Congratulations

Well done to Felix and his mum who between them raised over $400 for cancer research by doing an enormous number of laps during the Relay for Life last weekend.

Assembly (2.45 this week)

It is great to have so many parents and siblings at our school assemblies. As the school grows we are becoming rather crowded in the hall and we are noticing how important it is for the audience to stay quiet. You may have noticed that the teachers and I are trying really hard to ensure that the students are quiet once the assembly starts. I am asking parents if they could do the same and pop outside with small children if they are making a noise. Our senior students are doing a fabulous job of running assemblies, however it can be tricky for them if there is noise in the audience. I have also been told that it is becoming difficult for people at the back of the hall to hear the presenters. I appreciate your help in getting the balance of being welcoming while maintaining a quiet audience.

Earth Hour and assembly

Just a quick reminder that Liam D is having his hair shaved off on Friday to raise awareness of Earth Hour and raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund which takes place this Saturday. This is a very significant thing to be doing and I congratulate Liam on being a risk taker and on taking action on something he believes in.

Absences

On Monday night staff attended a session outlining our duty of care for all students and as a part of the session we addressed student absences from school. Clearly a family trip to see part of the world is not a concern, although we do ask parents to try to use school holidays for these trips where possible. We were advised that for extensive absences without a medical certificate we need to follow up with parents and/or with the Child First agency. If your child misses one day each week that is the equivalent of about 8 weeks or nearly a term of education. Please don’t think we are wanting sick students at school but we do expect all other situations to be dealt with out of school hours as far as possible.

Welcome

I would like to formally welcome our new School Councillors. Donna Brandwyk, Catherine Davidson, Mark Griffin, David Kehler and Carly Stafford. I hope that they find being on council an enjoyable and rewarding experience and I look forward to working with them.

Have a great week. Tessa Calder
Car Boot Sale

Our car boot sale is being held on Saturday April 2nd. We now require payment from all people wanting to have a site on the day. The cost is $20 and payments need to be made at the school office by Tuesday March 29th to secure your place. There are a few sites still available if you, family or friends require a spot.

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.

Fantastic Student Initiative

ShAVE for THE PLANET

THIS 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

Early Assembly Start

A reminder to all families that our student led assembly will commence at the earlier time of 2.45 PM this week. We have a lot to get through and it will culminate in the exciting shaving of Liam Dempsey's hair in the name of a good cause, to raise money for World Wildlife Fund. Please note the early start time in your diary.

For your Calendar

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SICKBAY ROSTER

Kylie Gliszczynski
Wanted Goods

Parents Club are holding 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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WE NEED BOOKS

Our Vice School Captains are organising a classroom library for the senior building. We need donations of books suitable for children in grade 3-6. These could be fiction or non-fiction books, or magazines eg K-Zone. Please bring them to the bubble room, which the round room to the left of the main door in the senior building. We would appreciate this ASAP.

Thank you
Matthew and Debby

Little Penguin Burrow Grant

Unfortunately Highton Primary School didn’t make it to Round 1 for the Little Penguin Burrow Grant. We would like to thank the six children and all those who helped make the DVD. Phillip Island were very impressed with our entry and they are sending us some goodies. It was lots of fun and we tried our best. Making the DVD also inspired us to work with the Gr 5/6 children to make their own short films. If anyone has expertise in this area, please see Ms Bennett.

Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

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

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Math News

Bicycles and Tricycles

Last weekend, I went to play in the nearby park. It was really fun! I rode my new bicycle that Mum had given me for my birthday. On reaching the park, I saw that there were a total of 18 bicycles and tricycles. If the total number of wheels was 45, how many tricycles were there? See next week’s newsletter for the answer.

PYP

The PYP framework—Knowledge—This component is developed through inquiries into six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, supported by six subject areas.

Year 3/4 Writers Workshop

In Grade 3/4 we have been learning to write snapshots as a part of our writers workshop. Here are some examples.

Love by Ella Lengerer-Barrett.

I am lying down in my bedroom waiting for my mum to come in and say goodnight to my sister and I. I can smell left over dinner. My mouth starts watering. I can still taste dinner inside my mouth. Suddenly the door opens. It’s mum. I can just see her by lamp light. She walks over and kisses me softly. I feel so warm. I hear her whisper “Goodnight Girls”. By now I am half asleep. I faintly see her walk away and close the door.

Beach by Milly Ward

I was swimming among the shiny clear sea and it was shallow. I felt something under my foot. It was all spiky so I picked it up. It was a hermit crab. The smell of it shot up my nose like the juice I had the other night. I swam back down to return it but I forgot to take a breath and I went in my mouth and I dropped it I left it there so it can be peaceful again.
Active After-school Communities Program
INFORMATION FOR HIGHTON P.S. PARENTS

The Active After-school Communities Program is an Australian Government funded initiative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for your children. The program runs for 7 weeks each term, is FREE and students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack.

Term 2 programs!!!

Mondays - Multi Sport.
Skills for netball/basketball
Presenter: Carolyn Hall
and Garrison Grigg
Start 9th May
End 27th June
3:30 - 4:45

Tuesdays - Circus/Fun
Presenter: Bronwyn and Joe from
Kids Place Circus School
Start 10th May
End 21st June
3:30 - 4:45

Term 2 is not far away so if you would like to join our program please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. Children in all grade levels are welcome to join in either/both sessions.

On Mondays we will play games involving skills needed for netball or basketball. We will try to have a mini netball or basketball game on some sessions.

On Tuesdays we will have the circus school again. Preference will be given to those children who did not get a spot this term however please put your name down if you would like to join in for a second time and I will allocate any remaining spots on a first basis.

All children need to be marked off my roll before they leave so that I know an adult has picked them up and they have not just wandered off. Please make sure that you let me know if you take them early. Or if they will not be attending on a particular night then either text me 0407 826504 or let the office know.

Thanks
Carolyn Hall
AASC Co-ordinator

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: __________

Emergency contact no. ________________________________

☐ My child will walk/ride home at the end of the program.
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:

**Netball**
- □ Monday Grade 3/4
- □ Monday Grade 5/6
- □ Wednesday Grade 3/4
- □ Wednesday Grade 5/6
- □ Thursday Grade Prep/1/2

**Basketball**
- □ Tuesday Grade Prep/1/2
- □ Tuesday Grade 5/6
- □ Wednesday Grade Prep/1/2
- □ Wednesday Grade 3/4
- □ Thursday Grade 3/4
- □ Thursday Grade 5/6

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

**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.