



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 33

Friday 23rd October 2009

OCTOBER	
Tuesday 27 th	Cluster Day 1 – Glenorchy, depart school 9.00am
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Transition Day Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 29 th	Year 6 Transition Day Stawell Secondary College
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 3 rd	Cup Day Holiday – School closed
Wednesday 4 th	MARC
Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 Transition Day Stawell Secondary College
Wednesday 11 th	2010 Prep Orientation Day 1 9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday 20 th	Play Group Visit 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 17 th	Cluster Day 2 – location to be determined
Wednesday 18 th	MARC
Wednesday 18 th	School Nurse Visit – Preps 9.45am
Wednesday 18 th	2010 Prep Orientation Day 2 9.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 24 th – Friday 27 th	Year 3-6 School Camp ‘Under Canvas Camp’
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2 nd	MARC
Wednesday 2 nd	Stawell Secondary School Drama Class presentation
Thursday 3 rd	Statewide Transition/Orientation Day 9.00am – 3.15pm
Friday 4 th	Yrs1-2 Junior School Sleepover
Wednesday 16 th	MARC
Thursday 10 th	School Concert
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term 4 – school dismissal time 2.30pm

Dear Parents,

Sadly today is the last day we have Mr East teaching at Halls Gap Primary School. Mr East very quickly settled into the P/1 room and became a valued and respected member of our teaching team. We wish Nick all the best as he returns to his studies to complete his teacher training course.

It was great to have the playgroup visit on Tuesday. Playgroup parents and children spent the morning with Mr Kennedy, Mr East and the students in Prep and Year 1. We look forward to their next visit on Tuesday, 20th November.

Planning is well under way for the school camp. As the students and staff will be sleeping in tents we will need to do a tent audit during the next few weeks to ensure we are adequately equipped. Prior to the camp we will nominate a day for bringing the tents to school where we will endeavour to erect them and check that we have adequate space to accommodate everyone. At a previous meeting the school council discussed an appropriate figure for the camp. As the camp will not require extensive transportation we will be keeping the costs to a minimum. We do not anticipate the cost to exceed \$100 per child and will notify families as soon as possible of the final figure. A detailed note will come home next week. We are planning to ride out to the camp site as part of our bike education program. If you do not have a suitable bike please let us know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements. The camp will include walking, riding, art activities supported by local artists, food management and preparation and numerous other enjoyable activities.

Have a great week
Judy Hilbig

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.

WILDFIRE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION

If you were unable to attend the evening held in Halls Gap there is another one planned for Stawell. Stawell Primary School 502 is hosting the session which will be held on Thursday 5th November, beginning at 6.00pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you to Vanessa Eastwood who has volunteered to take on this role.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please note we still have two vacancies to school council. If you would like further information about the role of school council please ask current members –

- Paul Russell
- Shaun Eldridge
- Susan Hamilton
- Jill Read
- Jill Faulkner
- Vin O'Callaghan
- Lloyd Kennedy
- Judy Hilbig.

MORE POETRY

My Chainsaw

My chainsaw revs so sweet,
It cuts the wood like a treat.
One day there was a grub so big,
I cut it right in half I did.
That's my chainsaw story.

by Liam

Adventure Quest

Adventure Quest is cool
It's not old school
There's thousands of choices to make
And hundreds of monsters to break
Become a Mage and beat Zianna
Become a Knight and get the Knight armour
Dracomancers are the best
If you get their armour you'll never need to rest

By Andreas

Deer

They trot up and down,
Jump up and down over fences,
They will drop when you shoot.
If you roar,
The stag will stop and look,
So look out everyone,
They may charge at you.

By Lachlan

Fire

He growls,, he snarls, he shrieks
Then he glows then he spurts out
Lashing with his tongue of flame -
The heat of fire incinerates everything in his path.
He is merciless eating his way through the darkness to
his desire.
He continues on leaping and hissing and leaving black
smoke,
When he has landed his lasty blow he slowly fades
Then just a glow, then a hiss,
Then the black remains of his ashes.

Adapted by Charlie as part of a cloze exercise from a
poem by Graham.

Fire

He growls, he snarls, he howls,
Then he glows, then he spurts out
Lashing with his mouthful of flame –
The dragon of fire destroying everything in his path.
He is merciless, eating his way through the darkness
to his desire.
He continues on – leaping and hissing and blowing
black smoke.
When he has landed his last blow he slowly fades,
Then just a glow, then a blow,
Then the black remains of his burning flame.

This poem was created by Zella as part of a cloze
exercise using a poem created by Graham.