



# Halls Gap Primary School

## Newsletter No 37

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009

NOVEMBER	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 Special screening Earth, Centenary Hall 1.00
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	MARC
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stawell Secondary School Drama Class presentation
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	State-wide 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
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stawell Secondary School Presentation Evening
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 camp - Norval
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Final School Council meeting for 2008 7.00pm Finance meeting 6.45pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 4 – school dismissal time 2.30pm

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the students who ventured out on Monday to participate in the Kanga 8 Cricket competition in Ararat. All students reported they had had a great day. Thanks to Mr McCann for supervising the girls team.

We welcomed Ethan this week for the second of his Prep orientation days. We hope Ethan enjoyed his day and has begun to become a little more familiar with the whole school environment.

With the incredibly hot weather we have been experiencing we are encouraging students to have a water bottle at all times. They are able to refill these throughout the day as required. Many students enjoy the fruit stop at 10.00. While students provide their own for Monday through to Thursday, we do have fruit delivered to the school for Fridays.

We would like to continue with several more bike education sessions next week. Students in Years 3-6 are asked to have their bikes at school for the week. We will ensure any bikes left over night are locked in the shed. The areas that we need to build our skills in are –

- Slow riding
- Stopping safely at a designated spot
- Turning safely
- Riding past parked cars
- Not turning the handlebars when looking over our shoulder (a common problem for riders)
- What to do at a give way sign and a stop sign
- Which side of the road to ride on.

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.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school. All schools have been working to introduce the VSN throughout terms 3 and 4 2009.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

## RESULTS OF THE KANGA 8 CRICKET - GIRLS

### Results of the Kanga 8's Girls.

Unfortunately we didn't win a game but the girls are to be congratulated as they tried really hard and the games were played in great spirit.

Game 1 Ararat 800 (1) 183 def Glenorchy cluster 62

Game 2 Ararat West (1) 160 def Glenorchy cluster 43

Game 1 Lake Bolac College 157 def Glenorchy cluster 58

Congratulations to all the girls a very enjoyable day.

From Mr Andy McCann

## CAMP

Please note we have confirmed the location change to Norval for the last week of term, Monday to Thursday. School will run on Friday so all children can have their final day, say their farewells etc. School will dismiss at 2.30 on the Friday. We will need to update one of the permission slips which will come home next week.

## FILM

Next Friday Years 3-6 students will attend the special screening of Earth at Centenary Hall at 1.00pm.