Garden Award
Congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers who have cared for and maintained the school gardens. I was thrilled to receive a call from The School Garden Awards people last Friday to tell us that we had won the Barwon South West Regional award in category two. Our school is now in the running for the State Award. On Friday November 6th at 8.45am a helicopter will land on our school oval and our gardens will be visited by people from the School Garden Awards. I have spoken to Steve, our building site manager, and he will make an area inside his fence available for students to watch the helicopter arrive. I will keep you informed of any details as they come to me.

Late Arrival / Early Departure
If your child arrives at school after the 9.00am bell or leaves before the 3.30 bell please remember to complete a Late Arrival / Early Departure slip from the office and give it to your child’s teacher. We need to know which children are in the school at all times in case of emergencies and this is the system we use to keep track of all students.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Mrs Thacker who has gained a position as a school nurse/educator for the Department of Education and early Childhood Development. It has been a pleasure having Mrs Thacker in our school and we wish her all the best in her new career. Mrs Thacker will be leaving the school on Friday October 23rd.

Gymnastics
Students from Prep to Grade Four are currently involved in our school Gymnastics Program at the moment. This is a great opportunity for the children to become balanced learners and risk takers in extending their physical skills.

Grade One dinner and Grade Two Sleepover
The children in Grades One and Two had a fantastic time last Friday night when they spent time at school playing games in the evening, eating dinner and, for the Grade Twos, sleeping overnight at school; with everyone getting some sleep! It was great to see the lovely manners and friendly approach of all the students during the dinner on Friday night, with every child taking responsibility for doing their own dishes and keeping their belongings organised.

Prep Transition
It was great to meet all our new Prep children and their parents last Wednesday. The children had a lovely time down in the classroom meeting new friends and learning all about school while the parents and I had a chat up in the LOTE Room. These visits provide a great opportunity for us to share our school and develop a strong partnership with parents before the year begins. This week Stacey Little has been speaking to the parents about our Parent Club. Thanks Stacey.

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

- **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.
- **After School “Kids Club” at St John’s Anglican Church Highton.** Fridays during term four 3.30-5.30. Phone Steve on 52433561 or go to www.stjohnshighton.org.au

Shopping Trip

Highton Primary School Parents Club Invites you to an exciting day out on our
Melbourne Shopping Tour

*Saturday 31st October 2009*  
**DEPARTING:** 7:15am **RETURN:** 7:15pm approx **COST:** $55.00 per person

**TOUR INCLUDES**

* Outlets for books, chocolates, toys, cosmetics, electrical goods, jewellery, leather goods, kitchen & giftware and more
* Shop for Christmas presents and bag lots of bargains
* Travel in comfort on a bus with a friendly hostess. No worries about parking or getting lost
* A fun day with other like-minded shoppers and make new friends
* Great raffle prizes to be won
* Enjoy our parents club’s famous morning tea
* And there is more….lunch at a restaurant and it includes bottomless champagne during the meal!

If you are interested in joining us on our shopping adventure please see Lyn in the school office to put your name on the list and pay by Tuesday 20th October. Please give Kate Fletcher (Ben & Luke’s mum) a ring on 0408 396 829 if you have any questions.

**Bring Along A Friend And Have A Girls Day Out!**

Basketball

**Highton Dingoes** coached by Mrs Jirik have their match this week 15/10/09 at 4.00PM at Life Be In It.

**Highton Tigers** Coached by Mr Courtnay have their match Thursday 15/10/09 also on court 1 at 5.20 PM

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**For your Calendar**

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**CANTOON ROSTER**  
Week commencing 19th October  
Rebecca Andrews 9 - 11.30

**SICKBAY ROSTER**  
Week commencing 19th October  
Heather Dempsey
Well Done And Thank You

Congratulations to Bailey Goodhand in prep for his initiative and work in running the Harvey Norman raffle to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child. It was drawn in the last week of term 3 and **congratulations to the three lucky winners**

1st. Stefanie Herrera  
2nd. Amy Hamilton-Jones  
3rd. Shobini Kalaivaner  

Bailey managed to raise over $400  
Thank you to all who supported Bailey in this cause.

Bookclub

Our issue 7 bookclub has been handed out this week. All orders need to be returned by **19/10/09** please. If you are requiring any of your purchases as gifts and do not want them to be delivered to your child. Please write HOLD AT OFFICE on the **actual order form** as well as on the envelope in which you return your payment and order. Thank You.

Italian Phrase of the Week

**scusami**  
**excuse me**

Netball News

**Highton Emeralds**—This week the first week of the summer season. Highton Emeralds is the same team that played together last season. Every girl played well, please remember we are a team and every player is needed. **This weeks game is at 4.40**

**Highton Gold**—This is a new team, and there were lots of nerves before the game. Everyone should be proud of themselves for being risk takers. Each girl played to the best of her ability. Well done. As of this week this team will play modified rules,—smaller ball, lower rings, and will be a prep girl 2 and 3 team. Anyone interested in joining see Helen Perry. **This weeks game at 4.40.**

Student Awards

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Do you sell a party plan product?

If so let us know. Parents Club would like to host a party plan expo on Friday 13th of November from 9.00AM - 11.30 AM in the school hall. We are inviting parents who sell party plan products to set up a stall, and donate a product to us to use as raffle prizes at a later date. We will be opening the door for sales to all school and community members. We are offering stall table to our school parents at no charge, however if a member of the community would like to be a part of this day there will be a fee of $20 per table.

So mums and dads put this date in your calendar for you to do some serious Christmas shopping in the convenience of one location.

Junior Landcare / Coles Plastic Bag Challenge

It only takes approximately four shopping trips for the average Aussie family to accumulate more than 60 plastic bags, so we’d like to invite students, teachers and the school community to participate in the Coles Plastic Bag Challenge to round up all their unwanted plastic bags.

**It’s simple - please bring all your plastic bags to the office by Friday October 23rd.**

Coles will donate all proceeds from bags recycled as part of this campaign to Junior Landcare and the Coles School Garden Grants Program – a nationwide initiative that allows selected schools to develop environmentally friendly gardens. We have already benefited from this program, our organic vegetable garden grant was through Junior Landcare.

The school will receive an environmental facts sheet that will help teach children about the importance of recycling plastic bags and to understand how each of us can take steps to help the planet.

Green Club Spring Handy Hint

It is time to get into the garden and prepare for the summer. The best thing you could do for your garden beds is to MULCH and now is the best time while your garden beds are moist from the rain. Last year we had bales of Pea Straw donated to our school by farmer Les and he again has Pea Straw for sale at $7.00 a bale. Please call Les on 0438811370 to order and support the farmer who has helped our gardens grow with his kind donation.

Green Club Spring Handy Hint

Please give your name to the school office if you can help twirl a sausage for a 2 hour stint at our Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday November 22nd. The more helpers the easier for all, it’s a lovely social time and often a great way to meet other families and have a sizzling good time.
Active After-school Communities Program
INFORMATION FOR HIGHTON P.S. PARENTS

Term 4 .......... starts next Monday

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

There are still places available for Tuesday afternoons.

All children who put their names down have a place unless notified otherwise. A list has been placed on the noticeboard at the office if you are not sure whether your children are included.

There are currently 3 children on the waiting list for Mondays so if your child does not wish to participate please let me know as soon as possible so that these children may be included.

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: __________