



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 41

Friday 18th December 2009

DECEMBER	
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term 4 – school dismissal time 2.30pm
JANUARY	
Wednesday 27 th	Teachers return – teachers involved in programs across the region
FEBRUARY	
Monday 1 st	Day 1 2010 for students
Thursday 11 th	School Council finance meeting 6.45pm School Council meeting 7.00pm
Monday 8 th – Friday 19 th	Swimming program
Friday 26 th	Cluster Day 1, Swimming Carnival Halls Gap Pool
MARCH	
Friday 26 th	Last day term 1, school dismissal time 2.30pm
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 17 th -Sunday 19 th	State Schools Spectacular

Dear Parents

Today students will have brought home their semester two report for 2009. Not only have teachers spent considerable time preparing comments and assessments but students have provided statements about their goals and progress. We would encourage parents to continue reading with your child/children throughout the holidays. It is a well known fact that students who do not read for extended holiday periods actually regress. For some students this regression can be as much as two or three reading levels.

Next year we will run two classes at Halls Gap Primary School. We are still unsure if we will run a P-2 and 3-6, or a P-3 and a 4-6. This will be determined closer to the beginning of the year when we are sure of our exact numbers for 2010. Mr Kennedy will be the homeroom teacher for the senior class while Mrs Hilbig will be the home room teacher for the junior class. Frau Stoffel will be teaching three days a week for 2010; a significant component of her teaching role will be with the junior class students. In addition to working with the junior class Frau Stoffel will be responsible for a number of curriculum areas across all levels. We will endeavour to confirm the class grouping for the Year 3 students as soon as possible.

We farewelled Mr Durance from our school yesterday. He moves on to work with a series of schools across the Pyrenees. Mr Durance has had a significant input into the school Mathematics program and will be missed by many of the students.

As in years gone by we will commence our swimming program in week two. We will again combine with Pomonal Primary School for lessons which will run across two weeks. Angela Leithhead will be the key instructor. Angela is also running the Vic Swim program during January and is keen to know as soon as possible if there are any interested children within the community wishing to attend. Next year we are introducing a cluster swimming carnival which will be held at Halls Gap Pool. In addition to a swimming carnival we are also introducing a cluster cross country run. As you can see planning and preparation is well underway for what we hope will be an exciting year that offers challenges and opportunities for students to meet with others across the cluster.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to all students returning on the first of February fresh and ready for an exciting year of learning.

Kind regards

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE PLEASE SEE PAUL OR JUDY
Our first Council meeting for 2010 will be Thursday 11th February.

UNIFORMS

Please check your cupboards – we have the biggest pile of jumpers.

