Congratulations

Highton Primary School has received a letter from Jeffrey Beard, the Director General of the International Baccalaureate in Switzerland, congratulating the school on the significant accomplishment of being officially authorised to teach the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. The letter goes on to say that Joy Lewis has been appointed to coordinate the program in the school and that we may now refer to ourselves as an IB World School. This is a sensational achievement for the school and represents years of hard work.

Hello Highton

I would like to thank every person for making me feel so welcome in my first few days at Highton Primary School. I am privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of such a warm and dedicated school community.

I thought I could start by telling you a little bit about myself. I was born in Wales, grew up in Melbourne and started my teaching career in the Northern Metropolitan area. When our children were young we spent some time living in the north western part of Scotland before returning to live in Alexandra.

Since our family moved to Jan Juc from Alexandra in 2000 I have worked in a number of Geelong schools and our two sons have attended local primary and secondary schools. During my time in Geelong I have worked as a classroom teacher, a literacy specialist an assistant principal and an acting principal. Each role in each school has reinforced my belief in the importance of families, staff and the community working together to create and maintain a strong educational school with honest and open communication.

I feel very lucky to be coming into a school with such a committed staff who clearly understand the children in the school and work so hard to develop a positive learning environment. The ‘feel’ in classrooms as I walk around the school is one of calm and caring and there is evidence of powerful learning across all areas of the school.

Please feel welcome to come and have a chat with me about anything at all. I am very keen to meet you all and learn more about the school from all perspectives.

Building the Education Revolution

As you will probably be aware the Federal Government has allocated $1.3 Billion to refurbish schools. We are very pleased to hear that Highton Primary School was successful in its application for up to $125,000 to redesign and modernise our junior and middle school wing.

Enrolments 2010

We are currently conducting tours and taking enrolments for next year. If you have a child due to start school in 2010 please collect your enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Thankyou

Thanks to the Perry family who spent time up at the school last weekend making sure the grounds looked lovely for the start of the new term. Thank you also to any other families who were busy working at the school over the holidays.

Tessa Calder

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
Community News

See notice board for more details

- Geelong Amateurs Auskick Starts Wed 22nd. April 4.15 - 5.30 Queens Park bottom oval
- 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.
- 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.
- MacKillop family services looking for very special people for fostering
- Club Italia hold regular functions, for a timetable of events please see the noticeboard
- Raising Happy & Confident Kids A Seminar for Parents with Pat Jewell - Thurs 28th May
- Two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum. May 7 & 8 being held at Buckley’s Entertainment Centre Breakwater. Registration essential.
- Red Cross bushfire appeal “A Brighter Blaze” Saturday May 16th. @ Sacred Heart College $25 per ticket. Available through Geelong Dance supplies.
- World Education program is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July 2009
- Australian Centre for Moving Images present - The Amazing Human Body Adventure Tuesday June 23rd see notice board for more details
- Australian Centre for Moving Images present - Take Five Tuesdays June 2nd & 9th see notice board for more details
- LOTE@home - learn a language at home—see notice board for more details

Parents Club

Tonight our parents club meeting will commence at 7.30 in the staff room all members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Highton Tigers

Well Done to Highton Tigers who played in the grade 3/4 Grand final on the last Thursday of term one at the life be in it centre. They put in an admirable effort and came runners up in their division. Great team work and sportsmanship by the entire team.

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 ASAP.

For your Calendar

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CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing 27th April
Jocelyn Mackay
Janine Quick
SICKBAY ROSTER
Week commencing 27th April
Kylie Gliszczynski
Driving Safely

A timely reminder with the new term commencing to please obey the road rules around our school. Watch for the 40 KPH speed zones. The parking signs are there for your child’s safety too, so adhere to those as you can be booked by our crossing supervisor for parking illegally. No Parking means you may stop your car in that zone for up to 3 minutes but you may not leave your vehicle. No Standing means you may not stop your vehicle there at all. Our school car park is another place where road rules still apply. You may not double park in our school car park, parking is only allowed in the designated parking bays. The car park also has a left turn only exit and we have noticed many parents making right hand turns out of here!

Keep our school zone safe for all.

Reminder

Please ensure you have returned your child’s student information forms with any amended details. You would have received these forms towards the end of term one. It is vital that we get these forms back as soon as possible for correct contact information and the information it contains can affect our schools funding.

International Day Photos

If you ordered and paid for an International Day Photos CD please call into the office and collect them.

The Green Club

The chutney the students help to make will be sold at THE GREEN SHOP Friday 29th May. A big thankyou to Harvey’s of Highton for donating ingredients for the chutney.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Parent Support Group

Friday April 24th 2—3 pm in Conference Room
Meet Julie Anderson & Marita Nicholas from Belmont High School to discuss programs they offer for Children with Special Needs

Mothers Day Stall : Meeting Friday 24th April 2.00 pm

A meeting will be held in the staffroom this Friday afternoon to discuss how the Mother’s Day stall is going. I would really love to hear from anyone who has some quick and easy craft ideas that would be applicable for the stall. All costs involved in homemade art/craft items are met by Parent’s Club. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting and have a chat and cuppa. Closer to the time we will need help with making chocolates etc., and also the names of those who are able to help on the day of the stall – which will be Friday, 8th May.

For those new parents at the school, Parent’s Club hold a Mother’s Day stall for the children each year. The stall enables the children (class by class) to shop for themselves and makes them the feel proud that they have played a big part in choosing a pressie or two for their Mum. Items on the stall are priced from 50 cents to $5.00.

Thank you.
Basketball & Netball News

Game times for this week:
**Basketball:** Thursday 4 pm
**Netball:** Wednesday 4 pm

**Urgent!!!!**
Could all basketball players from last season please return their tops if they are not playing this season.
Children in teams this term may need to wear these tops so please return ASAP!!
If you have already returned your top thank you.

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 and is **FREE!!** The students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack as part of the program.

**Term 2 program dates:**
- Mondays 27th April to 15th June incl. (public hol. 8th June)
- Tuesdays 28th April to 9th June incl.

**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.

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:

If you put your child’s name down for this term everyone is accepted for this term. If you are not sure if you put a form in then complete this one and send them along on the first night – we start next Monday. We have room for more children on both nights.

Belmont High School Education Expo

Belmont High School
Education Expo
Information Evening for Grade 5 & 6 Students
Tuesday 19th May
School tours begin @ 6 pm and presentation @ 7 pm