Principal: Tessa Calder - 5243 1494
School Council President: Mark Nicholls - 0407 729973
Parents Club President: Kate Fletcher - 0408 396829

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.

Green & Gold News

Student Learning
At Highton Primary we are working on the development of the whole child through our International Baccalaureate Program of Inquiry, through literacy and numeracy, through ICT skills, through communication skills, and by developing the Learner Profile. Besides these elements our program also involves the way we utilise learning spaces, the provision and use of resources, and perhaps most importantly, teaching strategies and approaches that suit the needs of our learners. This is something we will continue to work very hard on to ensure we provide the best learning opportunities to all students in our care. In 2012 not only will we have staff working on support, intervention and extension, but also teachers with leadership responsibilities in ICT, literacy, numeracy, Program of Inquiry, oral language and staff development. With the big increase in student numbers across the school we will be working on maintaining a strong IB focus at all levels of the school.

School Helpers
I would like to express sincere gratitude to all the parents who assist the school in so many ways. There are many ‘behind the scene’ activities that our parents put a lot of time and effort into that are often unnoticed by the broader school community. Thank you to everyone who helps in classrooms, the library, to those who cut fruit, work in the garden, cover and stack books, help with lunch orders, assist with BBQs, sit through meetings and involve themselves in any other activity I might not have mentioned. A special thank you must also be given to our School Council and the Parents and Club who have played a crucial role in providing a safe and stimulating environment for all our children.

Please remember that we have a morning tea to thank all our dedicated helpers on Friday from 10.30-11.30am.

Reports
Your child’s report will come home on Friday. Please remember that the Victorian State Government reporting system awards a ‘C’ to students who are achieving at the expected level for the grade they are in. A child can not get an ‘A’ unless they are working more than 12 months above the expected level for the grade they are in. Please take time to share the positives of the report with your child. The report is an important part of our relationship with parents and students and teachers are more than happy to discuss any aspect of the report with you. If you do want to meet with your child’s teacher please make an actual time to do so as it is not something that fits into the ‘2min catch up’ before or after school.

Dates
Just another reminder that, in line with local schools, we finish at 1.30pm on Thursday December 22nd and the children return to school on Thursday February 2nd at 9.00am.

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

Adventure Park
Come on people, come to Adventure Park!
There are cool waterslides, lazy river ride, aqua racer and lots of fun stuff like a jumping castle and go carts and boats, canoeing, archery and mini golf.
Bu Charlie Marendaz.

Adventure Park Awesomeness
At Adventure Park there’s all types of waterslides and other things. It’s awesome as you have a blast with your family. The Aqua Racer is the best for a six person family and hopefully, you’ll come first on it! If you’re tall enough to go on the Go Cart Grand Prix, you have got to do it! You have to go on the lazy river and there’s an awesome jumping castle and the wild west and gold rush waterslides!

Canteen

A reminder that there will no canteen next Monday which is the last week of school.

Expressions Of Interest

Highton Primary School to enter the Pako Festa Parade.
We are going to enter our Chinese dragon in the Pako Festa Parade, Saturday 25th of February 2012. It is a great chance to celebrate being an International Baccalaureate school, our Cultural diversity and to help the Pako Festa celebrate being 30 years old. We hope as many families as possible can come along in International costumes and parade with the dragon. We’ll need quite a few bodies to take turns carrying the dragon. The parade will be at 11am down Pakington St.

If you are able to come along please leave your name at the office. The first 10 families will receive a chocolate. (just kidding)
More information will be given early next year.

Student Awards

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As part of our International Baccalaureate Evaluation next year, we are keen to get some feedback in regards to the school programme and its delivery. All information is confidential and your participation in this survey would greatly appreciated. Thank you.


Thank you to all the students and families who have participated in Active After School this year. I hope you have all enjoyed the program. We will be running on Monday and Tuesday again in Term 1 starting on February 13th.

I am trying to organise Basketball on Mondays and Tennis on Tuesdays but have yet to confirm the presenters. I am also still trying to get a couple of sailing sessions at the end of term 1. Stay tuned for details - I will get them to you as soon as possible.

As always if you have any questions feel free to give me a call on 0407 826504.

Merry Christmas to you all. Stay safe and have fun.

Cheers

Carolyn Hall
For More Information Please See The Office Noticeboard

- **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.

- **YMCA vacation care program**—January 3 to February 1. Bookings and registrations close December 16th for info on this program contact kimberly.maher@ymca.org.au or phone 52232714

- **Enrolment in VICSWIM Summer Kidz** 2012 is $25 per participant, which includes one 40-minute class each day for the five (5) day program. All enrolment can be done online by visiting www.vicswim.com.au or by calling Julie Rankin at Aquatics Recreation Victoria on 9271-3800

- **St Johns, CAROLS IN THE PARK** Sunday December 18th 7 Pm start At Highton Reserve. BYO rugs, mats and chairs. Featuring Cam and Taylor Henderson. If the weather is bad carols will be at St Johns Anglican Church, Cnr Roslyn and Sth Valley Rd Highton ALL WELCOME

- **Oxfam Trailwalker** - Heather Dempsey and Carolyn Hall participating in this event if you would like to sponsor them please contact these ladies on Carolyn 0407 826504, Heather 0407 098303.

