Mothers Day Stall
What a terrific job our Parents Club team did to help children with gifts for Mothers Day. We really are extremely fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group of parents. From all of us at school, thank you for all your efforts!

Enrolments 2010
Prep 2010
Over the last few weeks I have had a large number of parents looking around the school for Prep enrolments next year. It is great to hear the positive messages they have heard about the school in the local community. If you have a child due to start school next year and you have not filled out an enrolment form please could you do so as soon as possible. Forms are available from Lyn in the office.

Car Park
Our shared car park is a very busy place in the mornings. To provide the safest possible drop off in the morning please could you drop your child outside the hall allowing them to enter the school from the side gate. Pre-school parents use the parking bays on their side of the car park as they need to accompany their child into the pre-school.

Working Bee
Saturday the 23rd of May sees our second Working Bee for 2009. Whilst all families are rostered on for one Working Bee for the year we most certainly appreciate as many families as possible coming along and helping out. During 2008 we were thrilled to have an average of 50 families attending each Working Bee even though only 30 families were rostered. We will kick off at 9:00 am and finish at midday to enable families to enjoy the remainder of their Saturday. This week we will tackle a number of regular maintenance tasks. Letters will be distributed to rostered families with next week’s newsletter.

Building News
Work is soon to start on our fantastic new building. We have had a project manager appointed and surveyors will start work on the site this week. At many stages there will be areas of the school ground fenced off and we will keep students informed about play areas during the building works. Please feel free to come in and have a look at the plans for the building if you are interested. It looks like a really great learning environment for our students.

Have a great week
Tessa Calder

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School Council President: Mark Nicholls - 0407 729973
Parents Club President: Stacey Little - 52431650

Highton Primary School Vision
Our vision is to inspire our children to value; caring, respect, tolerance, honesty and positive attitudes through a curriculum aimed at individuals, fostering life long learning within an international perspective.

Highton Primary School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Organisation Primary Years Program
Community News

See notice board for more details

- MacKillop family services looking for very special people for fostering
- Club Italia hold regular functions, for a timetable of events please see the noticeboard
- Raising Happy & Confident Kids A Seminar for Parents with Pat Jewell - Thurs 28th May
- Red Cross bushfire appeal “A Brighter Blaze” Saturday May 16th. @ Sacred Heart College $25 per ticket. Available through Geelong Dance supplies.
- World Education program is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July 2009
- Australian Centre for Moving Images present - The Amazing Human Body Adventure Tuesday June 23rd see notice board for more details
- Australian Centre for Moving Images present - Take Five Tuesdays June 2nd & 9th see notice board for more details
- LOTE@home - learn a language at home—see notice board for more details
- Splash of life photography, photo memory packages available. www.splashoflife.com.au
- Sunday morning soccer - Barwon Soccer Club is running a soccer programme for boys and girls aged 5 to 9. “Small Sided Games” will happen each Sunday morning at 9.30am during terms 2 & 3, at Reserve Rd, Grovedale. For more details email roberthj@bigpond.net.au or call 03-52416852.

Recycling Safety Update

Our art room is always looking for recycled goods for construction. However there are new regulations in regard to what we can and can’t use. We **CANNOT** use cardboard or packaging that have had foodstuffs inside e.g.. Cake mix boxes, peanut butter jars, cereal containers. Things that are acceptable are toothpaste boxes, , food wrap rolls and boxes, paper boxes etc.....

2010 Enrolments

Our enrolments for 2010 are going ahead nicely, and we are reminding parents of siblings due to commence school next year to please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it promptly.

Fair Trade Thanks

Thank you to Heather Dempsey who held a fair trade morning tea on Tuesday, and approximately 25 people came along and enjoyed the opportunity to taste the fair trade products available. Lets hope it encourages the purchases that will assist the farmers long term.

Student Awards

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Working Bee
As part of the next working Bee there are several jobs we would like to complete, and we wondered if anyone had access to a Bobcat or Dingo and could arrange for it to be at the School grounds on Saturday May 23rd. Work includes repairs to the Billy Cart track and other jobs around the school yard.

Music Club
Looking for Parent involvement in a Tuesday lunchtime music club being ran by Katie Keller and Rolf Brachold. Musically minded people willing to help in this activity can leave their names and contact details at the office please.

Netball News
The Highton Emeralds came up against a team that has been playing together for 3 years. Although the score did not reflect it the Emeralds played a fantastic game, and really pushed their opposition. Well Done Girls! Player of the week went to Laura Firipis

This weeks game is at 5.30

Mothers Day Thank You
Thank You to Maxine Eaton and Melissa Haynes, along with their band of merry helpers for their fantastic efforts in putting together another lovely Mothers Day stall. All of our mums were very appreciative of the wonderful gifts the children got to purchase, and the children are very grateful for the shopping experience given to them of getting to browse select and buy on their own.

Book Fair
May 27, 28 and 29th at Highton Primary School. There will be lots of specials. A great chance to stock up on great books. Remember 25% of all books sales made at the book fair goes towards receiving new books for our school library for our children to enjoy, so shop now for birthday and Christmas books and help build our library also.

Book Fair Helpers Needed
We’ll need helpers to set up Monday 25th May from 2pm. Also to help with selling Wed – Fri, 8.30am – 9.30am and 3.15pm – 4.15pm, with a 4.15pm pack up on the Friday. If you are able to help please see Jacqui Bennett or Lyn at the office.

For your Calendar

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Entertainment Books—DUE BACK ASAP

A reminder to please return your payments for the Entertainment Books to the office as soon as possible. If you do not wish to buy the book please return it to the office. Remember the school makes $10 for every book we sell so you may like to buy an extra one for a gift (more available from the office). Or you may like to donate the $10 if you choose not to buy the book.

Student Information Forms

Most of these important forms have been returned to school, however we still have approximately 40 forms still outstanding. It is vital that the school gets these forms back as often details have changed and we aren't aware. Also contact details need to be confirmed for health and safety reasons. If you have not yet returned your child's form please do so immediately.

Upcoming Parent Social Event

Please keep Friday June 12th free!!!!!!!
Parents Club will be holding an adults 70’s & 80”s Disco @ the Highton Bowls Club on this night. A great way to get to know each other in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Look out for more details in the coming weeks.

Tax News

Changes to the tax laws mean the GREAT news is you can claim any of the resources that are used by the student to learn. They call this "Associated Learning Materials" and this can include items like Time timers, Pics for PECS, Pencil grips, Sensory toys if used by student. The books can be claimed if used by student, so for example Visual Learning has worksheets for student.

You can also claim computers, software and a whole host of other educational materials so take a moment to have a look on the tax office website.

For more information the tax office website is http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GyjDx&m=1dZGcuF7Elv439&b=susFVpq8zAMJ65K9kmWImg

I found the fact sheet the easiest to read.

If you have full care of a child, you can claim 50% if you are eligible (you will need to check if you are eligible) Expenses up to:
- $750 for each eligible child in primary school - that is, a refund of up to $375

The Green Club

This Monday at lunch time the Green Club began a new garden—the fairy garden, near the Prep area. We had lots of enthusiastic young gardeners help us plant cottage garden type plants—the sort of flowers that fairies like to live in! We have a plan to make some wind chimes and little sculptures for our garden and also for sale at our green shop. Can you help ?? We need cans, wire, non screw bottle tops, buttons, beads and old table knives, forks and spoons. Please leave in box outside Art Room.

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle