



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 18

Thursday 11th June 2009

JUNE	
Friday 12 th	State designated Pupil Free Day – assessment writing day for teachers
Wednesday 17 th	MARC
Wednesday 17 th / Thursday 18 th <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	School Council 7.00 Finance Sub Committee 6.40 DEECD representative Mr Andrew Dalgleish
Monday 22 nd -23 rd	Cluster Science Camp (2 nominated students only) Location Halls Gap
Thursday 25 th	Farewell Miss Miller (details to come)
Friday 26 th	Last day of term 2
JULY	
Monday 13 th	Day 1 Term 3

PLEASE NOTE TOMORROW IS A STATE DESIGNATED PUPIL FREE DAY FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

We have been required to provide the following information to families in relation to H1N1 Influenza -

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

Teachers are currently working to prepare end of semester report cards. As Miss Miller will be farewelling her class at the end of the term we will release the P/1 report early in the final week of term. This will provide an opportunity for parents to have follow up discussion with Miss Miller. Parent/teacher interview for students will be held early term 3.

On the afternoon/evening of Thursday 25th we will have a school function to farewell Miss Miller. We ask that you keep the date free; students are already working on a presentation for the evening. Further details will follow.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig
Principal

PAVERS

We have started to take orders for bricks. If you have misplaced your order form please contact the school.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

Last Friday an intrepid team of 11 headed off through the dense fog to Lake Bolac for the running of the zone cross country event.

Shana McKerron had put in a lot of hours training the crew and was there at the oval, to put the troops through their warm up exercises.

Wow! Were they a nervous bunch!

Zellah was the first to compete in the 10 year old age group. She ran a magnificent race and finished 11th overall.

The rest of the team rallied alongside her and actually ran part of the way to get her through the gate into the school grounds! (Not sure that this was actually legal but it certainly spurred Zellah along.) The second race saw our largest contingent lining up, Aury, Angus, Corey, Nathan and Nicholas! After quite a bit of argy bargy at the start they were off at a cracking pace. Team Manager Frau Stoffel was a little concerned that some of them may have pushed themselves a bit too early, but all finished in really great times. Nathan was the star of the show and finished in third position which means that he will now go on to the State Titles in Bundoora later in July! We were all so proud of him and he ran the entire race with a smile on his face!! Where does he get the energy??

Liam was our next competitor in the 11 year old boys age group. He also ran a wonderful race I am sure he beat his PB by a long shot.

Our final competitors, Lachlan, Michael, Rikki and Andreas ran in the final race of the day. All managed to RUN the 3,000,000mm race without stopping, which was one of their main aims. Well done guys.

Lachlan came in in 9th position, just missing out on a berth at the State Titles. Fantastic run Lachlan.

The day was well attended by parents who braved the cold to barrack for the team. Thank you for your support, encouragement, cups of tea and sustenance; it was greatly appreciated by all.

The team will continue to train with Nathan on Monday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.



HEAD LICE

Please help us to clear the school by regularly checking.

MARKET

Thank you to everyone who supported the market on the weekend. These events are a wonderful fundraiser for the school bringing in money from outside the community. I heard on the grape vine that Liam and Michael excelled at the market providing a great link between the cooking area and kitchen.

BOOKS

Please note the books available for sale have been moved to the stove top in the double classroom area. If you would like to order from the selection please complete the form etc in the tub.