Green & Gold News

Multicultural Choir
On Friday November 25th the students will be treated to a performance from the Multicultural Aged Care Choir. This will be happening in the School Hall and so there will be no assembly that week. The choir has been a great success each year and we are looking forward to welcoming them to Highton again this year.

School Dates
I have checked with the Department and our school starting date for 2012 is Thursday February 2nd for the students. The teachers will be working on Wednesday 1st.

Reporting
Our teachers are very busy with report writing at the moment. This involves many hours of work outside school hours and I would like to acknowledge the work and careful thinking that every one of our classroom teachers put into this important aspect of each child’s education.

State Athletics
Congratulations to Gus who came 12th in the State of Victoria for his long jump achievement. It is a great achievement and we are very proud of all he has done to get to this level. I am sure we will hear more of his successes in future years.

Christmas Service
The students who participate in Religious Education (RE) have a Christmas Church Service at St Johns Church at mid day on December the 1st. The children walk to and from the church and families are invited to attend if they wish. Children who do not do RE will remain at school with supervised alternative activities.

Inclusion Unit Building Works
It is great to see the progress being made with our building works. Last week Carly Stafford spoke to Principals from across our region about the purpose of our building and the services we will be able to offer to staff from regional schools.

The building renovation includes a meeting room, an activity room and an enclosed play space. While the purpose of these spaces is to allow us to share our inclusive practises with other schools we will also have the use of this area for our own students. We are already getting enquiries from schools about when they can book in to participate in the action learning program that Carly is developing. Please just ask us if you want to know more about how we hope to use the new spaces.

As a part of this project we have also received some money to put towards improving our own inclusive school resources for all students. Shortly each classroom will be receiving an i-Pad 2 for use with students during class time and for staff outside school hours.

Thank you for supporting our school.
Have a great week
Tessa Calder

Highton Primary School Vision
As an IB World School, with strong community partnerships, we commit to excellence and the development of principled, compassionate, lifelong learners, who know they can take action to make a difference to our world.

Highton Primary School is an International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme
Student News

On Tues 1st November 3 year 5/6 teams competed in the Kanga Cricket Carnival at Kardinia Park, with great success. Division 1 boys won 3 games, against St Leonards, Manifold Heights and had a close 4 run win over Christian College. Division 2 boys won their 3 games against Apollo Bay, St Leonards and had a close win over Fyans Park by 5 runs. Fyans Park went on to win this section with Highton the second placed team. The girls team also won 3 games to play off against Fyans Park in a very exciting fast paced final, winning 192 runs to 103. The division 1 boys played Christian College in the final to win 130 to 124 runs in an exciting well contested match.

Well done to all students particularly those commended by other schools for their good sportsmanship. Good Luck those that play in the next round, which will take place on Tuesday the 15th November. Thank You to Mrs Eaton and Kate Harvey for your great work with the girls and Division 2 teams.

Student Awards

PRC  Thomas Anastasopoulos
PRD  Joshua Robinson
JKS  Luke Fletcher
JRC  Tae-Min Brandwyk
JRP  Maddy Hamling
MDK  Thom Stewart
MDR  Connor Eaton
MDS  Darcy Blacker
SNG  Phoebe Trott
SNK  Hassan Hassan
Evaluation Talk

On Monday the 21st of November, at 7.30pm, we will be presenting what the International Baccalaureate Evaluation Process is and how it will look at Highton Primary School. It will consist of a presentation by Carly Stafford followed by an open forum for questions to be raised. Tea and coffee will be provided and it will conclude at 8.30pm. If you would like to attend, please let the office know so we can finalise numbers for the most appropriate venue. The venue will be advised, when we have final numbers, it will be at Highton Primary School.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Literacy—Poetry

Cinquain (sink-ain)

In the French language, “cinq” means five. The cinquain is a poem with five lines and focuses on the use of syllables. See below for the complete cinquain poem rules, an example and your own planning chart.

