Green & Gold News

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to those families who have received and already returned their Surveys. It would be appreciated if these could all be returned by Friday 4th September. We use the information from this and other surveys to improve the school; and the more surveys we have the more valid the information is for the school. At present only half of the 40 have been returned, please ensure you get yours in ASAP.

Car Park
Thank you to the parents who are moving safely through the car park, collecting their children outside the hall and then moving on. This is especially important in the wet weather when more cars are needing to use the car park.

Raffle
Bailey is doing a great job raising money for our World Vision child, Thanushan. If you want to buy a raffle ticket, Bailey will be coming around the grades selling tickets for $1 every lunchtime until Thursday 17th September. It is great to see a Prep student deciding to take action and raise money in this way.

Sun Smart
Spring started yesterday and from September there are 5 things to remember about keeping safe when outside.

UV levels in Victoria are on the rise again so from September it will be time to grab your sun protection gear. Use a combination of the following five sun protection measures:

1. **Slip** on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops)
2. **Slop** on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)
3. **Slap** on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears
4. **Seek** shade
5. **Slide** on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067)

Be especially careful during the middle part of the day (between 10am - 2pm or 11am - 3pm daylight saving time) when the sun's UV levels are most intense.

You can find out UV levels and the times sun protection is needed by looking at the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or visit http://www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert

Literacy and Numeracy Week
This week we are writing a collective story as a part of celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. The book is moving through the grades and pages are being written by all classes at Highton. The completed text will be read aloud at assembly this Friday. Who knows what will evolve as the week goes on!

Have a great week
Tessa Calder

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*
Community News

See notice board for more details

- **South Barwon Little Athletics.** The 2009/10 Little Athletics season starts on Saturday 3rd October at Landy Field. South Barwon have a registration evening for all interested athletes on Wednesday 16th September from 4.30pm until 6.00pm or Saturday 19th September at Landy Field from 9am – 11am. Membership is open to children from six to fourteen. All children compete for fun, fitness and enjoyment and are encouraged to participate regardless of their athletic capability. For further information please contact Andrew Bigelow on 52218901, Jason Demko on 52412457, or have a look at our website www.southbarwonac.asn.au.

- **Geelong Softball, Come and Play day,** Saturday 5th September, Sunday 13th September 10:00 to 12:30.

- **St John’s Kids Holiday Program** Superheroes! “WHO’S YOUR SUPERHERO?” Tues 23rd. Sept– Thurs 1st Oct. 9-3.30 each day, Grades 1-6 Cost $50 (2nd. Child $40) or $20 per day, St John’s Anglican Church Highton 52433561 and speak to Steve or www.stjohnshighton.org.au

- **YMCA slammer basketball programs** Monday nights and Saturday morning teams for 4-8 year olds and 8-12 year olds

Green Club

Next Monday the Green Club is making delicious lemon marmalade at lunchtime. We still need small to medium jars with screw top lids. (removal of labels is very helpful).

Sick Students

While Highton Primary School places enormous importance on school attendance, it is also important that when students are legitimately sick that they are kept at home. There have been a number of occasions recently where sick students have been sent to school “to see how you go” and end up spending time in the sick bay before being sent home again. We want to do our best to prevent illnesses being passed round the school. While this cannot always be achieved, keeping sick students at home assists us with this endeavour.

Access To Top Building

A reminder to ALL STUDENTS that you are to only use the middle door to access the LOTE classroom or the office in the top wing of the school. The door leading from the Breezeway to the top building is for staff and parents only. Please go around the top building to get to and from the front of the school.

For your Calendar

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CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing 7th September
Tracei Dickson 9 - 11.30

SICKBAY ROSTER
Week commencing 7th September
Naomi Peters
Fathers Day Stall—Friday 4th September

This is a reminder for all students that this Friday we will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall. Please remember to bring some money to school so you can get Dad something for Sunday. You will see a list of items for sale included with this newsletter. The stall will be set up outside the hall at assembly for anyone else wishing to make a purchase.

Victorian School Sports Awards 2009

Nominate the sport's star of your school. You can nominate school students, teachers, parents, coaches or volunteers for their outstanding contribution to school sport. See poster on notice board near the office for more details on how to nominate.

Student Led Conferences—Wednesday September 16th

Student Led Conferences will be held on Wednesday September 16th. Please keep this day free.

Courtesy in our School Community

Please be aware that our actions as adults are watched and mimicked by our children. When we treat each other in a respectful manner, even if we feel we have been wronged, our students too learn to handle confrontation in a non-aggressive way. If as a parent you have an issue with someone in our school please remember how our young students are influenced by your behaviour.

Bunnings

Sunday November 22nd is the day! We have been allocated this date for a sausage sizzle, so keep the date free. We will be looking for volunteer cooks, servers and helpers for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. If you have a contact for bread, sausages, onions or sauces please let a member of Parent's Club know, as we can improve our profit which will benefit our students, if we can get donations of any of these items.

Student Awards

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Last week the Preps had a guest speaker, Mr Frank Murphy talk to them about his adventures as a pilot promoting the 1956 Olympic Games. Frank and his friend David left England in a Proctor aeroplane and visited numerous countries en route to Australia. Frank is the grandfather of Sebastian Stevenson from our grade Prep. The children were quite amazed at how brave he was and were very eager to write their reflections on his visit. Here are some examples of their writing:

I learnt that when Mr Murphy got his Proctor it was the Olympic Games. When he got his licence he was in England. Ruby Leishman

Mr Murphy went on an aeroplane a long time ago. He can tell stories. I liked his story today. Georgia Kiddie

I learnt that Mr Murphy flew a plane and I learnt he went to England by boat. It took him 5 weeks. He saw a mountain. Thank-you for giving us your photo. Riley Walker

Mr Murphy got lost in the clouds. He bought a model aeroplane and he showed us some photos. Jess Perry

I learnt that he slept under the wing in the desert and he went to England. He travelled around the whole wide world. Harper Curtis

I learnt that Mr Murphy used to fly aeroplanes. I learnt about the number plates on aeroplanes and his number plate is G_ ANGB. Rhiarn Shaw

I learnt that Mr Murphy got a licence and he bought the Proctor in England. Mr Murphy had to have a special licence and Mr Murphy flew from England to Australia. Flynn MacKay

I learnt when Mr Murphy started flying he was 24. I learnt that he slept under the wing and he got lost. He gave us a photo. He tells funny stories. He is a good pilot. Emily Davidson

The famous Highton Primary School Shopping Trip is on again and this year will be departing on **Saturday October 31st**. The cost will be $55 per head with a restaurant lunch including bottomless champagne with your lunch, we also provide morning tea of coffee, tea and snack at a stop along the way. This is always a fun day and a great chance to start (or if you’re super organised finish) your Christmas shopping. There will be a large variety of stores selected for us to visit and our school benefits from your shopping as we receive a 9% commission on all purchases our bus makes on the day.

Please note this date in your diary and we will be taking payments as of now at the office to secure your spot on the bus. Come along, bring a friend, family member, neighbour or anyone else you think will have a fun time out. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Thank You**

Thank you to parents and families for being considerate and diligent in regards to letting the school know when and if a child, sibling or family member have had a communicable illness. This is still ongoing and we ask you continue this practice.

Our concert DVD’s will be sent home with the students of families who made a purchase on Monday.