School Leaders
Congratulations to our new school leaders.

School Captains
Laura Eaton & Nick Orpwood

School Vice Captains
Debby Ward & Matthew Bunker

Junior School Council
Jade Collins  Liam Dempsy
Katrina Anastasopoulos Liam Ellery
Laura Firipis Porter Dickson

House Captains
Roslyn
Dylan Yelland & Sade Stafford
Barrabool
Gus McKinnon & Maddi Ito
Thornhill
Sam Gliszczynski & Lauren Seymour
Mitchell
Connor Kennedy-North & Sophie Chapman

3/4 Excursion
The grade 3/4 students discovered all about the human body on their excursion to the Melbourne Museum and the IMAX cinema on Monday. The students have been looking at the human body as part of their program of inquiry and were able to use their acquired knowledge to delve deeper into the complicated world of the human body. The teachers commented on the excellent behaviour and the wonderful representation of Highton Primary School the students portrayed.

School Swimming Sports
We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Isabelle Heily on her tremendous effort being the sole representative for Highton at a recent swimming carnival. Isabelle swam in butterfly and freestyle events, breaking a personal best time as well. Well done!

Asthma & Allergy Plans
In a recent survey we received information from parents that we have over 75 students that suffer from asthma or allergies. Our concern is that we have less than 20 plans for these students. If your child suffers from either asthma or allergies can you please provide the school with a copy of your child’s plan, so we can make sure we treat them accordingly.

Peta Lucus
It’s a boy! Congratulations to Peta and Randall on the safe arrival of baby Callum. Mother and baby are doing well and relishing in the joy of being new parents.

Have a great week.
Carly Stafford

Being creative and imaginative in their thinking and in their approach to problems and dilemmas.
Entertainment book Fundraiser

The new 2011 | 2012 Entertainment™ Books are coming, so pre-order a copy today!
We are pleased to announce that we'll be selling the new 2011 | 2012 Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat Entertainment™ Books as a fund-raiser. The new Book is only $55, and you'll receive $10,000 worth of valuable offers, valid until 1 June 2012. Plus, the good news is that $11 of your Book purchase goes towards our school fund-raising!
Contact the office today to pre-order your copy and receive extra value!
Pre-order now and receive extra value...
Pay for your new Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat Entertainment™ Book before 24 March 2011 and you'll receive additional offers, valued at over $150, which you can use immediately.

Car Boot Sale and Cake Stall

Parent’s Club are holding a Car Boot Sale in the car park on Saturday, 2 April 2011. A site will cost $20. Thank you to those many people who have already noted their interest. There are some sites left so if you are interested in having a stall please see Lyn or Gaylene in the office as soon as possible so sites can be allocated and details confirmed. Thank you

Wanted Goods

Parents Club hope to hold a stall at the car boot sale. We are looking for donations of books, games, puzzles and toys. Obviously all items need to be in good resalable condition. Please leave donations with Gaylene in the school office.
A note will be going home shortly asking for home baked goods to be donated for the cake stall.

Student Awards

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Community News

For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **South Barwon Football Club AUSKICK** Registration dates will be on **Sunday April 3rd 9:30-11:00am and Monday 4th April 6:30-8:00pm** at the South Barwon Football Club rooms. Please register and pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au if possible and bring signed form to registration. The sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00am at McDonald Reserve Belmont. Starting date will be May 1st. For enquiries about Auskick contact Darren Meadows - 0421 873 113

- **Saint Ignatius College** Open Day 2011 Sunday March 20th 2011. 11:00am-2:00pm. Information session: 11:00am & see the college at work, Wednesday 4th May 2011 9:00am-12noon.
  www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

- **Grovedale College Year 7 2012** -Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College. Scheduled tours occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am. Please contact Mr Davin Reid, Assistant Principal on 5245 4545 to make a booking.

- **Geelong Netball Association**—New season starting Term 2 Mondays net set go – Juniors and ladies Ph Jodie 0429401413 Wednesday ladies and mixed Ph Lisa 52761134

**Mother’s Day—Do You Or Can You**

Our Mother’s Day group wants to make heat bags for the stall. If you or anyone you know can supply some wheat and/or lavender, we would like to hear from you. Please leave your name and details with Lyn or Gaylene in the office. We would also like to hear from any knitters who are able to make some scarves.

Thank you from the Mother’s Day Group.

**Costs**

The web site now has a sheet on the same page as the weekly newsletters for additional costs that you are likely to have in 2011. We hope this will help you in your budgeting for the year ahead. **These are estimated costs only.** Some changes may occur due to bus charges or fee increases.

You may wish to open an **Excursion Activity Fund** at school and add amounts to that over the year to cover the costs. As money for an excursion or camp is requested, you may take your payment from the excursion account. Just note this on the permission form. This makes budgeting easier for you over the year. Please see Lyn in the office and she will help you with this.

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**For your Calendar**

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**Week commencing 14th March**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
No Canteen due to Labour Day holiday

**SICKBAY ROSTER**
Nadine Cuthbert
Fundraiser

We will be having a fund raiser for the earthquake victims of Christchurch next Friday March 11th.
This will be a fancy dress day with preps, juniors, middles and seniors all having themes.
Preps: Princess or Prince’s
Juniors: Superheroes or favorite character
Middle: Something spooky
Senior: Someone sporty.
Gold coin donation to dress up.
These are just suggestions. You may come along in any dress up you like.

Sausage Sizzle

We are looking for helpers to cook and serve at our sausage sizzle for April 2\textsuperscript{nd}. which will be held in conjunction with the car boot sale and cake stall. Leave your name and time you will help with the office staff.

