International Day
Congratulations to everyone involved in last week's celebrations. It was fantastic to see the huge response we had to our parade through the Highton shopping centre. A special appreciation to our organising committee and in particular, Jacqui Bennett, Melissa Haynes and Kate Fletcher who commenced work back in August 2008 to make the day a success. We received wonderful volunteer support from the wider Highton community and this provides a terrific example for our students to follow.

Billy Tea Bush Dance
We would like to finish off the term with a Family Bush Dance on Wednesday evening the 1st of April (No kidding around). A picnic basket dinner followed up by a host of dances that students have learned through workshops held during the day will provide a great night out.

On a personal note this is an ideal opportunity where I can say farewell to our community before I finish up on Friday the 3rd of April which is now my final day at Highton.

Acting Principal Appointment
I am delighted to announce that Mrs Tessa Calder will be taking over as the Acting Principal of the school during terms 2 & 3, 2009 whilst a permanent replacement is appointed. Tessa is the current Assistant Principal at Belmont Primary School and is not only a highly respected educator but also a lovely person who is very excited about working with you all.

End of Term
Friday the 3rd of April is the last day of term and all students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm on this day. Assembly will commence at the earlier time of 2:00 pm.

Student Details
We have attached copies of student details which require your urgent attention. For the safety and wellbeing of students we require all details on our records to be current and accurate. We would like you to very carefully review details relating to Parental Occupations. All Government Schools are funded at different levels depending on Parent Occupations. Schools with highly qualified, professional families (Group A&B) receive less funding per student than schools with a greater proportion of families in other categories. Your responses are confidential and it is vital for our school that they are accurate.

Craig Salmon
LOST

School Rugby Top - Size 10. NR written under label. Please return to Nathan Reeves, MDA.

PLEASE RETURN OUR INSTRUMENTS

Thank you to all the students who participated in the International Day celebrations, it was fantastic to hear all the accompanying music being played along Roslyn Road. Unfortunately a lot of instruments haven’t been returned to school. A Music Room without instruments is just a room - please return all school instruments to your child's classroom so we can once again have a Music Room!!

International Day Photos

Murray Davidson of Murray Davidson Photography kindly took photos of our International Day and they are running as a slide show on the computer in the school foyer. If you would like to purchase these photos (as a CD) please fill in the form below and return it to school by Thursday April 2nd.

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International Day CD at $10.00 each. $____________ is attached. (The CD's will be available for pick up in Second Term).

Billabong Surf Camps

Torquay SLSC April 14th & 15th. For ages 6-16 See Mrs Jirik or the notice board for more details.

Community News

See notice board for more details

- 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.
- CHIP - April 26th 1– 4 P.M. Circus skills and clowning workshop at Highton Primary School Pre-senter Terry Cole brings his skills to educate and extend all ages. All welcome. Cost $15 members $20 non-members.
- South Barwon Auskick. Registration for 2009 will be held on your choice of Sunday 26/4/09 9:30 – 11:00 or Wednesday 29/4/09 6:30 – 8:30 at South Barwon Football Club, Reynolds Road Belmont. Please register and pay online if possible and bring signed form to registration. Cost $55.00. Contact Ashley McHarry 0408 593 138. First Session Sunday May 3rd at 9:30.

For your Calendar

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Canteen Roster

Week commencing 30th March
Stacey Little
Kylie Gliszczynski
Sickbay Roster
Week commencing 30th March
Helen Perry
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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As Dale is moving on to football next term we need parents to volunteer to coach/manage the teams. No previous experience required just a desire to see the children participate, learn and enjoy the sport of basketball. Teams need a scorer as well and this can be a parent or even an older sibling if suitable. 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.

Approximate costs:  Registration/Insurance $30 each player.

Team entry $22.00 (divided by number of players)
Weekly match fees $35.00 (divided by number of players)

Carolyn Hall
Basketball Co-ordinator

My child/children would like to play in a basketball team in term 2/term3:

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…………………………………………

**Education Maintenance Allowance**

**FOR ALL WHO APPLIED FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2009.**

EMA cheques for the first semester have arrived. Please call into the office to sign your cheque to pay for your child’s books (materials and requisites) from the start of the year if you DID NOT have the money paid directly into your bank account. It would be greatly appreciated if this could be done before the end of term 1.

**Student Awards**

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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 it's 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 1 more Monday night - our final great race. If you can help out by supervising an activity that would be fabulous, please let me know so I can include more in the race. Well done to the children who performed on Saturday I have had many parents tell me how impressed they were with the what you did! Great job!

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

**Approximate costs:**

VNA membership $28.00
Team Entry $22.00 (divided by number of players)
Weekly match fees: $35.00 (divided by number of players)

Teams will need parents to coach/manage and to score. If you can help please complete your details below.

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

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

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

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

Name………………………………………………

Contact details……………………………………
**The Green Club**

The lunchtime gardening club is having a makeover. We will meet every 2nd Monday at lunch time (see advance notice in newsletter). We are expanding our veggie patch and recently many little hands have been busy preparing two worm farms and planting seedlings.

In Term 2 autumn planting will begin.

The Green Club promotes sustainable living in our school community.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE GREEN SHOP.** Friday 29th May Can you help?

We need donations of home grown produce and home-made goodies.

Talk to: Georgie, Helen, Leesa or Lisa Ph 52443551

The Green Club meets next Monday 30th March. Meet us at the tomato patch to harvest tomatoes and help the adults prepare our first batch of tomato chutney. This will be sold at the Green Shop.

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

**Thank You**

Thank-you to Murray Davidson, Emily’s dad (Prep), who took the stunning photos of the International Day. You can check out more of Murray’s work at [www.murraydavidson.com.au](http://www.murraydavidson.com.au)

**Basketball Semi-Finals**

This week our two Basketball teams are in the semi-finals

Highton Tigers play at 4:30

Highton Dingoes play at 5:30

Good Luck to all players.

**Holiday Tennis Clinic**

At Wandana Heights tennis club.

Contact Tony Brushfield Tennis coach on 52440040 or 0408 524898

**Tennis Coaching Term 2**

Modified Tennis for 5-7 year olds. Lessons, racquet, T-shirt, cap all included for $90.

Phone Tony Brushfield on 52440040 or 0408 524898

**Earth Hour**

Earth Hour is when cities across the world turn their lights off for an hour on a certain date. This year 1,540 cities in 80 countries across 25 time zones are turning off their lights. Even global icons are doing it (e.g. Eiffel Tower, Colosseum etc.) It is on Saturday the 28th. March 8:30-9:30 P.M. For more information go to [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

**Highton Dingos**

Congratulations to the Dingoes for finishing the season in 3rd place on the ladder. They came back from their previous weeks loss with a tremendous win and landed themselves in a semi final against the’ crocodiles’ The match is to be played at 5.30 on Thursday, court 4. Any supporters welcome. The team is gathering confidence and the atmosphere is positive.

Go Dingoes. Dale.
Our International Day
Highton Primary is lucky to have their very own sponsor child and in the past we have had exciting fundraisers to raise money for him.

Our sponsor child’s name is Thanushan and he lives in Sri Lanka. He is only 4 years old and lives with his parents and no other siblings.

Some facts about Sri Lanka:
- There are 27,000 sponsored children.
- Half of the people live on less than $2 a day.
- Nutrition and health care is a priority for World Vision.

In each of your classrooms there is at least one container which has a photo of our sponsor child on it. By donating any spare change into the container we would be able to raise more money for Thanushan.

Money that is donated to him will help for medical check ups and treatment and to make sure he has nutritious food.