Traffic
Just another reminder to please adhere to the restrictions governing parking in the drop off zone, and also not to park in places that might restrict motorist’s vision of our students. This is an ongoing part of a safety campaign to ensure that no students or visitors to our school are in any way compromised by the large volume of traffic outside the school. It is vital that children do not walk across the car park unless they are accompanied by an adult. The only reason we have these rules is for the safety of every child at Highton and we ask that you do your part in keeping everyone safe please.

Environment Committee
We are having our next environment meeting at 7pm on November 15th. This will be to plan for our final working bee for 2011 on November 26th. We would love to see some new faces at this meeting

IB Meeting
On Monday November 21st at 7.30pm there will be a whole school information session on the evaluation that our school is undertaking as part of being an authorised International Baccalaureate World School. We hope to see a number of parents at this meeting where they will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions.

Thank You
I would like to publicly thank all the students and parents who made World Teachers Day so special for us all. We had morning tea and lunch provided by Parents Club and a lovely cocktail supper at the pier organised by parents. We know we are the luckiest staff in the world!

Shopping Trip
I am now officially shopped out! A bus load of enthusiastic parents and friends headed off to Melbourne last Saturday on the famous Annual Highton Shopping Trip. I think we covered just about every type of shop in Melbourne and with school finishing right on Christmas this year it as great to get a lot of gift shopping sorted out. A percentage of all we spent will go to the school and help provide students with more excellent resources.

Building Works
It is great to see the progress being made with our building works. We are working closely with the builders to minimise disruptions to our school program. A particular thank you to Ann Henzgen who is adapting her program while they work on the wall at the end of the Art Room.

Ms Stafford
I mentioned at assembly that Carly Stafford will be on professional leave over the next few weeks. This probably will not cause disruption to our programs, and Tania Kiddle is working in the 1-2 classroom, but if there are any issues please let me know and I will see what I can do. We really appreciate your patience at this very busy time for all. Please remember that I am always available to see parents and students if you make an appointment at the office.

Premiership Cup
We have the Premiership Football Cup visiting our school tomorrow! But not with footballers. Have a great week and thank you for supporting our school. Tessa Calder
Kangaroo Culling

Kangaroos are one of Australia’s favourite animals and the wrong people are culling them. Our group is Kangaroo Culling and we want to STOP the Kangaroo’s from being culled cruelly. We would like to see trigger happy hunter’s stopped from killing kangaroo’s because they often are killed in a very cruel manner. Controlled culling is ok for the right reasons. We think that Kangaroos should stop being culled for their products and should only be culled if their eating and taking up all the farmers land. We’re going to take action by handing out brochures in front of Safeway. 

BE THE CHANGE!

Tennis News

Coach Cam and Coach Anchen Hodge from “Demand More Tennis” came to school to show us some awesome tennis skills. The tasks were challenging but we did it. There were a fantastic 3 sessions.

By Matt Miller

We played popcorn. We had to pass the tennis ball around the circle just using our bats. It was very tricky but lots of fun and we kept on screaming. By Ruby Ryan

Another game was walk the dog. We had to use the bat to move the ball like it was a dog on a lead. My team the Anonymous Chrystals won the race. By Archie quick

Six of us won the Championship of Downs in tennis. We had to bounce our ball down on the ground for as long as possible. If you were out you had to go and sit down. The six of us didn’t get out. The tennis clinics were great! By Ruby Leishman

Film Festival

On the 12th October, the year 5/6 students had a spectacular film festival. Throughout the year, the 5/6 students have made short films for people to enjoy. There were film made out of claymation, stop motion lego films made from a program called “scratch” or pivob and even some that were from a camera. We hope that three of the films will be shown on Channel 31. We all had a great time watching the fantastic films.

Before we watched the films we had an op-shop dress catwalk. Everyone dresses up in clothes that were handed down from family, friends or from the op-shop. Everyone looked fantastic in their op-shop clothes.

I would like to thank Ms Bennett, Mr Kelher and Mrs Garland for making the night possible.

Lauren Seymour
Self reflection

In a profession as rewarding and equally challenging as teaching, honest self-reflection is key. That means that we must regularly examine what has worked and what can be made even better in the classroom and in the curriculum.

We took part in a Program Of Inquiry (POI) review through the International Baccalaureate Organisation in the middle of the year and received excellent feedback and a very complimentary summary on our POI. We have used this feedback to collaboratively plan, alter and adapt our POI to make it more student driven, inquiry based, non judgmental and concept based. This has been reflected in current Units of Inquiry being explored in the classrooms.

