**Disco**

Oh what a night!

Last Friday our hard working Parents’ Club organised a fantastic evening of entertainment at the 70s and 80s Disco. The costumes were amazing, the music was ‘cool’ and we were all there to have an evening of fun and laughs.. Thank you for a great night.

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**Setting limits and boundaries that work**

*From Michael Grose Parenting Ideas*

Kids love limits and boundaries. They love to push against them. Limits teach them how to behave and how to be safe and social. They are an essential part of discipline, yet so often we get them wrong. When they are done well they are super-effective.

Recently, I saw my next door neighbour use limits effectively to teach his four year old about safe riding. His four year old is allowed to ride his bike on the footpath two house blocks in either direction from his house. The limits set work so well because they clear, specific and realistic. Let’s look at each of these criteria.

- **Clear** as the four year old has had the two block limit explained to him in language he understands.
- **Specific** as two houses is two houses.
- **Realistic** as it is within the four year olds’ skill and experience range. It makes sense.

The limits weren’t fuzzy (not taking the time to explain and make sure the child understands), general (‘don’t go too far!’) and unrealistic (’you can’t ride outside at all’).

**Kids will push the limits.** I’ve seen the four year old ride a little further than two blocks but he knows he is pushing it, and he only goes a little bit over. The point is, he knows and only goes a little bit over.

This type of limit-setting can be applied to any situation and any age group, such as teenagers going out at night.

Make sure the limits you set for kids are:

- **Clear**– they understand what they are
- **Specific**– delivered in concrete or specific terms
- **Realistic**– they fit within the child’s developmental range.

**Have a great week.**

Tessa Calder
**Community News**

**See notice board for more details**

- **Aussie Mozzie Tennis.** Modified tennis for 5-7 year olds. Ph Tony Brushfield 0408 524898
- St John’s Kids Club ages 2-6 holiday program ph: 5243 3561
- CHIP Cartooning Workshop - with Bradfield Dumpleton Saturday June 20th Highton Primary School 10 am - 1 pm. To book email jo.bailey@westnet.com.au

### School traffic safety.

This is a reminder to all drivers to please **observe road laws** and, common sense when travelling near school zones. Also be aware of parking areas and do not leave your vehicle if you are only in a set down area. Our crossing lady, Marion, has been quite concerned and disappointed lately with the volume of people **not** using the crossing to safely get across Barrabool Road. The crossing is the only safe option for crossing, and we ask that parents lead by example no matter how much of a rush you are in. Remember all eyes are watching and children may be inclined to replicate your dangerous behaviour.

### Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd semester

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 January 2009**) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**13 July 2009**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first instalment and **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **$221** for primary students and **$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

*Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.*

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Canteen Roster**

**Week commencing 22nd June**
- Rebecca Andrews
- Kelly Caevikkan

**Sickbay Roster**

**Week commencing 22nd June**
- Claire Laws
Indigenous Swimming

Swimming Victoria will be conducting a 10 week Indigenous swimming program at Water-world leisure centre, Norlane. It is open to all School aged Indigenous children. The program will commence on Friday July 17th. At 5:45– 7:00 P.M. Please see the notice board outside the school office for more information.

Parent’s Club Social Night.

Well Done parents - what a fabulous night of fun and laughter! The 70’s 80’s disco was a great success, and I think you will all agree, everybody who came had a wonderful time. It was amazing to see so many people putting time and effort into finding/making/hiring/wearing costumes - it gave the evening a great atmosphere. A BIG thank you to everyone for supplying a fab supper and to all of those who contributed towards the door prizes– Including Highton Wine Cellars, Harvey’s of Highton, North Valley Nursery and Highton Quality meats. Don’t forget to continue to support our local community.

The final figure is yet to be confirmed, but I think I can safely say we made just over $400 for the school as well. So a big pat on the back to you all for your input.

The next Parents club meeting will be on Wednesday 15th. July at 9 A.M. In the staff room, everybody is welcome: we love to hear of new ideas for future events, so come along and join in the fun.

Thanks, Stacey Little.

You never know who will turn up to our functions - Highton staff with Mark Blake (Geelong Cats ruckman). Members of our school community kicking up their heels.

7.30 Report Tonight— ABC1

On the 7.30 Report ABC1 tonight Sir Ken Robinson is talking about Creativity In Education - Interesting viewing.
The Active After-school Communities Program is an Australian Government funded initiative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for your children. The program runs for 7 weeks each term and is FREE!! The students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack as part of the program.

Term 2 is now completed.

The program for term 3 is as follows:

**Monday - Hockey**

*27th July - 7th September*

Hockey Geelong will present these sessions.

**Tuesday - Multi sports**

*28th July - 8th September*

Tim Quilliam will present sessions that will focus on fitness through games and various activities and *may* include some martial arts to music sessions.

If you would like your children to be involved in the Active After School program please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

Parents are always welcome to stay and watch the sessions but need to be aware that the program may not always look like hockey. The sessions will include a variety of games which build the skills required to play sport such as spatial awareness games or hand eye co-ordination activities. If you wish to discuss this aspect with me please do so.

Should you need to take your child home instead of participating in a session please let me know on your way out of the school grounds so we are not searching for your child. We meet in the art room courtyard or in the hall on wet days.

Thanks…. Carolyn Hall

AASC Co-ordinator

Active After-school Communities Program – Child Expression of Interest Form

I would like my child/children ___________________________ to participate in the AASC program.

☐ Monday - Hockey ☐ Tuesday - Multi sport

Parent/Guardian (full name):_____________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date:

**Netball News**

The Highton Emeralds played another fantastic game. With two games to go for the term the girls have now played nearly every position. It is great to know if we have an injury, any player will step up and fill the position. Player of the week went to Brooke Perry.

This week’s game is at 4:40 P.M.

**Assembly change of times**

Our last assembly for Term 2 will commence at 9.30 am on Friday 26th June, please come along for Mrs Lewis’ retirement farewell.