- **SUMMER BY THE SEA** is on again! It’s a free program of fun environmental activities taking place up and down the cost this summer. Find out more by hoping onto www.dse.vic.gov.au/summerbythesea OR BY CALLING 136 186.

- **OXFAM AUSTRALIA**—As part of our trailwalker quest, we have organised a wine fundraising drive...so if you like a glass or two with your Christmas dinner why not try one of our wines and help others while you help your self. We have organised 2 delivery dates– one prior to Christmas and one in January please collect an order form from the school office.

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**Trivia Meeting**

Thank you to those parents who attended the Trivia night meeting which was held last week. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 21st. in the staffroom At 9AM. Please come along and share ideas with us. The trivia night is to be the major fundraiser in 2012, and the more ideas and assistance we have the more successful the event.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 19h December**

- **CANTEEN ROSTER**
- **NO CANTEEN DUE TO WHOLE SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
- **SICKBAY ROSTER**
  - Helen Perry
Belmont High Uniform For Sale

For Sale: Belmont High School Girl's Uniform
Rugby Top (size 14) $20
Winter Kilt (size 18) $25
Sports Shorts (size 14) $10
Sports Top (size 14) $10
Only worn 1 year  Must sell by December 22
Please call 5222-5123 and ask for Sue

2012 Booklists

If you have not yet returned your booklist for 2012, you now need to take them directly to
Hedleys Educational Book Centre as soon as possible.
    It is located at 15 Little Ryrie St Geelong.

Canteen News

Just a reminder there will be no canteen next week (Monday December 19th) due to the whole school sausage sizzle.
Thank you to all of the volunteers who help me in the canteen during the year. We would not have a canteen without your help.
Have a very happy Christmas and see you again in the new year.
Tonya.

Charitable Gift Catalogues

Every year students and parents are incredibly generous with Christmas gifts to staff. We truly appreciate your thoughts. The staff were discussing that this year you may wish to give a different sort of gift to a staff member. Many Charitable groups offer Christmas Gift Catalogues, a $5.00 donation in your teacher’s name can give school supplies for a child attending a community primary school or $10 for tree seedlings and land-care training to help a farming family address soil erosion, protect water supplies and grow fruit or fodder for their animals. You may like to discuss this with your child. Some families did this for us last year and we were in awe of the thought.

Tennis Coaching

Tony Brushfield Tennis Coaching will be holding a Tennis Clinic over summer. He also provides after school tennis coaching.

Where – Wandana Heights Tennis Club
Enquiries - Phone Tony Brushfield 52440040 or 0408524898
Lost Property

We have many items in our lost property cupboard. If you are missing any items please check the cupboard before the end of term. Any items remaining at the end of term will be given to charity.

CHANNEL 31

The senior students short film festival was a brilliant success earlier this term. The efforts of these students is being rewarded by some being screened Friday night 6.30Pm on News Geelong. Some of the children were interviewed. Channel 31 can be found on Digital 44.

ART NEWS

Art – Cartooning using watercolour pencils- DVD raffle
All students had at least one entry for our DVD raffle. All students used the new pencils. Here are the lucky winners. Congratulations.
Preps   Aggie Forssman 1/2C  Issaih Young
1/2K-S  Darcie Griffiths 1/2P  Ruby Leishman
3/4 K   Tessa Miller 3/4R  Connor Eaton
3/4S   Nicholas Carpenetti 5/6G  Debby Ward
5/6K  Jesse Slaven

The Preps from Highton P.S. submitted entries to “The Christmas Courthouse Arts Project”. This outdoor, evening FREE exhibit will be shown Friday and Saturday evenings between 8:30pm-9:30pm. The dates are 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th Dec. The display will be on the corner of Union and Lt. Malop Streets. Eight schools will be featured and Highton is one of them.

Phone enquiries: (03)52242815 email:youtharts@courthouse.org.au

Welcome Lunch 2012

Welcome Lunch First day back 2012.
We’re having a welcome lunch for the new Prep families, Thursday 2nd of February 2012 at the Waurn Ponds Hotel 1pm. Little ones welcome. All welcome, it’s a nice way to introduce them to the Highton Primary School Community.
The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 29 February 2012 for instalment 1 and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must:

on the first day of 1st Term (1 February 2012) for the first instalment and
on the first day of 3rd Term (16 July 2012) for the second instalment:

(a) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, OR
(b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI), OR
(c) be a foster parent AND
(d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

**Submission dates**
The application form must be lodged at the school by:

29 February 2012 for the first instalment or
3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

Parents with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 must lodge the application form **before 15 December 2011**. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012.

**Important information**
A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools.

If you transfer your child, you will need to make a new application at the new school.