



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 22

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

JULY	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cluster day 1 term 3 (Concongella and Great Western)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Play Group visit to Halls Gap Primary School 9.30am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee School Council 6.40pm School Council 7.00pm
AUGUST	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed 4-6 cluster Melbourne trip, Pompeii Exhibition and Imax Theatre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster day 2 term 3 (Halls Gap and Pomonal)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Glenorchy Cluster Athletics Sports (Halls Gap host school)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Glenorchy Cluster Athletics Sports back up day
SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee School Council 6.40pm School Council 7.00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 3

Dear Parents,

A great first week to the term was had by all.

Students are already engrossed in the topics for the term. P-2 students are exploring 'Weather' while the 4-6 class is studying 'Natural Disasters'. If you need a weather report speak to a Year 2/3 student, and if you need to know about wind direction tackle a P/1.

Our first group day focus for this term was the Athletics Sports. Students worked through a series of workshops with Max Freeland. Max outlined the correct procedure and technique for each event. This is particularly important; especially for those students who then go on to compete at Zone level and possibly State level.

The Year 5 and 6 students attended a Leadership Challenge Day at Norval along with other students from across the cluster. The group worked through a series of challenges throughout the morning which were designed to develop leadership skills. During the afternoon they then moved on to activities that not only required the support of the group, but also provided a personal challenge for each and every student. There were even challenges for the teachers! On several occasions the students were asked to decide if they would like the teachers to be in or out of the activity. The first time this question was asked the students very quickly answered no. The second time they were asked comments such as - 'they could be useful', 'they can have good ideas' and 'they might be a liability' were heard to be made. Lots of fun and hopefully another step in helping our students develop strong leadership skills.

I have attached forms for parents wishing to participate in the Positive Parenting Program to be held at Stawell 502. Also included is a flier for the Stawell Secondary College production - 'You're History'. Please note this is the last week for anyone needing to submit an Education Maintenance Allowance application and/or a Conveyance Allowance application.

Have a great week,  
Judy Hilbig  
Principal

## ALLERGIES

Just a reminder – we do have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We do ask that you refrain from sending products to school that contain nuts.

## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm at the school. We are looking for new members and everyone is most welcome.

## EMA APPLICATIONS

EMA applications for second instalment are due in at school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

If you have completed an EMA for the first instalment, there is no need to complete another form.

If you did not complete a form previously and you hold a current pension card, forms are available from the office.

We need a copy of your pension card with your application.

Please return forms to the office by the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance forms are now available for second instalment.

Conveyance allowance is paid to those who travel more than 4.8 km to their nearest school.

If you have applied for the first instalment and your circumstances have not changed, then there is no need to reapply.

Forms are available from the office and should be returned by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

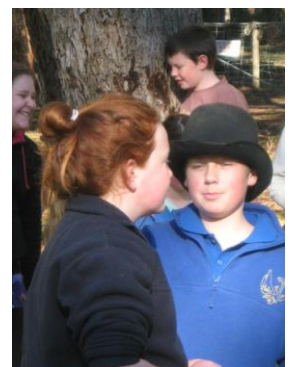
## POSITIVE PARENTING

I have attached a letter with information relating to the Positive Parenting Program that will again run at Stawell 502. If you would like to participate in this program please complete the attached forms and send them to Stawell 502, PO Box 502 Barnes Street Stawell.

## LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE



Students participated in a number of challenges that were designed to build leadership skills.



There were not only group challenges but personal challenges.



Working out how to instruct a group of students required assistance from the 'leadership hat'.

## KRISPYKREME DOUGHNUTS

Please note Bridget Russell is selling KrispyKreme Doughnuts to raise money for the Stawell Gymnastics Club. If you would like to make an order please see Carolyn. 1dozen=\$15.00