



# Halls Gap Primary School

## Newsletter No 35

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day Stawell Secondary College
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Play Group Visit 9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2010 Prep Orientation Day 1 9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse Visit – Preps 9.45am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2010 Prep Orientation Day 2 9.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Finance Committee 6.45pm School Council 7.00pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 School Camp 'Under Canvas Camp'
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	MARC
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stawell Secondary School Drama Class presentation
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Statewide Transition/Orientation Day 9.00am – 3.15pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs1-2 Junior School Sleepover
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 4 – school dismissal time 2.30pm

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to present the Year 4 and 6 students with their participation certificates for the NSW University English Exam on Monday at assembly. Thank you to Michael as assembly leader for assisting with this task. It was particularly exciting for Brianna who achieved a credit, and for Charlie F and Andreas who both achieved the level of distinction in their year levels. A student receiving a credit falls into the top 22% of their year group across the state, while students receiving a distinction fall into the top 5% of their year group within the state. Congratulations to all students for both their participation and achievements. It is a great opportunity for students to participate in external assessments. These assessments along with teacher assessments (both school based and through moderation sessions within the cluster), State and National testing programs, provide parents, students and teachers with a comprehensive understanding of student progress.

Next week we are looking forward to the second visit for playgroup this term. In addition to playgroup we have our first transition day for incoming 2010 preps. Our Year 6 students who are moving onto Stawell Secondary College next year will participate in the third of their four day transition program. They have now begun to recognise teachers, build new friendships and started to understand the structure and layout of their new learning environment for 2010.

Extensive camp details are attached this week for students in Years 3-6. Please read the notes carefully and complete the two permission notes and return them to school as soon as possible. The facilities at the Plantation Camping Area have recently undergone an extensive upgrade and will provide a wonderful location for us to base our camp. Please speak to the teachers involved if you have any questions.

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.

## 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.

A big thank-you to all Halls Gap Primary School parents who kindly gave up their time to help the Halls Gap Cricket Club with the Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon.

A great day was had by all and the Cricket Club has generously donated \$341.55 to the school for their contributions on the day.

A further \$300 was raised for the Cancer Councils 'Girls Night In' event.

## Fishing

By Hayden Hamilton

On Friday Zach and Dad went fishing. The catch was on....

Zach caught a big fish but the line snapped. 'Oh no!' The next day Zach caught a bigger fish.

This time he got the fish.

THE END



## Umbrellas

By Charlie McIntosh



Umbrellas are blue

Some umbrellas are yellow

Umbrellas get wet

## Air

By Henry Read -Spinks

Air glorious air

What would we do without air

Air colourless air