State Wide Reporting Day
Just a reminder that students are not required at school this Friday. Teachers will be at school working and the office will be open.

Sunsmart
We have been advised by Sunsmart that with the lower UV levels in the Winter months sun protection is not required during May to August, (if UV levels are 1 or 2). This will assist students to maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the Winter months.

Music Club
Last Tuesday we had our first session of the lunch time music club and a great time was had by all. From this week the club will run on Thursday lunchtimes in the Library so if students play an instrument or just want to have fun with music they are welcome to come along and join in.

Piazza
Just a reminder that the piazza area is designed as a relaxing and passive area of the school. It is not designed for ball games or running. This is both for safety and student comfort.

School Visit
Last week we had a visit from Robyn Jeffery our Regional Network Leader to look at our numeracy teaching. It was great to get some really positive feedback about the wonderful job our teachers are doing in the classroom! Have a great week. Tessa Calder

Green & Gold News

Building News
We will be starting work on the repair and replacement of our fascia boards on the Junior Building over the next few weeks. We have an architect doing the drawings for the renovation of the junior building and we have plans in place for the rejuvenation of the totem poles and pencil sculpture. In getting these works together I have had an enormous amount of help from Barry Collins and I would like to thank him for his valued contribution. I am expecting the final drawings for the new building to be delivered this week and work to start by the end of the month.

Green Shop
We had a fantastic response both from contributors and shoppers at the Green Shop outside assembly last Friday. There was a wonderful array of home grown and home made items for sale and if my purchases were anything to go by the quality was excellent. Thank you to the hard working parents who got this off the ground.

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 an International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Program
Community News

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
- **Aussie Mozzie Tennis.** Modified tennis for 5-7 year olds. Ph Tony Brushfield 0408 524898
- **Generation Next**– understanding the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y and X– gennextseminars.com

**Zone Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the zone cross country at Geelong Race Club on Tuesday. These students competed in a field of 150 runners, in very cold conditions, and we congratulate them on their effort and placement. Katrina Anastasopoulos 37th. Christian Davies 53rd. Pierce James 15th. Megan Rabie 41st. and Ebony Smith 27th. Well done to you all.

**Netbooks**

Next Tuesday our computer technician Ron Carter will need to see ALL year 5 netbooks. Please remember to have your netbooks at school with the batteries charged.

**Last Chance!**

Remember The Bus Stop, Nut bush and that hair and flares.
If you can’t get a babysitter and come as a couple you can still come along, get a group of friends together and have a girls night out or maybe even a boys night.
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 ( Cyndi Lauper, John Travolta, hippies punks, all welcome)

Drinks at bowls club prices
Don’t forget to bring along a cold savoury or sweet plate to share for supper!
From Saturday Night Fever to Xanadu and all in between something for all tastes.

**For your Calendar**

**JUNE**
Friday 12th  | Student free day
Friday 12th | Parent 70’s/80’s Disco
Monday 15th. | Final Of Monday’s Active after school
Friday 26th. | School term ends.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Week commencing 15th June
Julie Anne Clark
Sharon Lever

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
Week commencing 15th June
Jocelyn Mackay
**Fun Run For A Cause!**

On Tuesday the 23rd. Of June our Junior School Council has organised a Fun Run for the whole school to participate in. The money raised is on behalf of Harmony for the “Clown Doctors” at the Royal Children’s Hospital. The children will be running/walking laps of the school oval and will be looking for sponsors per lap or for a specified maximum total.

The Clown Doctors are very special people who spend their time with very sick children and rely on donations and fundraising to support their cause. They have helped Harmony a great deal.

“I wish I got to see the clown Doctors every day because they make me feel better”

**Netball News**

The team had a bye last week, but we would like to put out a reminder that we are still looking for interested people to come along and join our team. It is a fun way to learn the sport as we are all having a try of different positions on the court. Friendliness, good sportsmanship, teamwork and learning new skills is what we are focused on. So if you are interested in being part of the fun please see Mrs Perry (Nick SNS, Brooke JRL, Jess PRD).

**This week’s game is at 4:00 P.M.**

**Recipe Book**

Parents club will be co-ordinating a recipe book as a fundraiser for late in term 3. We will be looking for support from families in supplying recipes for the book and ask that you keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information in getting those to us. The recipe books will be lovely school keepsakes and perfect gifts for family and friends, so earmark some for your Christmas shopping and you will be helping the students also.
Helping Children Develop Friendships

Parents and professionals often struggle with helping children learn to be good friends or to understand the complexities of social interactions. Below are a number of strategies that can help children develop friendships.

1. Get Involved – Participate in community sports teams, art programs, and special events. These are wonderful opportunities for children to engage in structured activities with peers. For children with special needs, communities increasingly are offering camps and activities geared towards their specific needs. Ask professionals and support groups for information on these programs or check your community newspapers, centers, and websites. Another great activity, for children who benefit from very direct instruction, is social skills groups. These groups, which are offered in many communities, are a great way for children to develop their social skills in a fun yet structured environment.

2. Leverage the Child’s Interests – If the goal of enrolling a child in a program is to provide opportunities for making friends, look for activities the child enjoys. Some children like the arts while others enjoy sports. If a child is particularly shy, look for activities that initially have less direct contact. Tumbling and swimming are examples of individual sports while soccer and basketball involve more contact with peers. If children start in activities they enjoy, they are more likely to join other programs.

3. Role Play Difficult Skills – Practicing social skills is a way to work on specific aspects of social interactions. For example, if you notice your child stands too close to peers or repeatedly asks the same question, help them learn about personal space or conversational skills through role play. By practicing these skills in the home, children can learn to improve their social skills and apply them outside the home.

4. Provide Examples – While reading books or watching television, explain social situations to children. Point out how helping others, using kind words, and listening when friends talk are ways to be a good friend. When characters are being hurtful or invading someone’s personal space, point these actions out and ask the child what the character could do differently to be a better friend.

5. Model Being Good to Others – Part of being well liked and being a good friend is being kind. Demonstrate kindness by saying nice things about and to others whether they are the grocery store employee or your neighbor. Point out when a co-worker does something thoughtful and how this makes you feel about them. If your child is sympathetic or says something complimentary, tell them their actions made you happy.

6. Do Not Force Friendships – Just like adults, children get along better with some peers than others. Teaching children to be kind and to include everyone in activities is important, but they do not have to be best friends with everyone.

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