Buon Giorno From The Principal

Camp
Thank you to all our students, staff and student teachers for making our Senior Camp Experience so rewarding. A special thanks to Mr Kehler for agreeing to take his own car to ensure the group had a vehicle and driver in case of an emergency as the bus did not remain at the camp. All other teachers and Program Assistants travelled on the bus with the students and reported back on the fantastic behaviour of the students on the bus. The photos that Mrs McGuire took are amazing and I am sure the students will enjoy using them as reminders of their experience. I look forward to seeing the leadership growth of these students. Photos can be viewed through the following link - Photos

School Council Elections:
It is that time of year again. All schools have been advised to conduct their Annual School Council Election process by Friday March 30th 2012. Notices with full details are posted this week at the office. There will be 3 parent representatives and 1 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) representative positions declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from the office.
The process for nomination:
Call for nominations – Monday 20th February, 2012 – Forms can be collected at the office.
The new council will meet on Wednesday 21st March, 2012.

What is a School Council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.
Generally, the term of office for all members is about two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the Annual School Council Elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on Highton School Council provides important view points on many aspects of the school and this is especially important in an International Baccalaureate school where community involvement is so highly valued.

Have a great week Tessa Calder

Highton Primary School Mission
We will provide a challenging, globally significant curriculum that addresses individual differences and learning styles. The school will cater for the development of the whole child encompassing their academic, social, emotional, physical and cultural needs in an environment that fosters intercultural understanding and respect.
Highton Primary School is proud to be an International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme

February 22nd 2012

HIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Leader: Tessa Calder - 5243 1494
School Council President: Mark Nicholls - 0407 729973
Parents Club President: Kate Fletcher - 0408 396829

Events & Dates

February
23rd Student Banking commences
25th Pako Festa
29th EMA Applications close. (Late applications cannot be accepted).

March
3rd Working Bee
6th Parents Club AGM 9.15am
12th Labour Day (No School)
30th Last Day of Term 2.30PM finish

Volunteers 27.2.12
CANTEEN
9-11.30
Silvana Inderberg 11.30-1.45
Roseanne Bartlett
SICKBAY
Jasmine Johnson
Camp

On the 1st of February, grade 4’s went on an exciting yet exhilarating journey to the Grampians for our school camp. It was an extraordinary and miraculous experience. We had an epic experience discovering what it would be like to travel as an Aboriginal tribe. We crossed valleys, tended, stretched down cliffs, ate Emu feathers and kangaroo, played the didgeridoo, threw a boomerang and saw lots of wildlife. The scenery was spectacular.

We would like to thank all the teachers such as Dave, Janice, Helen, Sam, Deen, Ali and Jacqui as well as all the Quest camp team.

Happy Birthday Denby 2001
Pako Festa

It's the Year of the Dragon and the Pako Festa's 30th Birthday! So how appropriate that Highton Primary School are parading their Chinese dragon in the Pako Festa. We will also carry two large signs about Highton Primary International Baccalaureate School and the 10 Learner Profile flags. We'll need lots of adults to help with that. Also, how much fun for the students to be part of this community event.

The Pako Festa is on this Saturday 25th of Feb. The parade is at 11am. We hope that as many school families; Mums, Dads, Grandparents and kids, as possible can make it along to walk in the parade, dressed in International costumes (if possible). The children could bring simple musical instruments, such as shakers, tambourines or drums to play while parading.

If you are able to come along to join in the fun, parading as part of the Highton Primary School Community, please leave your names at the office.

**On the day, we'll meet at 10.30am at the northern end of Pakington St. We are parade group 28. Hope to see you there!**

Kind Regards,

Pako Festa H.P.S. organisers - Jacqui Bennett and Carlo De Mori

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Active After School

All place for Active After School on both Mondays and Tuesdays are filled. No more students can be accepted. Thank you to families for the great response.

Dance

New dance classes are being held in The Highton Primary School Hall. The classes are on a Wednesday afternoon. Prep to Grade 2 at 3.45—4.45 and grade 3 to grade 6 at 5.00-6.00 for more information call Nikki on 0418442657 or collect the enrolment form from the school office.

Student Banking

Student Banking will commence **Thursday 23rd February**. Please take bank books to the office each Wednesday ready for the Student Banking Coordinators to process to the Commonwealth Bank first thing Thursday Mornings. Bank books will be returned back to the classroom to be handed to the student. The token system will be continued again this year. We will have more information about the tokens, in the newsletter in the next few weeks. Please keep your tokens in a safe place at home!

