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Working Bee
A huge thank you to all participants for the sensational achievements at last Saturday’s working bee. Not only do the grounds look clean and tidy but, the piazza walls have been raised and capped, new steps have been built, the chook house is ready for new inhabitants, the indigenous garden has been repaired and everyone was provided with a delicious morning tea.

Buildings
Our new building project is progressing well with project managers organising the site plans and surveys. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of next year. We are now focussing our energy on starting the National School Pride renovations to the Junior Building. This money is being given to schools to improve the condition of their facilities. Initially this will mean some much needed repairs to fascia boards and window frames. Our major focus for this program will be upgrading and enlarging some of our classrooms, and this work will be completed by the end of 2009.

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Tessa Calder

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Risk Takers
Standing up and speaking in front of the class is being a risk taker

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Community News

See notice board for more details

- Raising Happy & Confident Kids A Seminar for Parents with Pat Jewell - Thurs 28th May
- World Education program is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July 2009
- Australian Centre for Moving Images present - Take Five Tuesdays June 2nd & 9th see notice board for more details
- 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 roberthi@bigpond.net.au or call 03-52416852.
- Children's Craft Workshops June/July school holidays at the National Wool museum. More information available at www.nwm.vic.gov.au

Book Fair This Week

May 27, 28 and 29th at Highton Primary School. There will be lots of specials. It’s a great chance to stock up on good books. It is open to all, so send along your friends, relatives and neighbours. 30% of total revenue goes towards books for our Library. Stock up on gifts for birthdays, Christmas etc and support our library at the same time.

Netball News

The Highton Emeralds played a fantastic game last Wednesday. The girls showed everyone how a team should play. Well done everyone! Player of the week went to Isabelle Heily. Any new players (girls or boys) interested in joining us for some fun, please see Helen Perry or Carolyn Hall.

This weeks game is at 5.20

Student Awards

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2010 Enrolments

2010 enrolments are filling nicely and we wish to remind families of siblings, or if you know of any families wishing to commence here next year please pick up an enrolment form from the office and return as soon as possible.

Learning For Life

Thursday May 28th, 7.00pm. Conference Room.

Agenda
Policies to be reviewed
The Arts
Religious Education
Mathematics
PYP Authorisation Report Discussions – Commendations and Recommendations

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who attended yet another successful working bee on Saturday, with fine weather and lots of willing helpers our list of jobs were completed.

It was great to see so many people willing to pitch in and tackle some tricky jobs such as building and painting walls in the courtyard, creating wooden steps, erecting the chook shed (mkII) as well as working on the drains, cleaning and having a general tidy up of the school grounds.

Lost

A named green bike helmet belonging to Conner Hodgkins is missing if you have seen his helmet or perhaps accidently taken it home can you please return it to him in Junior Lucas.

Parents Club Recipe Book

A major fundraiser we are considering for 2009 is the production of a keepsake recipe book and are asking if any members of our school community have a contact within a printing firm that may be able to assist us with a good price on the costs associated with this. If you can help us out or have been involved in this type of fundraising venture and would like to be a part of this leave details at the office for Gaylene Nicholls or Tonya Trott please.

For your Calendar

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Canteen Roster

Week commencing 1st June
Jocelyn Mackay
Kylie Gliszczynski

Sickbay Roster

Week commencing 1st June
Tracei Denison
70’s & 80’s Social Event

We will be selling tickets for the 70s/80s Social Party Disco outside the hall before and after assembly this Friday.
Tickets selling fast - Look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to enjoy a fun and social evening.
Tickets $15 per adult, includes Entry, Music, Nibbles, chance to win a door prize
Fancy Dress Optional - Drinks at bar prices
Don’t forget to bring along a cold savoury or sweet plate to share for supper!

The Green Club

This week the green club were wonderful seed savers and sign artists for our green club shop. Thank you to all our helpers.

The green shop will be on
Friday June 5th
2:45 - 3:45
Outside the hall.

Check out he green club display board near the office.

CAN YOU HELP?
Do you have excess produce? Eg: lemons, quinces, vegies, herbs preserves etc. We would greatly appreciate any donations.
Can you sew?
We need tulle fruit/veggie bags or maybe you can bake something yummy?
If you can help with the garden club or green shop or have any donations please phone 52443551 or see Georgie, Leesa, Lisa or Helen.

Music Club

Music club will starting next Tuesday at lunchtime, in the covered outdoor area near the art room. Interested students please bring along your instrument. Parent helpers most welcome.

Tapestry /Weaving Project

Students at Highton Primary School are very fortunate to participate in a tapestry project where all students will learn how to weave using a loom. This project will run over 2 terms and will be incorporated in to weekly Art lessons. A regular Art program will operate and each lesson a small group of students will weave on the loom. At the conclusion of the project all students at our school would of weaved some of the large tapestry which will be displayed in our school. A local tapestry Artist Joan Korn will initially assist with setting up the program and she will hold a training workshop early Term 3 for interested parents. Without parent support this project will not be able to operate. Anyone who may be interested in helping with this project please see Tania Kiddle, Helen Miller or Helen Perry. A list will also be left outside the Artroom door for you to leave your name. Stay tuned for more details about the exact date of the workshop.

Thank
Tania Kiddle

Thank You

Thank you to Gordan McKay Electrical & Jamie Wekwerth for their generous donation of money to purchase deciduous trees for our school grounds