School Council
Our Annual & General meeting of Council will be conducted at the school next Monday the 16th of March commencing at 7:30 pm. All members of our community are most welcome to attend this meeting.

Deakin University Science in Schools Program
This week we are delighted to welcome back two groups of science teachers in training who will be working on a weekly basis in our school. For a number of years we have been supporting this wonderful partnership between Deakin University and Highton Primary School and you can expect to have your children coming home over the next ten weeks keen to experiment and discover more about a range of scientific areas.

Library Shelving
Yesterday we re-placed our old library shelving with new mobile shelving units funded in part by Parents Club and your 2009 Voluntary Contributions. A very special thank you to the large team of volunteers who helped us complete this task quickly and efficiently. The long term up-grade of our library was originally seen as a ten year project. However the recent announcement of the Building the Education Revolution funding from the Commonwealth Government may shorten this timeline. We wait in eager anticipation as details of this program are unveiled.

As a result of this work we have a large quantity of surplus steel shelving available which would be ideal for the shed or garage. Please give me a call as we need to find a home for this as soon as possible.

Working Bee
This Sunday the 15th of March sees our first Working Bee for 2009. Whilst all families are rostered on for one Working Bee for the year we most certainly appreciate as many families as possible coming along and helping out. During 2008 we were thrilled to have an average of 50 families attending each Working Bee even though only 30 families were rostered. We will kick off at 9:00 am and finish at midday to enable families to enjoy the remainder of their Sunday. This week we will tackle a number of regular maintenance tasks as well as preparing for the International day on Saturday the 21st of March. Letters are distributed to rostered families with today’s newsletter.

International Women’s Day
Last Friday our Year 6 girls joined with our staff at a special morning tea to celebrate International Women’s Day.

Prep Assessment Completion
As of today our school entry assessments have been completed and prep students will now commence five day a week attendance. I would like to extend my appreciation to families and staff for enabling these assessments to be comprehensively undertaken.

Craig Salmon

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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 a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Organisation Primary Years Program.
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 shift please indicate on the form and return to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks

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Community News

See notice board for more details

- Chilwell Primary School Food Fair - Friday March 20th. 4 - 9 P.M.
- Barwon Auskick Friday Night Clinic under lights- 2009 Registration April 3rd. 5– 7 PM Highton Reserve Roslyn Rd.
- Geelong Amateurs Auskick Starts Wed 22nd. April 4.15 - 5.30 Queens Park bottom oval
- St. Ignatius College Open Day Sunday March 29th. 11– 3 PM information session 11.15.
- Gateways Interchange host program Info evening 12th March 7 - 8 PM

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

Geelong Swimming Club

Grovedale Apex Encouragement Carnival open to all children 11 years and under on Sunday March 29th.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH.

See Mrs Jirik for details.

Student Awards

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Cubby Hut Haven—Call for cubby building materials

New families may not be aware that to encourage active learning in the playground 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.

Scholastic Book Club

Bookclub Now Due March 11th.

Highton Dingoes

HIGHTON DINGOES The team was awesome this game. Sam played the best game for the season so far and looked like he was enjoying it. Luke and Alex never stopped moving around and putting pressure on the opposition, Gabe and Matthew were somehow throwing goals from under their armpits, and Joel was everywhere, forward, back and scoring. An excellent effort by all. This weeks game is on court 4 at 4.40 against st.roberts knicks screamers'. I'm sure the Dingoes can really make ‘screamers’ of them. Go Dingoes. Dale

Parent Support Group Get Together

This a chance for parents who have children with special needs to meet and share experiences, a cup of tea and sometimes a guest speaker.

Where - Conference Room

When - First Meeting Friday March 13th. At 2PM - 3PM (join our school for assembly afterwards)

For your Calendar

MARCH
Wed 11th. - Surviving Parenting a Prep 7.30 pm
Sun 15th. - Working bee 9 A.M. School grounds.
Sat 21st. - International Day 11A.M. School grounds.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing 16th March
Jocelyn Mackay
Sharon Lever

SICKBAY ROSTER
Week commencing 16th March
Claire Laws
This week we are all practising saying

Thank you in Italian

Grazie