Welcome
Welcome back to another year at Highton. I hope you all had a wonderful break with your children and a special welcome to all our new families.

Thank You
A special thank you to the parents and friends who came in over the holidays and worked in the school grounds. It is looking fantastic. You may have noticed some orange tape up around the school, this is to keep the students safe so please encourage them not to go where the tape is please.

Professional Learning
Five teachers and I went to Adelaide to participate in some International Baccalaureate professional learning in the holidays. We all learned important things and met some great educators while we were there. We did workshops in Introduction to the Primary Years Programme, Mathematics, Transdisciplinary Learning and Information Technology. I would like to thank those teachers for spending their time and money in getting to, and staying in, Adelaide in what is usually holiday time.

During the last three curriculum days all teachers have been participating in a workshop about learning run by the International Baccalaureate at our school. We have a great deal to think about and continue learning from this workshop in our endeavour to make each child’s program as targeted as possible.

Paper Free
A change will take place this year in the way we distribute our newsletters. In the interests of being as ‘paper-free’ as possible we will continue to put our school newsletter on our webpage each week, but we will not distribute a hard copy to each family. The website is www.hightonps.vic.edu.au For those families who cannot access Internet at home, at our school or elsewhere we will print out a newsletter when asked for it at the office. We now offer B-Pay for accounts and we also hope to use the Ultranet for communication with families on a class or level basis.

Canteen Helpers
Canteen will start on February 21st. There is a parent participation form with this newsletter asking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. Classroom helpers information will come out separately.

Have a great year. Tessa Calder
Parents Club

Next Wednesday 9th February a Parents Club meeting will be held at 9 AM in the staffroom. All new faces are most welcome to come along and meet some of our longer members to share and hear what our aims are for this coming year.

Medical Conditions

A reminder to all families who have a child with Asthma and or Allergies to please obtain an asthma/allergy action plan from your Doctor and return them to the office as soon as possible. If we do not have an action plan we need to respond to the child as if they do not have a medical condition.

Parent Participation

We value our community contributions here at Highton Primary School and you will find with today’s newsletter a parent participation form. We will appreciate it if every family could please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

E Mail

A current email address for contacting each family is now required. So could everyone please give the office an address as soon as possible.

Assembly

Assembly shall continue to be held on Friday afternoons at 3 PM. All families most welcome to attend.

Newsletters On-Line

As of next Wednesday all school newsletters will be available only via our web page www.hightonps.vic.edu.au
If you do not have access to the internet please see the office to print you a copy.

For your Calendar

February

Fri 4th Students First Day of Term One 2011 - 9 AM

Week commencing

CANTEEN ROSTER

SICKBAY ROSTER