



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 13

Thursday 7th May 2009

MAY	
Tuesday 12 th	NAPLAN testing years 3&5 Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13 th	NAPLAN testing years 3&5 Reading
Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN testing years 3&5 Mathematics
Thursday 14 th	School Council 7.00 Finance Sub Committee 6.40
Monday 18 th	Education Week
JUNE	
Tuesday 2 nd	Cluster Day 2 Term 2 – Halls Gap and Pomonal
Friday 5 th	Zone Cross Country - Lake Bolac
Friday 12 th	State designated Pupil Free Day - assessment
Monday 8 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
Thursday 18 th	School Council 7.00 Finance Sub Committee 6.40
Friday 26 th	Last day of term 2

Dear Parents,

As we move into week four, students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN testing. Students in Years 5 and 6 have just completed the Attitudes to Schooling Survey. Frau Stoffel and Miss Miller have attended three days professional development on mathematics. They have brought back lots of wonderful ideas which they will share with the other teachers across the cluster at this afternoon's numeracy meeting in Stawell.

Thank you to everyone who was able to help with the recent market. We raised \$1 212.00. The expenses are still to be deducted from this amount. While the day seemed to start slowly there was a steady stream of visitors through the school.

Throughout the months of May and June, all schools will be participating in a national collection of information on young children's development. It is called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI is a checklist of over 100 questions. It is completed by the prep teacher. The AEDI Checklist looks at five areas of child development;

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills and
- Communication skills and general knowledge.

The aims of collecting the information are to:

- Help communities to understand how their children are developing by the time they reach school age
- Help schools, local agencies and early childhood professionals to work together to improve the outcomes for all children in the community.

If you would like more information about the AEDI visit www.aedi.org.au

Participation in the project is optional however this is a great opportunity for parents, schools and other agencies to work together in the best interests of our children.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig
Principal

BOOK SELLER

The books for sale are positioned on the desk in the foyer of the office. If you would like to purchase books please complete the required forms etc provided in the box. These books were changed yesterday.

Japanese Children's Day Sushi In the Classroom!

On Tuesday the 5th of the 5th 2009 it was Japanese Children's Day. In the morning we learned how to make dolls and sushi. The sushi was great to eat. We all enjoyed the sushi. We also had plum stuff that wasn't the best!!! Only three people, maybe four, liked it. You have to say 'arigatou' and bow, that means thank you. You bow lower for older people. Originally it was only for boys, now it is also Girls Day. All the girls aged seven and the boys aged five go to the shrine and get blessed. The blessing lasts all their life. This week was Golden Week, all the girls and boy made paper dolls and lanterns.



Cross Country Training

We run for 15mins. We all do more than 2km. It is sort of like a relay. 1 person from a group of 2 runs one lap and then tags the other runner. That runner runs a lap and then tags and changes over. The circuit around the oval is 125m. We have two courses—our oval and the Venus Baths track. The Venus Baths circuit is 2km. Sometimes we use an obstacle course which is 315m.



Books we Recommend

The Donkey that Carried the Wounded

Written by Jackie French

This is the story of Simpson & his donkey. The donkey comes from the Lemnos islands when he gets taken by the army.

Charlie

The 39 clues: One False Note

By Peter Lerangis

The 39 Clues series are excellent books.

Once you have read the books you can collect the cards and play the game at www.the39clues.com

Andreas

Utterly me

By Clarice Bean

Written by Lauren Child

This book is about a very ordinary girl called Clarice Bean and her friend Betty Moody. They have to do an exhibition but don't know what to do.

Zellah

The Famous Five

By Enid Blyton

I enjoy these books they have adventures where mysteries are solved.

Taraq

To find out more go to this website www.enidblyton.net/famous-five

VICTORIAN GOLF FOUNDATION



IN CONJUNCTION WITH

WIMMERA DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS A JUNIOR COME AND TRY DAY

AT HORSHAM GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 24TH MAY
2009

TO COMMENCE AT 10.00AM
LESSON WITH A GOLF PROFESSIONAL.

11.15AM - 6 HOLES / 3 PERSON AMBROSE

LUNCH SUPPLIED AFTER.

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