Principal: Craig Salmon - 52431494
School Council President: Mark Nicholls - 0407 729973
Parents Club President: Stacey Little - 52431650

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

Green & Gold News

International Day Celebrations
This Saturday is our International Day. Remember to meet on the Highton Reserve oval at 10.30 am. for our brilliant parade, in your international costumes or brightly coloured clothes. The costumes can be as elaborate as you wish or as simple as an Hawaiian shirt. The rest of the day begins here at 11 am with a traditional welcome to country, and didgeridoo demonstration.

- There will be cooking demonstrations throughout the day.
- Free Multi cultural performances on the half hour on the basketball court stage.
- Alpacas.
- Free face painting.
- Free jumping castle.
- Roaming performers.
- Gamelan workshops and performances in the school hall.
- Sausage sizzle.
- Devonshire teas.
- Class room displays and student tours.

Come along enjoy the fun and support your school.
The day will finish at 3 pm. If you can stay and assist with pack up on the day your help will be very much appreciated. Please sign up as volunteer on the BBQ or Devonshire teas. (we desperately need extra help.)

School Council
Congratulations to our new 2009 School Council who have already demonstrated they are fully prepared for the exciting year ahead.
President: Mark Nicholls
Vice Pres: Barry Collins
Secretary: Joy Lewis (Acting)
Min. Sec: Jacqui Bennett
Treasurer: Elisabeth Curtis-Short

Code One Visit
On Thursday afternoon the 2nd of April (2:30 pm) our students will be entertained by the fantastic Code One Police Band. This is a free activity and a must see for our students.

Craig Salmon
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. The more helpers the less workload. 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.
- This Friday March 20th sign up for Guild Baseball Club at the Geelong baseball centre Waurn Ponds at 5:30. They are looking for players aged 8—11 years for their Saturday morning comp. See Gaylene Nicholls for more details or Ph 0402 070 883
- CHIP - April 26th 1– 4 P.M. Circus skills and clowning workshop at Highton Primary School Presenter Terry Cole brings his skills to educate and extend all ages. All welcome. Cost $15 members $20 non-members.
- Come and try hockey March 21st. 9-10 A.M. King Lloyd reserve Newtown.
- Mobile fitness, personal training, strength training and family training.

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

For your Calendar

MARCH
Sat 21st. - International Day 11A.M. School grounds.
Thur/Fri 26/27 - IB Accreditation

APRIL
Fri 3rd. - Last day term one

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing 23rd March
Kelly Cevikkan
Rebecca Andrews

SICKBAY ROSTER
Week commencing 23rd March
Penny Leishman
Gamelan Workshop

Thursday March 19th. 2 P.M.
Gamelan for beginners in the school hall.
Gamelan is an Indonesian orchestra.
Parents and friends are welcome to join Roger Hillman to learn to play simple pieces.
Relaxing and fun. No experience necessary.
All Highton primary students will be having a go of these fantastic instruments during the week in preparation for our International Day this Saturday.
There will be demonstrations on the International Day also.

The Javanese Gamelan consists of a large group of instruments mostly made from bronze with beautifully carved wooden frames. Some of the instruments look similar to ones you may be familiar with. For example the saron resembles a large glockenspiel and the gambang (made of wood) resembles a xylophone. The word gamelan means “to hit” and that is in fact how most of the instruments are played. They are hit with different kinds of hammers or sticks. The gamelan is often used to accompany traditional dancing, shadow puppet performances, weddings and other celebrations.

An enormous THANK YOU to our fantastic “dragon slayer” ladies, Helen and Helen. Their workmanship is outstanding and our dragon looks sensational. The amazing effort and hours put in by these wonderful parents is a credit and honour to our school.

Student Awards

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Thank you

A huge thank you to the ladies who helped with the sewing of tassels and bells onto the dragon. You made a massive job not only easy but enjoyable.
Helen.

The Billy Tea Bush Band is one of Victoria’s most experienced school bush dance bands. A bush dance program has been booked for our school on Wednesday the 1st of April. Throughout the day workshops will introduce children to dance and movement, develop co-ordination, and confidence, and enhance concentration skills. The program will involve teaching two dances to each class over a period of 30 to 40 minutes. Each group will learn one feature dance which they will perform on the night of the bush dance. They will also learn a second dance and will invite their parents and the rest of the audience to join in the fun! The workshops culminate in a family bush dance involving our whole school community where the children show off their newly acquired skills. The costs of the workshops and the evening Bush Dance will be $8/student. This will be a terrific community event and the perfect opportunity to welcome new families to Highton. Families are welcome to bring along a picnic basket dinner from 6:00 pm with dancing kicking off at 6:30. Please return payment/permission envelopes by Friday the 27th of March.

School Council’s President Report

School Council President’s report
On Monday night (16th March) at the School Council AGM we thanked retiring members Wayne Watson, Margot Davies and Dean Gibson for their superb contributions to the school community over many years, and we welcomed new members Jacqui Bennett, David Jirik and Darren Steven-son. Nominations and elections of office bearers were conducted, and I am honoured to be writing to you as your School Council President. I am sure to be well supported by Barry Collins as Vice President and indeed by all councillors.

