering creativity throughout all of our programs. By putting the focus on student learning, rather than teacher telling or "covering the content", means (1) students take responsibility for their own learning, (2) learning experiences are geared to students' interests and needs, (3)

Literacy—Writing

"But I don’t know what to write about!"
"I can’t think of anything!"
How many times have we heard these cries of anguish when asking our children to face a blank page? And although we may do our best to encourage their creative efforts through the use of topic-specific prompts, sometimes we need to give kids more direction, more of a step-ladder to climb into the clarity of their own thinking.

Smaller Steps
The next time you’re faced with kids who are absolutely convinced the power of the pen has abandoned them, try breaking the prompt itself down into manageable parts. Doing so allows children to concentrate on one task at a time and to experience feedback in developing their ideas for written expression.

The “I Remember” Activity
Let’s use the prompt “Write about a favourite memory” as an example of breaking a writing topic into smaller chunks of ideas. This activity gives a feeling for the writing process approach and works well with any age.

- Think of five things that have happened to you. Write down each of the five things, beginning with the phrase, “I remember.” When you’ve finished, share your ideas with me.
- Now, write down one name associated with each of the five things you selected.
- Write down the most important of the five senses (taste, touch, hearing, sight, or smell) that goes with each of your “I remembers.”
- Now select the “I remember” you would most like to write about. Share the memory with me.
- Now, writing as fast as you can for ten minutes, see how much of the memory you can get on paper. Don’t worry about punctuation or spelling; you can think about that later, if you like what you’ve written.
- Now, let’s read your story and think of ways to possibly make it even better.

By tackling a topic in this step-by-step manner, students become more confident and skilled in the brainstorming and drafting stages of writing. And as they will discover, fluent writing flows from the power of knowing you have something to say.
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.