**Exhibition**

I am really looking forward to attending the exhibition evening tonight. The day time session was very well attended by families, students and members of the community. Thankyou to everyone who has helped bring this important event together.

**Change of Date for Working Bee**

Due to the removal of the portable classroom on Saturday 26th the working bee will need to move to Sunday 27th. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Parenting**

I have recently been made aware of a great selection of articles and have included the link here (please hold control and click on the word 'here'). We have had a number of parents asking for advice and I find this site to be simple to read and helpful in the advice it provides. As a school we pride ourselves on the way we work with parents to provide a safe and positive learning environment and the key to making this work is through effective communication. Please let us know if you have concerns about your child and we will do our best to help or, if you feel it necessary, point you in the direction of other professionals.

**Transition**

Transition into school or to a different year level can be a very exciting all be it stressful experience for both students and parents. At Highton we have a number of strategies in place to try and make this experience as seamless as possible. If you need to discuss any aspects of your child’s transition please do not hesitate to see me. For new Preps entering the school we have a program that runs over 5 separate days and includes time in the classroom, information sessions for parents, ‘pre-prep screening’ by Network Staff, meeting their ‘buddies’ (next year’s Grade 6 students), touring our facilities and meeting specialist staff members. For our other students, in addition to providing a formal orientation/transition day where they meet their teacher for next year, they visit next year’s classroom, have information sessions about their new grade level expectations and have question/answer sessions with their new department teaching team. Our Grade 6s have their own transition program that incorporates both in-school activities and visits to their secondary school. A big thank you to Elisabeth Curtis-Short, Marie Diaz, Rebecca Slaven, Jenni Garland and David Kehler and who have been instrumental in organising the into and out-of school transition programs at our school. I am sure that our students will all be well prepared for the next stage in their learning journey.

**Kanga Cricket**

Congratulations to our Grade 5 and 6 students for the sporting way they played at Kanga Cricket yesterday and well don to the girls team who will be moving on to the next level in Ballarat on November 25th.

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

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**Empathy**

Imaginatively projecting themselves into another person’s situation in order to understand his/her thoughts, reasoning and emotions.
My Bed—by Jessica Blaney
My bed fluffy.
I can share my thoughts with it.
I think it’s dreamy.

Thinking—by Jumanna Hassan
Raindrops make me think.
Water is such a great sight.
Raindrops twinkle like stars.

First Sight—by Milly Ward
Leaves are amazing.
Like the first sight of rough gold.
I can’t resist leaves.

Bay Horse—by Laylah Gentleman
They’re as dark as wood.
They run as fast as lightening.
They can jump so high.

Sunset—by Kye Mears
The sun is blinding.
Like a shiny orange slice.
What a colourful slice.

Kanga Cricket
Our Boys and Girls Kanga cricket teams competed in the Geelong Kanga 8’s Final on Tuesday this week.
Each team played 3 games with the boys winning their last game against Wallington P.S, 201 runs to 124, and had a close loss to Mandama P.S, 94 runs to 97. All the boys played well, enjoying their day of cricket and were great representatives of our school. The girls team had a fantastic day, winning all 3 of their games, progressing on to the Final to play an equally enthusiastic Ocean Grove team. With some great fielding and batting, as well as some super catches the girls won the Final. This team is now off to the Regional Finals in Ballarat to represent the Bellarine Division, well done to all the girls who played on the day and good luck in the next round.

Student Awards

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As part of being authorised as an International Baccalaureate School back in April 2009, the staff and the IB staff authorising the school developed an Action Plan for our school. This was based on where we were on our IB journey and identified our future goals, objectives and actions. This Action Plan was designed to be implemented over the next three years and then evaluated and updated through the Evaluation process, occurring for our school in May 2012. The staff are regularly updating this Action plan and are working towards achieving the goals, objectives and actions identified. Staff recently reviewed and discussed this document, talking about what we have achieved and the evidence we have to demonstrate this, what we are yet to complete and when we will be taking action and what will be ongoing for our school. From this we were able to highlight and celebrate all of the great things we do at Highton PS and the goals, objectives and actions we have achieved and identify our next actions for the school. This form of metacognition and reflection is a continual process for staff reviewing all of our programs, Units of Inquiry, assessment and reporting and classroom practice, and one we explicitly teach and encourage in our students in the classroom environment.

Literacy—Poetry

Haiku

The traditional form of Japanese poetry
The form is 3 lines totalling 17 syllables.

LINE 1: 5 Syllables
LINE2: 7 Syllables
LINE3: 5 Syllables

Reminder—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!
**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. All school community, friends and family welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Working Bee**

Next Working Bee has been moved due to the portable being removed to SUN NOV 27th. 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.

**Uniting Care**

A Christmas box has been placed in each classroom for non-perishable goods to be placed in. These goods will be handed over to Uniting Care charity on the day of our RE Christmas service. If we have every child bring along items such as tinned fish & meats, pasta, beans, cereals, long life milks, dried or canned fruits & vegetables, tea, coffee and Milo. These items will go a long way to help others in need over the coming festive season. We thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

**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
- **Soccer In Geelong** - Melbourne Victory Women will aim to make history on 3 December when they will attempt to break the all-time Westfield W-League attendance record in their match against Newcastle Jets Women at Simonds Stadium (Kardinia Park).

**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 21st November**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- 9am-11.30am
  - Roseanne Bartlett
- 11.30am-1.45pm
  - Emma Stella

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

- Samantha Lawson
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)
    Donated by Basketball Geelong
  
All Money and tickets need to be returned to the school office by November 19th
Raffle Drawn Friday 26th November at assembly.

If you would like to Buy a ticket in this raffle see any of our basketball players,
Mrs Hall or the school office. Thank You.

Trivia Night 2012

On Wednesday 23rd at 9 AM in the staffroom we are having a meeting to plan the
Trivia night for 2012. This is the major fundraiser for the school year and last year made
a profit of $13,000 for the school.
Sue Goodhand is co-ordinating the event and is seeking interested people to help plan
and organise the night.
If you have ideas, time or contacts please come along and meet with us. If you can
not make it but would like to be a part of this group please phone Sue on 0402785100.

Calendars and Diaries

These wonderful items were taken to the classrooms recently. If you have not yet
received your order please see your classroom teacher or the office.

Book Club

We still have an unnamed book club order at the office. If you
have not yet received your order please come to see if it is yours.
“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.