We again have a great team, a very busy year ahead. In addition to ongoing sub-committee outcomes, activities of note are our upcoming authorisation as an International Baccalaureate World School, our school’s submissions for funding under the Building the Education Revolution program (per the federal government’s economic stimulus plans), engaging with the incoming Acting Principal (hopefully advised by end of Term) and the recruitment of the Principal in Term 3. We also reviewed the school’s Annual Report, revisited Council’s IB Essential Agreement, and discussed an exciting regional initiative for Children of High Intellectual Potential (CHIP) and their families. That’s just to name a few of the items covered during a long night.

As always School Council actively encourages community participation, and all are welcome at meetings. You will also find my phone number on the front of each newsletter if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Mark Nicholls

Premiers Active Families Challenge

30 minutes of activity a day for 30 days. Register on line at goforyourlife.vic.gov.au
Basketball

Our teams have done a fantastic job so far this term. This Thursday is the last match before finals start. A huge thanks to Dale Slaven, Sue Jirik and Rupert Courtnay for their help in coaching the teams.

NEXT SEASON - Term 2&3:
Please note the change in grades playing from the summer season. Teams can play in the following grade categories and days:

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All teams need a coach, manager and scorer. No previous experience required just a desire to see the children participate, learn and enjoy the sport of basketball. Coach and Manager role can be combined. Scorer can be a parent or even an older sibling if suitable. I can arrange an information session for parents who would like to help. If your child would like to play next season please return the form to the office as soon as possible. If you would like more information about assisting as a coach, manager or scorer please complete your details below also and I will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

Carolyn Hall
Basketball Co-ordinator

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My child/children would like to play in a basketball team in term 4/term1:

Child........................................... Grade..............Pref. nights............................................

Current team .................

Child........................................... Grade..............Pref. nights............................................

Current team .................

Parent/Guardian (full name):_____________________ Signature: __________________ Date:

I am interested in being: Coach.. Manager.. Scorer..(please circle)

Name...................................................

Contact details..........................................

Highton Dingoes

The Screamers were good. Every shot went in the basket. Our team was up against it and we had to accept a lesson on backing up, shooting for goal, getting the rebound, throwing to position, making position and focus. I broke out in a sweat and had to call time out. We were being intimidated and the team received a lecture. Coming off I suddenly wondered if they knew what intimidate meant, but no matter, they played better and gained a few goals. This week will show if any lessons have been learned, up against “East Geelong Moolap Bulls” on court 1 at 5.20pm.

Highton Tigers

The Highton Tigers team need 2-3 new players please see Mrs. Jirik ASAP
International Day

10.30 Parade from the Highton Reserve to Highton shops
Chinese dragon and community in International dress

Centre stage:
11am Official Welcome from our Principal Craig Salmon and local politicians
Norm from Narana with a didgeridoo demonstration and traditional welcome

11.30am Geelong Highland Dancers

12 GSODA Juniors

12.30 Self Defence workshop for the kids – Merv Nelis

1pm Bella Mama Choir TBC

1.30 Highton Primary School’s Hip Hop group – Carolyn Hall

2pm Salsa Street Latin Dance demo and classes

2.45pm Gamelans demo in the Hall – Joy Lewis
Workshops throughout the day

2.40pm Belly Dancing by Bellydine

Out and About:
11.30 Thai cooking display next to the Prep room
12.30 Risotto cooking display by Dean Duyvestan next to the Prep room

Alpaca display out the front thanks to Robbie Cuthill at Blackgate Lodge Alpaca Stud

Free – Bounca Rama Jumping Castle and Face Painting by Sue Gilbey

Dame Edna Average parading and roving until 2pm

Dazzling Dan the Magic Man roving until 11.45

Classroom displays

CFA display on the oval
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.

With the end of term 1 just a couple of weeks away its time to start thinking about term 2 activities.

The program for Term 2 will be:

**Monday: Netball** - if you don’t know how to play and would like to learn or if you already play and would just like to practice and improve your skills then come and join us on Monday afternoons.

**Tuesday: Multi sports** - games vary each week and children can have input into the program if they have favourite games.

Please complete the form below if you would like your children to take part in term 2.

**Term 1:** We have 2 more Mondays and only 1 more Tuesday (due to public hol.) Don’t forget our Hip Hop Demonstration on Saturday - 1:30 dance (meet me at 1:20 at the basketball court steps).

Thanks…. Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

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

I would like my child/children __________________________________________ to participate in the AASC program.

☐ MONDAY - Netball  ☐ TUESDAY - Multi sport

Parent/Guardian (full name):_____________________
Signature: __________________ Date:

**Highton Primary Netball**

If you would like to play netball for Highton PS in a school based Competition please complete your details below and return to the office as soon as possible. Available nights are:

**MONDAY COMPETITIONS** - Grade 3&4, 5&6

**WEDNESDAY COMPETITIONS** - Grade 2&3, 3&4, 5&6

**THURSDAY COMPETITIONS** - Grade P&1, 2&3

My child/children would like to play in a netball team in term 2/3:

Child……………………………… Grade……………Pref. nights……………………………
Current team …………………

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Current team …………………

Parent/Guardian (full name):_____________________
Signature: __________________ Date:

I am interested in being:    Coach.. Manager.. Scorer..(please circle)

Name………………………………………………
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Yet again our community shows its commitment to our school. More than 50 people turned up last Saturday to the working bee which was wonderful. The rain wasn’t a deterrent and the group managed to achieve a lot. Thank you to all the wonderful tireless workers young and old who helped out on the day. You should all be proud of the effort you put in and the school grounds look great.