Staffing
We are very excited to announce that we have provisionally appointed Louise Thacker and Lia Matheson to fill our two teaching vacancies for 2012. As a staff we are really looking forward to working with Louise and Lia to continue to improve the teaching, the learning and the student well being at our school.

Camps
A number of our students will be involved in camp experiences over the next few weeks. Our preps will be having breakfast at school. Our Grade 1-2 students will be having dinner at school with our Grade 2 children sleeping in the classroom. Our Grade 3-4 students are ready to head off for their experience at Sovereign Hill. This is a key part of the Grade 3-4 program in student learning and in student well being for this term and for many children this is the first of many “away from school” camp experiences.

Make up
It is a sign of the times that students at primary school have a lot of pressure on them to grow up very fast. A part of this trend seems to be that girls are feeling the need to wear foundation and eye makeup to primary school. We strongly discourage this, unless we have a note from parents saying it is a medicated cream.

Uniform
With the change of weather we are reminding families about correct school uniform. Just to answer a couple of common questions; bottle green shorts are correct uniform for boys and girls and hats are compulsory in Term Four. If you just need a few things to tide you over until the end of the year we do have a number of items in our second hand uniform supply. If you have any questions about uniform please just ask at the office.

Parent Survey
We have our parent survey results back and it is great to see that our community is very positive about what is happening at our school, both in curriculum and in general satisfaction with the school. It is difficult to isolate exactly which elements of what we are doing are contributing to this significant growth in parent satisfaction and therefore I encourage parents who have questions, compliments or concerns to continue to communicate these to school staff or myself. By working together we can continue to improve in all aspects of our school.

Prep Transition
We had our second Prep transition session today. This is an exciting time for our new students and parents and our Prep teachers are really enjoying getting to know the children that they will be teaching next year. Transitions into our school are a very important part of getting everyone working towards the very best education for every child in our school as well as a way for new parents to meet other parents and staff.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of our school.

Have a great week Tessa Calder
Collaborative Learning **Community**
Collaboration and learning happen within the context of community - a creation of unity through appreciating and celebrating diversity. In addition, our school reflects the population and background of the larger community; therefore, collaborative learning communities help students learn the profiles, attitudes, knowledge and skills that benefit all in the community and community members become partners in facilitating and expanding the learning process. We have identified the following as characteristics of community:

- Sense of Shared Purpose
- Respect for Differences
- Agreement on Core Values
- Acceptance
- Participation
- Trust
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Commitment
- Reciprocity
- Conscious Choice
- Accountability
- Shared Responsibility
- Efficacy
- Equity
- Perceived Skill
- Openness
- Cohesion

**Literacy—Poetry**

Over the next few weeks we will look at different types of rhymes and poetry. We would love to put some student written rhymes and poems in our weekly newsletter! So, if you would like to write a poem or rhyme and drop it into the office with your name and age on it, we will publish it in our newsletter. Nursery rhymes and poems really appeal to kids because they enjoy their silliness and repetition. They also enjoy the way nursery rhymes sound. It’s soothing to them. Also rhymes are easier for them to memorise. They can’t usually do that with a book, but repetition helps them master a language.
Poetry and rhymes are important in language development because rhymes help children pay attention to the sounds of words. Poetry, which sometimes includes rhymes is also rhythmic, so children are also attending to and distinguishing the different sounds that make up words. This is called “phonemic awareness” and is an important literacy skill.
Here are a couple of sites to get you going:
http://www.gigglepoetry.com/
http://www.poetry4kids.com/
**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
- **Geelong Summer Music Camp**— For young musicians aged 9-12 Sat Jan 14-Thurs 19th. www.gsmc.org.au

**Calendars and Diaries**

A fantastic response from the school community for the calendar and diary fundraiser. Unfortunately no more late orders can be accepted.

**CAR PARK DANGER**

We are continuing to have drivers make right hand turns out of the car park. This dangerous situation causes major traffic disruptions but more importantly causes collisions. A car almost crashed into another vehicle this morning by a driver doing this illegal right hand turn, and at least two other parents were noted doing the same thing within a ten minute period. We will be having traffic police monitor this in the coming weeks and drivers will be fined.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 31st October**

**Canteen Roster**

- 9am-11.30am
  - Nadine Cuthert
- 11.30am-1.45pm
  - Bernadette Stevenson

**Sickbay Roster**

- Deborah Keay
**Parent 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. Friends and family welcome.

**Basketball**

Our 3-4 basketball team playing on Thursdays would love some more team mates. If you would like to try basketball please contact Carolyn Hall on 0407826504. No experience required just have some fun and learn as you go.

**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. Particularly the 3.30—5.30 shift. 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**

A number of families are still to collect there DVD of the school musical of QUEST. Please collect your DVD from the school office.