



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 16 Thursday 28th May 2009

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,

It was great to have parents sharing in our special morning breakfast and reading session last Thursday. It was a very colourful morning with students entering into the spirit of Pyjama Day. Years 3-6 students enjoyed a morning of High Ropes activity at Tandara Youth Camp. Vanessa guided the students through the course, encouraging them to meet the challenges of each task. Thanks Vanessa, it was a great morning which was topped off with a picnic in the lovely grounds at the camp. We hope everyone enjoyed the various activities throughout the week, students and staff would like to thank everyone who was involved and worked to make the week enjoyable and rewarding for everyone.

Over the next 3 years the Australian Government has committed significant funding to assist Australian schools to build new facilities and refurbish existing facilities through the BER program. The major aim of the program is to provide economic stimulus through rapid construction and refurbishment of school infrastructure. As part of the Round Two funding allocations, Halls Gap Primary School has been allocated \$50,000 to remove/crop a number of trees, refurbish the office building and revamp part of the school fences (depending on finances within the grant). The refurbishment of buildings and the fencing have been listed on the Maintenance Schedule for a number of years. School Council will review requirements and determine a schedule for projects at the June meeting.

Next Tuesday is the second of our Cluster Group Days for term 2. Years 3-6 students will be based at Halls Gap while the Years P-3 students will be at Pomonal. If you haven't returned your permission note please help us by returning them tomorrow. Mrs Rudolph is currently updating our student records. Adjustments will be made and will appear on excursion forms. If you know your contact details have changed please let Chris know so the necessary adjustments can be made. Permission notes for students competing in the Cross Country will need to be completed. The team has been entered and names confirmed.

It is with sadness that I announce that Miss Kristie Miller will be leaving Halls Gap Primary School at the end of term 2. We have been notified that Mr Lloyd Kennedy, who has been on leave for two years while teaching overseas, will return to Halls Gap Primary School as a Leading Teacher. Kristie has been offered a job in another school and while disappointed to be leaving Halls Gap is excited about the new challenges and experiences this will bring. Kristie's commitment, contribution and dedication to the school and community has been fantastic, she is very proud of the progress her young students are making and will be missed by students, teachers and parents.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig
Principal



JELLY BEAN MATHS WITH P-1 STUDENTS!



And several story orientations by years 4-6 following a study of 'a platter of jelly beans.' You will have to visit the classroom to read the rest of the stories.

Long ago in Asia, in 1231, the ancient Asians used jelly beans in the cannons instead of cannonballs. It was the most lethal weapon back in those days. One day a war captain known as Captain Jelly Beard, discovered the biggest known jelly bean mine in the world. He knew that people would try to kill him for it, so he built a fortress with built in jelly bean cannons to protect himself... (by Keelan)

Who Stole all the Blue Jelly Beans?

One day there was a kid he was called Bob. He was the naughtiest boy in the school; he would do anything for a jelly bean... (by Aury)

One day at work Professor Jack was hungry. He went to the jelly bean jar. The jelly beans were missing! Professor Jack rode the bus home and logged onto his computer (using his secret code containing lots of characters) and scanned the jelly bean jar. According to the results, the last person who touched it was Professor Jack (me)! There is now a mystery on the way! (by Hugh)

Once in 1800 there lived a man called Bob. Bob lived in a town called Orangeville where absolutely everything was orange, the trees were orange, the road was orange and the water was orange – even the sky was orange...(by Zella)

PAVERS

Please see attached form if you would like to order a paver. We have a couple of sample bricks with names and designs available for viewing in the office.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

Go runners!

Great to see you out there each morning.

Thanks to all the parents who are supporting the team.

Our early mornings are certainly action packed with running and reading!

We have already added a number of new books to our school collection with the money allocated through fundraising by the School Council.

HEAD LICE

Please help us to clear the school by regularly checking.