Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thanks to both our staff and parents for the excellent response to the Parent / Teacher Interviews. One of the things we’re particularly proud of is the way in which staff and parents work together for the children. A feature of this is the trust we have in each other and the recognition that at all times we are acting in the best interests of our children. Developing a strong partnership between the school and the home really does help to ensure all needs of our children are met. Well done!
We were also thrilled by the efforts of our student leaders who organised and ran a fundraising afternoon in support of the bushfire appeal for the younger students whilst parents and teachers were in interviews. They did a fantastic job and the most obvious feature was the encouraging and caring relationship that exists between the children. Congratulations!

Reminder
The school will be closed on Monday the 9th of March for the labour Day Public Holiday.

Environment Committee Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening the 10th of March (7:00 pm) when we will be completing organisation for our Working Bee scheduled for Sunday the 15th of March (9:00 am—12:00). The main project for this day will be the re-location of our sandpit. Attached to this newsletter you will find a preference sheet for our Working Bee Roster in 2009, please return these by Friday the 6th.

Library Shelving
We are calling for Big Boys or Girls who like to Build Stuff. We have received a mountain of new shelving that requires assembly and would like this to take place as soon as possible. If you can spare an hour or two please let me know. Graduates of the IKEA University of furniture assembly will be welcomed with open arms. Help please?????

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2009
Our school will have the opportunity to send some of our Leaders to a Conference on Thursday March 5th. They will join with other Student Leaders from 22 other local schools and I want to express our appreciation to the Rotary Club of Highton for making this event affordable for all the students from across our Network of Schools.
If you ever get the opportunity to support their activities, please consider support. McHarry’s Bus Lines have also contributed support and we appreciate this greatly.
**International Day Helpers—Urgently Needed**

We are still looking for assistance on these stalls on International Day. If you are able to help for a shirt please indicate on the form and return to the school office as soon as convenient. Thanks

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**Community News**

Please see notice board for more details

- **Autism spectrum education services**—Positive Behaviour Management half day workshop March 6th.
- **Guild Baseball Club**— Looking for players aged 8—11 years for their Saturday morning comp. See Gaylene Nicholls for more details or Ph 0402 070 883

**NEW WEBSITE—ONLINE CALENDAR**

Our website has had a face lift.
Please take a visit: www.hightonps.vic.edu.au
Try the Parent Zone - Newsletter link to access the latest and greatest and view our online calendar of events

**Parents Club Leadership 2009**

Congratulations to the following members of our community for their election to positions of responsibility in 2009.

President: Stacey Little
Vice President: Melissa Haynes
Secretary: Maxine Eaton
Treasurer: Gaylene Nicholls
Assistant Treasurer: Deb Ludowyk
Highton Dingoess

The Dingoess, who had been the highest number of goals scored’ team, hit their straps this week. Coming off 2 weeks of getting back into the flow they committed and scored 30 points. One could see the effort and focus being put in after the first half and they started to draw away form the opposition. Well done to everyone. Dale

This weeks game is on court 4 at 4 again against the wildcats. Also the winter season competition is available. Registration starts 9 March and commences 18 April. Details available at the school office. I will not be available for that season. Gabe is committed to play Aussie rules. So that's where I’ll be also. Any volunteer for coach most welcome.

Scholastic Book Club

If you ordered bookclub and requested it be held at the office you may now please collect it from Lyn.

Cubby Hut Haven—Call for cubby building materials

New families may not be aware that to encourage active learning in the play ground the Environment Committee, with the help of many families, created an area in which the children can build cubby houses and other imaginative constructions. This has reduced the breaking of branches off trees and the use of other less controlled and inappropriate materials, making the overall activity safer. We need to replenish the cubby haven materials for the children to use and we need your help. Some examples of these materials include -

- Old rubber tyres (not steel belted)
- Plastic milk/bottle crates and large plastic bread trays
- Cable reels
- Large pieces of plywood or other durable flat material
- Large plastic sealable container, e.g 20 litre paint buckets with lids
- Flexible agriculture or grey water pipe

Large pieces of durable material, e.g. wool bale sacks, feed sacks, hessian

These items can be collected from you if you are unable to bring them to school. Please call Mark Nicholls on 0407 729973 to discuss any items and/or arrange for pickup.

The Environment Committee and school community greatly appreciates your help.

Helpers needed - sewing tassels onto the dragon!!

We are sewing on the tassels onto our fantastic Chinese dragon on Friday 6th March at 10 am in the Hall. If you could spare an hour to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring a sewing needle suitable for cotton and a cushion for comfort as we will be sitting on the floor.

For more info please see Helen Perry.

For your Calendar

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Canteen Roster

Week commencing 10th March
NO CANTEEN

Sickbay Roster

Week commencing 10th March
Jocelyn Mackay
This week we are all practising saying Goodbye in Italian Arrivederci