Grades for 2012
This morning students met their new teachers for next year. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces for this exciting event. Each child will be excited to tell you who will be in their grade and who their teacher will be. Miss Matheson is in Sri Lanka at the moment so Mrs Kiddle will do the transition for her class.

Thank You
I would like to thank our Parents, Staff and students for all the hard work over the year. The support and fund raising from parents enables us to provide many of the ‘extras’ that make Highton special. The hard work from the staff makes our classrooms amazing places to learn and the fantastic behaviour and attitude of our students makes this the great school we can all share.

Final assembly
Thursday afternoon commencing at the earlier time of 1.00 pm we will host our final assembly for the year. Please note that all students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1:30 pm.

Graduation and Farewell
This evening our parents have organised a Graduation Evening for our Grade 6 students. I am looking forward to a great evening and hearing each student speak about their time at Highton. This is a special time for parents and students and I wish all families leaving the school the very best for the future.

2012
Teachers return to work officially on February 1st and students recommence at 9.00am on Thursday February 2nd.

Helpful Information
Just a reminder that there is lots of useful information about the school system and the new year on the DEECD website under http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/

Have a great holiday season.
Tessa Calder

Thank you for supporting our 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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For More Information Please See The Office Noticeboard

- **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](http://www.vicswim.com.au) or by calling Julie Rankin at Aquatics Recreation Victoria on 9271-3800
- **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.
- **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.
- **Babysitting**— Rhianna Walker is available for babysitting throughout the holidays please contact her on 0425858651 or 52416764

### 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**.

### 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

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### For your Calendar

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Active After-school Communities Program

INFORMATION FOR HIGHTON P.S. PARENTS

The **Active After-school Communities Program** is an Australian Government funded initiative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for your children. The program runs for 7 weeks each term, is **FREE** and students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack.

**Term 1 2012…..**

Mondays – Basketball  
Presenter: Basketball Geelong  
Start 13th February  
End 5th March***(4 weeks)  
3:30 - 4:45

Tuesdays – Tennis  
Presenter:  
Start 14th February  
End 28 March  
3:30 - 4:45

***Mondays – Sailing to be confirmed 19th March and 26th March
Presenter – Geelong Yacht Club

The aim of the Active After School program is to give children the opportunity to try various sports they may not otherwise have a chance to try. We also aim to make links with various sporting clubs in the hope that children may join a club and have an ongoing involvement in sport.

With this in mind I am trying to organise 2 Monday afternoons sailing. This will be different to the normal program in that parents will need to transport children to the venue. In order to run these sessions I need to know that there are at least 15 children interested in taking part and that their parents can take them to Eastern Beach.

Should we not have sufficient numbers to run the sailing afternoons we will revert to the Multi-sport program for the 18th and 25th March. I will confirm in the second week of the program which option will run.

If you would like to join our program please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. Children in all grade levels are welcome to join in either/both sessions. To help us keep the program running smoothly please be sure to let us know if your child will not be attending on a particular night. A text is fine (0407 826504) or let the office know.

Thanks
Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

I would like my child/ren .................................................................to participate in the Active After School program on:

Monday – Multi-sport (5 weeks)
Monday – Sailing 19th and 26th March only
Tuesday – Tennis

(please indicate which days you require).

Parent name.................................................................Contact no...........................................

Signature.................................................. Date........................................
We wish all our Highton Primary School families and friends a safe and happy holiday season.

And we look forward to seeing you all back here on Thursday February 2nd 2012.

To our graduating 2011 Year six students, good luck for your new adventures in 2012.