



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 26 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009

AUGUST	
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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5/6 Mathematics Olympics, Stawell Secondary College
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
OCTOBER	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wildflower Market
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day term 4

Dear Parents,

Attached to the newsletter this week is the Parent Opinion Survey for 2009. This survey provides valuable data that enables schools to better understand how the parent community feels about the school and to help guide school improvement efforts. It is an anonymous survey which you are asked to return to school in the sealed envelope. It will not be opened at school – please be assured that your responses are confidential. Sealed envelopes are collected and sent to the Data, Outcomes and Evaluation Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. A one hundred percent return ensures all families contribute to the data. Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated.

Our P-3 students along with Frau Stoffel and Mr Kennedy hosted the second group day for term 3. There were many discussions about the various training schedules etc taking place at each of the schools for the Athletics Carnival next week. The carnival is always a great day. Mr Kennedy and Max Freeland have mapped out the site for the day and next Wednesday a team of teachers, parents and students will mark out the oval for the various events. In addition to the site preparation parents have begun to organise food and rosters for the day. If you haven't completed the helpers form could you please do so as soon as possible so we can be sure that we have every responsibility covered. There are still a large number of support spots to fill.

It looks like the footy fever has ended in the playground. The cricket wickets were out, teams organised and the matches have begun. It is great to watch students of all ages playing together and supporting each other.

Thank you to all those parents who noted the comments about bullying in a recent newsletter. We would ask that parents regularly discuss what bullying means; both verbal and physical. With a consistent approach from home and school we can make sure our students develop resilience and skills to ensure they do not become a victim and are not a perpetrator of bullying.

School photos were taken this week and we look forward to receiving the proofs.

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.

## CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS

Cathy Nellthorp will be working as a School Support Officer at our school on a Friday between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Chris Rudolph will still be at the school on Wednesdays. Due to this change the newsletter will be published on a Friday not Thursday. If you have administrative tasks that need completing please see Cathy or Chris on either of these days.

## GROUP DAY ACTIVITIES

**From the session with Mrs Monaghan and Dale**  
**Writing by Sophie Eldridge -**

(Sophie had to write using the words – darkness, damaging and dormant.)

The huge shadow of Mt Vesuvius towered over the tiny cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Stabiae. Suddenly there was no more shadow. The humble-seeming Mr Vesuvius had suddenly transformed, bringing darkness and ash. The dormant volcano was dormant no more, charring, burning, damaging, raging.

(Words for this one were – catastrophic, cascading and horrific.)

Mt Vesuvius roared like a wild, untamed lion. Lava started cascading down the hillside. Horrific screams and yells meeting the ears of other helpless bodies pierced the ear and brought tears to the eyes. This catastrophic volcano had erupted at last.

**From the sessions with Mrs McCann and Mrs Hilbig**  
**Group Challenge pictures**

