Building

Well, we have action on our site for the new building! You will have noticed the fences that have been put up around the building site and it is important that we all keep out of this area at all times. We expect to have access to the hall through the gates on the drive way and this will be closely monitored for safety. Please come and see me if you have any concerns or comments about the building situation.

Community

One of the great things (among many) that I have noticed at Highton Primary School is the wonderful sense of community across all aspects of the school. We have parents and community members in the school helping out in a vast number of areas and this is a very important part of the school’s philosophy. When we go out on excursions there are times when we welcome parental involvement in providing a safe and inclusive journey for the students. However, there are also other times when we aim to develop skills such as independence, in these situations we use only staff to supervise our students. As an International World School, excursions are a very important part of the student’s learning and the teachers carefully plan each excursion to meet a number of learning needs.

Student Involvement

At Highton we value student input at all levels of the school. At our last School Council Meeting we had a group of Senior students outlining their involvement in Exhibition. This is a whole year project where the students investigate and present information about a topic of importance. It was exciting to hear them expressing the powerful influence the Learner Profile has had on their development with public speaking (Communicator/ Risk Taker) and team work (Communicator) being particularly important in their presentations. They also showed themselves to be Knowledgeable and Thinking learners during their presentations. Thank you to Laura, Jack, Kimiya and Hannah.

Student Led Conferences

Next Wednesday we will be conducting our Student Led Conferences. These provide your child with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and share it with you. Students and teachers put a great deal of effort into these conferences and we appreciate the extra time that everyone gives to making these such a successful means of communication between school and home. All students will be supervised at school on Wednesday until 3.30pm as usual.

Healthy Eating

I have been given information about healthy eating for children from Barwon Healthy Families. If you have concerns about your child’s eating or lifestyle habits please feel free to contact Susan Parker, Early Years Project Worker, Population Health Unit, Barwon Health 52603551

Monday to Thursday

Have a great week

Tessa Calder
**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. www.southbarwonac.asn.au <http://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

- **Barrabool Cricket Club at Ceres**– Junior registration night Wednesday September 16th. 5 P.M.- 6.30P.M for boys and girls under 11, under 13, under 15. New players most welcome to this family friendly club. Phone William Fisher 03 52656007 or 0414 413 246 for more details.

- **Milo in2 Cricket.** Cricket registration at Barrabool cricket club on October 16th at 5.00P.M. for season 2009/2010 suitable for children ages of 5-9 years the program will run on Friday nights at 5 P.M. for 1-1½ hours cost $55 per child .

- **School holiday Tennis Clinic** at Wandana Heights tennis club Sept 28th, 29th, 30th Telephone Tony Brushfield on 52440040 or 0408 524898

- **Alcoa Basketball Academy** Tues 22nd-Thurs 24th September 9.30A.M.—3.00P.M. cost $95.00 3 days of basketball with some of the best coaches. Geelong Arena Nth. Geelong

**Italian Phrase of the Week**

La primavera e qui!
Spring is here.

**Highton Tigers**

Tomorrow night Highton Tigers basketball team will be playing in the semi-final at the life be in it centre against the Grovedale Pistons at 4.00P.M. We wish them good luck. All players are invited to meet at McDonalds for tea afterwards.

**Cinderella DVD**

For those families who purchased a copy of the Cinderella concert DVD they are now available for collection from the school office.

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**For your Calendar**

**September**

- Monday 14th Last day of active after school Mon session
- Tuesday 15th Zone Athletics
- Tuesday 15th Last day of active after school Tues session
- Wednesday 16th Student Led Conferences
- Friday 18th Last Day Term 3 School ends at 2.30 P.M.

**October**

- Monday 5th First day Term 4

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Week commencing 14th September
Heather Dempsey 9 - 11.30

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

Week commencing 14th September
Kylie Gliszczynski
In term 4 we will be trialling a new structure to the After School Program to try to encourage more participation by the middle and senior years students.

We will offer one night to grades 3 – 6 only and the other will be open to all students. The aim will be to enable activities to be more relevant/challenging to the older children. In term 4 this will be Tuesday nights.

**Term 4**

**Mondays – Basketball**
October 19th – November 30th
3:30 – 4:45

**Tuesdays – Handball**
(Grade 3-6 only)
October 20th - December 1st.
3:30 – 4:45 PM

**What is handball?** – It is played in the Olympic Games and is like a combination of basketball, netball and soccer except the only player who may use his feet is the goal keeper. The other players can use any part of their body from the knees up to stop, catch, hit or throw the ball to a team member.

If you would like your children to participate in the program please complete the form below and return it to the office by the end of term. Please note if we do not get enough interest from the senior grades we will need to open Tuesday nights to all students. We will advise students/parents should this occur.

Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

The **Active After-school Communities Program** is an Australian Government funded initiative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for your children. The program is **FREE** and students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack.

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

I would like my child/children __________________________________________ to participate in the AASC program on Monday Tuesday afternoons (please circle).

Parent/Guardian (full name):__________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

**Students VSN**

The VSN is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to all students in government and non–government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to identifying information about the student (name, gender and birth).

**Student Awards**

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Werribee Zoo Excursion

Last Thursday all the students in Grade 1/2 went to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. We went there because we wanted to learn about endangered plants and animals.

When we arrived at the zoo we got together with our grade and went to different activities. Junior Lucas went with Lauren from the Zoo to have a lesson about endangered habitats. We found out that one of the most endangered habitats in Australia is the native grasslands. During our lesson we got to pat a shingleback lizard, a ring-tailed possum and a green tree frog. We also learnt that green tree frogs can breathe and drink through their skin, but they can’t taste so we have to make sure we don’t pollute their waterways.

After our lesson and a quick snack we explored the Pula Reserve Walking Trail. We saw heaps of animals, including zebras, ostriches, cheetahs, hippos, African wild dogs, meerkats, lions and vervet monkeys. We learnt that when cheetahs run fast that all of their feet come off the ground. They can run at more than 100km’s an hour but only for a short time. It was awesome to get so close to the animals, there was only a glass panel between us and them! We were lucky enough to be the first people to see the Zoo’s new 8 month old African Seevel as it was introduced to the zoo’s sights and smells.

We had lunch and then got onto the Safari Bus. Chris took us on a guided Safari Bus Tour around the different areas. While we were on the bus we travelled to Australian Grasslands and saw kangaroos, emus and brolgas. We also went to the African Plains where we saw Giraffes, Zebras and Rhinoceros. We felt different horns, wool and looked at many photos of the animals we saw on the tour bus.

We had a fantastic time on our excursion. Thanks Mum and Dad for letting us go to the Werribee Open Range Zoo and thanks Mrs. Henzgen for all of your organisation.

By Junior Lucas.

Harvey Norman Raffle

Bailey Goodhand in Prep has organised a raffle to raise money for Thanushan our World Vision sponsor child, with Harvey Norman vouchers as the prizes. He is doing a marvellous job selling tickets to our students, and will be offering the tickets for sale at the end of assembly on Friday.

Zone Athletics

The zone athletics will be held on Tuesday 15th September at Landy Field. The following students will represent H.P.S. we congratulate them for reaching the zones and we wish them well. **Blake Nicholls**— hurdles, **Sam Gliszczynski**— high jump, **Katrina Anastasopoulos**— relay, **Sophie Chapman**— long jump, hurdles, relay, **Laura Eaton**— relay, **Pierce Robinson**— long jump, 100m, **Elise Lever**— discus, **Megan Rabbie**— 100m, relay, **Paris Janczak**— long jump, **Joel Brown**— Hurdles, **Claudia Pecchiari**— Hurdles, shot put.