Cinquain Poem Rules:
Line 1: One word with two syllables (This may also serve as the title of the poem.)
Line 2: Four syllables (These words describe the subject.)
Line 3: Six syllables (These words show action.)
Line 4: Eight syllables (A statement about something that is felt or noticed about the subject.)
Line 5: Two syllables (These words describe the subject.)

Cinquain Poem Example:

Popcorn
Fluffy, crunchy
Explode, popping, bouncing
Tasty snack covered with butter
Yummy!

Couplet

Couplet poems are one of the easier forms of poetry to write, are the shortest form of traditional poetry and have been around since the fifteenth century. The couplet has a stanza of two lines. As the author, you can decide as to whether or not the lines rhyme. See below for the couplet example and your own planning chart.

Couplet Poem Examples:

The Crocus
The golden crocus reaches up
To catch a sunbeam in her cup.

Happy Starfish
A delicate, little starfish
looking to shine
Knowing that living in the ocean is absolutely sublime.
November
Tues 15th  Environment / Working Bee Meeting  7 PM staffroom
Wed 16th  Year 5/6 Exhibition 11.30 - 1.30 AM
Fri 25th  Market stall morning 8.30 - 11.30 AM
Fri 25th  Multi-Cultural Aged Care Choir 1.45PM - Hall
Sat 26th  Working Bee

December
Thurs 1st  RE Concert at St Johns

Week commencing 14th November
CANTEEN ROSTER
9am-11.30am
Sue Bettanin
11.30am-1.45pm
Jacky Luscombe
SICKBAY ROSTER
Trini Langmaid

Community News

For More Information Please See The Office Noticeboard

- **Geelong Summer Music Camp** - For young musicians aged 9-12 Sat Jan 14-Thurs 19th. www.gsmc.org.au
- **Geelong Crafters Group** - All crafters welcome to come along and join. Members can sell their wares earning commission, through our retail store on the corner of Burdoo Drive and Hayers road Grovedale.
- **Geelong Cross Fit** is scaled to suit every level of experience, qualified trainers for total body conditioning. PH 52224660 or visit www.crossfir.com.au
- **Geelong Athletics** - Fundraiser at Landy Field for Paralympians Contact- 0407118895

**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.

**Labelling**

A reminder that if you name item when they make their way to our lost property cupboard it is a lot easier to return them to their rightful owner if they are clearly labelled.

**Concert DVD**

If you have not yet collected your school concert DVD of QUEST please collect it from the school office as soon as possible.

**Market Stall**

Highton Primary School is holding a Market Stall Morning on Friday November 25th 8.30—11.30 AM in the school hall. There will be loads of handcrafts along with Essential edition handbags, Phoenix cards, Tupperware, Yay Me, Nutri-metics Enjo, Books and Much More.

Come along and see what you can buy for Christmas.
Basketball Raffle Reminder

A reminder that our Basketball teams are holding a raffle at $1.00 per ticket with
first prize—Supercats Basketball
  Supercats Bronze membership (1 Adult & 1 Child) Value $200
    Donated by Basketball Geelong
Second Prize— Basketball
  Supercats Training top (XXL)
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All Money and **tickets need to be returned** to the school office by November 19th
**Raffle Drawn** Friday 26th November at assembly.

Lost

One of our students in middle years has misplaced his new and unnamed hat. If you have found a hat, can you please return it to Billy Robinson in MDR

Bookclub

We have a bookclub order here at the office, it was placed and had no name on it, if you can come and tell us what you ordered we can hand it over to you. If you requested items were held here please come and see us to collect those also.

Year 5 /6 Short Films

Watch channel 31 Geelong News on TV to view 3 short films made by our Year 5/6 students. Well done to all short film makers.

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!

**Ph:** 52434602
**Mob:** 0415 802 788
Full Term Coaching Programs with Qualified Tennis Professionals from only $ 90.00.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.