Welcome Back
I hope everyone had a lovely holiday with just the right amount of time to catch up and enjoy a rest. I had a wonderful time with my family at our midwinter dinner, it is great to catch up with everyone all together in the one place.

Primary Years Programme
I spent three days in Brisbane learning about the IB Primary Years Programme and I need to let you know what a wonderful job Highton Primary School has done over the past five years to get this programme up and running at such a high level. Highton has so many things in place to ensure the students are learning and being taught in a very focussed way.

Term Three
This term (as always) we have many important events happening. There is the school concert on July 28th that Caitlyn Allan and her team of helpers are working very hard on at the moment. We have school photographs coming up the day after the concert on July 29th. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter I will be out of the school with The Eleanor Davis Program for 7 days in the next two weeks and Jenni Garland will be in charge on those days.

Student Absence
I am asking for parental help in making sure that children are at school as often as they can be and are also here on time. The amount of school a small number of children are missing is a real concern and we want to do everything we can to make sure all students achieve to the best of their ability. To do so, they need to be here and be here on time. The first ten minutes of the day are spent setting up the learning for the day and students who miss this time can feel confused about what is happening. A latecomer also disturbs the class and means that the teacher has to spend additional time re-explaining tasks. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time please come and have a chat and we can look at ways to change the situation.

Billy Carts
We still have a few student owned billy carts under the school. If you want your billy cart please come and collect it this week.

Have a great week
Tessa Calder

Building Work
It is very exciting to see that the Lyons who are the contractors for the new building have set up their sheds in preparation for starting work on our new building. While we will lose a part of our play ground for a while I am sure it will all be fantastic once the new building is completed. I will keep you informed of changes as they happen, but at this stage I think they are setting up the work site and fencing will separate this from the school. The builders have their own ‘staff room’ and facilities so they will not be using the school at all. Once their fences are up children will have access to the oval at recess and lunch times and to the car park gate before and after school.

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 Programme
Health Update.

We are seeking families cooperation in keeping us informed of any contagious diseases at the moment. Due to having a child in the school undergoing treatment which lowers the body’s immune system, we require you to let us know if our students or anyone in the family, the home or who you have regular contact with comes down with a contagious illness. These may include diseases such as measles, chicken pox, mumps whooping cough or German measles.

Please inform the office staff immediately if you have contact with any of these illnesses.

We thank you for your assistance in the welfare of our students.

Active After School

The active after school program has had an alteration to the start and finish dates for term 3.
Please note that the program will now begin on Monday August 3rd and Tuesday August 4th. It will end on Monday September 14th and Tuesday September 15th. We have delayed the commencement of the program due to the whole school concert on Tuesday July 28th.

Report from the preps

As Eco warriors we have started composting so we can make a smaller footprint on our planet. There are buckets for composting in each classroom and the prep monitors will empty them at the end of lunchtime.
We are getting some chickens and we will feed them our food scraps. We will put the scraps into our compost to use for our vegie gardens.

Community News

See notice board for more details

- Introduction to fine cooking at Cloverdale community centre. From August 14th. For 10 weeks. Cost $120 PH: 52754415 to register.

For your Calendar

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CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing 20th July
Dale Slaven 9-11.30

SICKBAY ROSTER
Week commencing 20th July
Helen Perry
Tapestry Workshop.

This exciting project begins this term, every student in our school will help to weave a large tapestry. Joan Korn, local textile artist is generously offering her time to guide us through the project. If you are planning to assist with this project during the students art classes please come along to the workshop which we will be holding on

- **Saturday July 18th**
- **from 9.00AM—12.00 noon**
- **in the Highton Primary school art room.**

Joan will teach us the basics so we can help the students create a beautiful tapestry. Senior students are welcome to attend. Come along..learn a new skill..give it a go..no great craft skills are required. Morning tea will be provided. If you can come along put your name on the list outside the art room. Talk with Tania Kiddle, Helen Millar or Helen Perry if you have any queries.

Please see Joan’s (the tapestry artist) instructions, for what you will need on the day, which are shown below.
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.

The program for term 3 is as follows:

**Monday - Hockey**
3rd August - 14th September
Hockey Geelong will present these sessions.

**Tuesday - Multi sports**
4th August - 15th September
Tim Quilling 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 coordination 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

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**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:

**Parents Club**

This morning the Parents Club were visited by three prep children, Darcie, Alison and Bailey. They came along asking our support in eliminating packaging from lunchboxes. These eco warriors are needing us all to do our part in eliminating waste to stop our landfills being used excessively. So can all parents please be aware of the amount of packaging being sent along in the lunch box and switch to using containers instead of plastic wrap or little individual packets. Also well done and thank you to the preps for helping us all be more conscious of our impact on the environment.

**Music Club**

Music club recommences tomorrow at 1:45 in the area outside the Art room. All welcome.

**Italian Phrase of the Week**

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