Enrolment 2012

Our places for 2012 are filling rapidly. If you have a child wishing to commence school at Highton Primary in 2012 please collect an enrolment form from the office and return promptly. We believe we have quite a few siblings due to start school next year and wish to process their enrolments so no one is disappointed.

Phys Ed

Jump Rope– Well done to our whole school community for your great efforts in fund-raising for the Heart Foundation– it was great to receive the award for highest amount raised in the Barwon Region. We receive 10\% of the money to spend on PE/Sports equipment.
Coles Vouchers- We received some of our sports gear from our Coles vouchers– new playground balls and basketballs have been allocated to classroom sports baskets.
P.M.P.- Preps– our preps are enjoying the Perceptual Motor Program being run in P.E. If any parents can help during this time (Mon 11.30—1.30) see Sue Jirik

Netball and Basketball

For all interested Prep, Year 1 & 2 children. We will be practising our basketball skills at Monday lunchtime and our netball skills on Friday lunchtime (for 20 mins not the whole break). Next season runs over term two and three. To join one of our Highton P.S. teams please return the form from the last page of this newsletter to the office ASAP.

Parents Club

Congratulations to the following members of our community for their election to positions of responsibility in 2011.
President: Kate Fletcher
Secretary: Maxine Eaton
Treasurer: Nicole Griffin
Thank you to outgoing office bearers, Stacey Little and Deb Ludowyk, for their support and efforts within Parents Club.
Fantastic Student Initiative

ShAVE for THE PLANET
On Friday 25th March, at assembly, I will be shaving off all my hair to raise money for World Wildlife Fund and to promote Earth Hour.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can donate online at http://www.everydayhero.com.au/shave4theplanet

or you can give money at the office.

Donations of $2 or more are tax-deductible.

Make sure you sign up for Earth Hour 2011 at http://earthhour.org.au/ and Switch Off! at 8:30pm on Saturday 26th March.

Liam Dempsey

Math News

In the mathematics classroom, everyday colourful objects and items that are found around the house or classroom, can become useful tools for engaging children in a variety of learning experiences. Well thought out, ‘good’ questions along with ‘open’ investigations should be an integral part of these experiences. Then mathematical concepts - number, algebra, measurement, space, chance and data - can be inter-woven and connected through sensory and physical activities to support the building of students’ thinking and understandings. Here are some questions to explore at home:

- How many different ways can we travel to school?
- What shapes can you see around the house?
- What cutlery do we have? How could we group them?
- How else could we group them? (sorting out socks)
- How many different patterns can you make? (pegs, toothpicks, hair ties or toy cars)
- Always try and ask other questions;
- Why do you think that?
- Can you tell me more about that?
- What would come next?

PYP

What are the components of PYP curriculum model—It is structured by three interrelated questions.

The written curriculum

What do we want to learn?

The taught curriculum

How best will we learn?

The assessed curriculum

How will we know what we have learned?
WANTED

Plants, cuttings, bags of mulch or pinebark to replenish gardens destroyed by floods in Charlton

A group from Highton PS are spending the weekend of 19/20 March in Charlton, in NW Victoria, to help with the flood recovery.

We have been asked to help restore people’s gardens, to bring some hope and new life into such a difficult time.

If you can help with donations of plants or mulch, please speak to Helen Perry (0448 951 132) or Heather Dempsey (0407 098 303) by Wed16th March
Basketball and Netball teams for Winter season (term 2 and term 3)

Time is flying by and it is time to sign up for a team for next season. All children are welcome to join a team even if they have not played before.

The available options are:

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Approximate costs:
- Team entry $25 - split between players
- VNA membership - new players only
- $30 if born 1999 or after, $40 born 1998 or before
- Weekly match fee $5 per player

Approximate costs:
- Team entry $25 - split between players
- CBBA membership - new players only - $45
- Weekly match fee $5-$7 per player
- Top levy $10 per player

Other information: Grade prep/1/2 competitions are very much about teaching the children to play the game. For basketball rules are modified (and not always strictly enforced eg travel) and the referee is called a court coach and as such should be helping the children to understand the game. Netball at this level is similar and the umpires will assist the children to play the game rather than just enforcing the rules. As children progress up the levels rules are more strictly enforced.

Basketball tops: this season we introduced a $10 levy to cover the cost of replacing tops as they become worn. Tops currently cost $38 each and a minimum of 10 must be ordered. It is therefore necessary to build up funds in order to be able to buy tops when needed. Money will be held in a dedicated account by the school.

We appreciate your assistance in paying the levy at the start of each season so we can continue to provide tops for our teams.

Coaching a team: We have been fortunate to have parents volunteer each season to be a ‘coach’. The position involves putting the teams on the court. If we don’t have parents to co-ordinate who is playing which positions (netball) and how long players get on the court (basketball) then the children cannot play. You do not need to be an expert - rules can be learned. You just need a sense of good sportsmanship and fairness to all players regardless of ability. If you can arrange a time practice as a team that is great but not essential. A ‘volunteer working with children check’ is necessary but this does not cost anything. If you would be willing to give it a go please check the box below and thank you for helping our children experience the wonder of team sport.

☐ Yes I will give coaching a go! Please contact me on the number below.

Name ...........................................           Grade.................................
Team (current players only)....................................................................................
Sport:       NETBALL      or          BASKETBALL         (circle)
Preferred nights: 1st........................................
                           2nd........................................
Parents name........................................
Signature........................................
Contact........................................

For more information please contact me on 0407 826504 or catch me in the courtyard on most afternoons.

Carolyn Hall
Co-ordinator.