Last week as a whole staff, we placed all of the POI and its components on the floor and were able to look at and discuss the horizontal curriculum, which is the whole year in each year level, to make sure we are covering all of the concepts and skills to provide our students with a balanced and internationally minded inquiry based curriculum. This generated some great discussions, feedback was provided and ongoing reflections of our programme will continue.

We also looked at the POI in a vertical perspective, which allows us to see the scaffolding of learning we are building in our students from year to year. It is important to continually build upon our students’ knowledge base, skill level and understanding, as well as providing opportunities for metacognition and action. This was also very successful, with a collaborative team based approach, we were able to strengthen our programme and provide future directions for our school.

*Program of Inquiry is the programme we have developed for each unit of inquiry based on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. It is displayed on the wall near the doors at the rear of the office, as you go down the back steps. It is a whole school document that is developed and reflected on continually. It includes the central idea, lines of inquiry, concepts and related concepts.

Student Awards

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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.

**ACROSTIC**
In Acrostic poems, the first letters of each line are aligned vertically to form a word. The word often is the subject of the poem.
An example is-
- Elegantly and efficiently shaped
- Good to eat
- Great fun to find at Easter
- Smooth shelled

Acrostic poems - [http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/acrostic/](http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/acrostic/)

**ALPHABET**
Each line begins with the letters of the alphabet in order.
An example - A young girl was busy working on her project for school
- But suddenly she had a question.
- Could this be her lucky day?
- Deciding to find out, she
- Entered her backyard and
- Found hundreds of green shamrocks waiting for her.

Another type of alphabet poem requires you to use all 26 letters of the alphabet in your poem.

**ALLITERATION**
Alliteration is the repetition of the same or similar sounds at the beginning of words such as tongue twisters like 'She sells seashells by the seashore'. See how you go saying the ones below quickly…

- The blue bluebird blinks
- Chop shops stock chops
- Good blood, bad blood
- Red lorry, yellow lorry
- Selfish shellfish
- Three free throws

**Tennis Information**
We have recently run a fun Tennis Introductory Program in Highton P.S that has allowed each child in the school to try Tennis for free as a part of the PE program with a huge variety of action packed games, drills and fun tennis based activities. We hope your child really enjoyed their Tennis sessions!
For each child that participated, we now wish to invite you to a **FREE INTRODUCTORY TENNIS LESSON** at Pioneer Park Tennis Courts- Pioneer Road, Waurn Ponds. (Next to the new Leisurelink centre, Gate entrance 2)
Your kids will meet new friends, learn lifelong skills, work on teamwork, balance, focus, co-ordination and most of all – have so much **FUN**!
Please call Cameron Hodge to organise **YOUR FREE INTRODUCTORY TENNIS LESSON** at a time convenient for you. You don’t even need a racquet, as we have many!
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

Fundraising Thanks

A Big Thank You
We have just had a very successful fundraising weekend for our school. Thank you to the Sausage Sizzle helpers and Shopping Trip helpers – your enthusiastic help and generous donation of time over the weekend has been very much appreciated. From these two events, we have raised over $2600. Approximately $2000 was from selling sausages…lots of sausages! We are very pleased with the result and the money will go towards buying more educational items for our school and for our children.

Working Bee

Next meeting Tues 15th Nov 7 Pm in the staff room. Please come along to help us plan our next working bee.
Next Working Bee SAT NOV 26th. Please keep this date free. It is our last working bee for the year. We need many hands on deck to complete as much as we can.

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.

Shopping Thanks

Many Thanks to our school community for collecting Coles vouchers and Woolworths coupons. We collected over 39,000 vouchers from Coles and almost 12,000 coupons from Woolworths. We will be receiving new sports equipment and Math resources in the new year from these efforts.

For your Calendar

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Week commencing 7th November

CANTEEN ROSTER
9am-11.30am
Aleisha Knight
11.30am-1.45pm
Cathy Davidson

SICKBAY ROSTER
Aleisha Knight
“Be the change you wish to see in the world”

Mahatma Ghandi

You’re invited!
Act Locally! Think Globally!
The year 5/6 students at
Highton Primary School
would appreciate it if you could come and
celebrate their
Exhibition Learning Journey
for 2011!!!
The Transdisciplinary Theme this year is:

- Sharing the Planet -

We hope you can attend to share our excitement
and enthusiasm!!

When: Wednesday 16th November 2011
Session 1-Time: 11:30-1:30 (School community)
Session 2-Time: 7-8:30 (Parents and Family)
Place: Highton Primary School
218 Roslyn Road, Highton.
Senior Building

All visitors are welcome to either session.