**To all new families:** In due course we will be sending home a pack from the Commonwealth Bank with instructions of how to open an account for your child. Once received if you have any queries regarding the information pack or the Student Banking Process, please leave your name, phone number or email details at the office and we will contact you.

We look forward to another great year of savings with all of the students involved.

Leesa and Carolyn

Student Banking Coordinators
Welcome

All families and staff are invited along to our welcome picnic on Friday March 2nd from 5.30pm on the school oval. Bring your skills for the gumboot toss, hoola-hoop competition, egg and spoon races and maybe more. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Nutrimetics

Last ever $10 Nutrimetics lipstick sale. Mention Highton Primary and I will donate $1 per lipstick to parents club. Phone Karen on 0425783303 Colours at the office. $2.50 Postage and handling on each order. Orders to be placed by 28/2.

Parents Club

Parents Club - AGM
Thank you to everyone who attended our 1st Parents Club meeting of the year. It was great to see new faces and we look forward to having another successful year of fundraising and fun activities for the Highton Primary School families and friends.

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 6th March at 9:15am in the staffroom. The main purpose of the AGM is the election process to fill the official positions for the following year. If you are interested in taking up one of these positions (President, Secretary or Treasurer), please see Lyn/Gaylene at the office for a nomination form. Applications must be submitted by Thursday 1st March.

If you would like to be included in the Parents Club but don't think you can make it to the meetings, we can add you to the email correspondence and you can email us any information, questions, or fund raising suggestions to bring up on your behalf.

Working Bee

A reminder that our school Working Bee is being held on Saturday March 3rd. Please put this date in your calendars and come along if you can. Those families who are rostered on for this first working bee will be notified by letter prior to the day.

2013 Enrolment

Our places for 2013 are filling rapidly. If you have a child due to commence school at in 2013 please collect an enrolment form from the office and return promptly. We believe we have quite a few siblings due to start school next year and wish to process their enrolments so no one is disappointed.

EMA

E.M.A. forms are available from the office for Health Care Card holders. If you have not yet completed a form please collect one from the school office and return before February 29th. No late applications can be accepted.
Community News

For More Information Please See The Office Noticeboard

- **Tap High Dance Studio** - Contact Vivienne, 0425873269
- **COR Inner Children’s Yoga** - St David’s Hall Newtown, Ph 52233117
- **Highton Dance Academy** - Costumes Supplied, 52414815 or 0414434815
- **The Healing Web Café** - Mainly Vegetarian, 229 Roslyn Rd Highton 52416601
- **Aussie Hoops** - 8 week program 52771388 or courtney@basketballgeelong.com.au
- **Swimming Lessons** - The Handbury Centre or anita.h2o@hotmail.com
- **Clean Up Australia** - Sat 3/3/2012 9-11 Highton Primary School
  Sun3/3/2012 9-11 Tim Hill Reserve Wandana Heights
- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** - Seeking host families for International exchange students go to [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) or Phone 1800 500 501
- **Amateurs Football Club** - Auskick Rego day Fri 30/03/2011 5-6 pm
- **Come & Try Hockey** - Newtown Hockey Club. Starting 26/02/12 9-10am
  www.newtownhockeyclub.com.au or Ph Claire 0417015130
- **Grovedale High School**—tours are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am. Please Phone Mr Davin Reid, on 5245 4545 to make a booking
- **Save Your Sanity Workshop**—Friday 11.05.2012 Focusing on practical strategies for ADH, ASD and Oppositional Behaviour
- **Saint Ignatius Open Day** - 18 March 2012 and 2 May 2012—Ph 52511136

**Belmont High School**

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP). Belmont High School will be holding a SEALP information evening (for 2013 year 7 intake) on Tuesday 27th March at 7pm (tours of the school between 6pm and 7pm).

2013 Applications close Monday April 30th 2012.

Testing Fri 4th May or Sat 5th May 2012.
Interviews 14th-15th May 2012.
For further information contact Mr Lesley Goode 52435355.

**School Supervision**

There has been a concern raised about before school Yard Duty. Just to clarify for everyone and to ensure student safety our Yard Duty is as follows

- **8.45-9.00am** Principal on duty around the piazza and path between the lower building and the Junior Building. **There is no Yard Duty in the public car park before school** as the children walk straight from the car and into the school grounds.
- **11.05-11.30** Teachers on duty in the playground
- **1.40-2.30** Teachers on duty in the playground
- **3.30-3.45** Principal on Yard Duty in the public car park to supervise the group of students before they are collected by a car.

If you do have any questions about this please feel free to contact the school for further clarification.