



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 23

Tuesday 27th July 2010

JULY	
Tuesday 27 th	Active After School Sport – Netball session 1 3.15 - 4.15pm
Thursday 29 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 1 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 30 th	Cluster Day 1 Term 3 Concongella and Great Western
AUGUST	
Monday 2 nd	State Schools Spectacular massed choir rehearsal - Melbourne
Tuesday 3 rd	Active After School Sport – Netball session 2 3.15 – 5.15pm
Thursday 5 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 2 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 6 th	Jeans for Genes Day – Junior School Council
Monday 9 th	State-wide Pupil Free Day – teachers professional development day
Tuesday 10 th	Active After School Sport – Netball session 3 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 11 th	MARC
Thursday 12 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 3 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 17 th	Ecolinc visit – Werribee (whole school) NO ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Thursday 19 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 4 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 19 th August	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM FINANCE 6.00PM
Monday 23 rd	Year 5/6 'Out There' day - Norval
Tuesday 24 th	Active After School Sport – Netball session 4 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 25 th	MARC
Thursday 26 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 5 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 31 st	Active After School Sport – Netball session 5 3.15 – 4.15pm
SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 1 st	State Schools Spectacular massed choir rehearsal - Melbourne
Thursday 2 nd	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 6 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 7 th	Active After School Sport – Netball session 6 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 9 th	Athletics Carnival – Glenorchy NO ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Friday 10 th	Athletics Carnival backup day
Tuesday 14 th	Active After School Sport – Netball session 7 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 16 th	Active After School Sport – T-Ball session 7 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 16 th	SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM FINANCE 6.00PM
Friday 17 th	Last day of term – students dismissed at 2.30pm
Friday 17 th -Sunday 19 th	State Schools Spectacular

Dear Parents

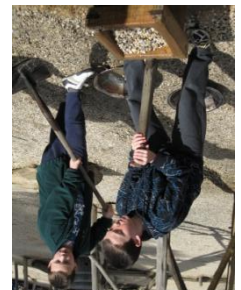
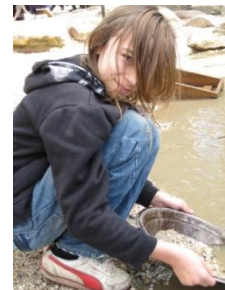
It was great to have our campers return to school having had a wonderful time at Sovereign Hill. All campers had numerous stories to tell and have certainly developed a greater understanding of life on the goldfields, the Eureka rebellion and the impact the discovery of gold had in developing Ballarat to be the place that it is. We look forward to hearing more about their experiences as they continue to research and collate their findings. A very big thank you to Kellie and to Frau Stoffel and Mr Kennedy - taking the time out from families and home is certainly appreciated by everyone.

We look forward to Active After School Sport starting this week. Students will be able to attend sessions on netball on Tuesdays and t-ball on Thursdays. Maddy Cross will run the netball supported by Chad and Chad will run the t-ball supported by a teacher. Please note sessions finish at 4.15pm.

Teachers were introduced to the Ultraset yesterday by Ultraset Coach John Scott. Teachers have access to the site and are working towards full access by the end of next week. Sites for parents and students will be introduced later in the year. You can access a series of questions and answers related to the Ultraset and school by accessing the following website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/ultraset/findoutmore/fag.htm#H2N1000B> As teachers we were introduced to a number of exciting elements which will support the communication of and for learning between teachers, students and parents.

Attached are a number of items related to the markets the school facilitates. Could you please consider the comments and associated documents and provide feedback to Jill as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful 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.

GERMAN

As we approach the Commonwealth Games in Delhi all students will be offered the opportunity to participate in a special program called Language Olympics. This is a three week competition aimed at motivating students to learn new German vocabulary through the internet. Students will be able to access the contest site from the 9th of August through to the 31st of August. Everyone will be able to learn at their own pace and also extend themselves at home 24 hours a day. Students earn points as they learn and will be in the running for a variety of spot prizes, class prizes, school prizes and also prizes for individuals who have accumulated the largest number of points. Students will be provided with usernames and passwords over the next week and then it will be all systems go! This could also be a great opportunity for any parents out there who are also interested in German to learn along with their children. Viel Gluck!!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY IN STAWELL

After another successful Music School held by the Wimmera Bands Group this year at Mildura, the **Stawell City Brass Band has decided to have a learners music program.** This program will offer **weekly music lessons on Thursday evenings at 6pm at the Band Hall** (corner of Wakeham and Sloane Streets) and instrument hire at minimal cost. Many excellent musicians started their music career with the Stawell Brass Band and play or teach music professionally Australia and worldwide.

Learners of any age [above 8 years old] will be accepted and several of our current players began at a mature age. Several different types of brass instruments will be available to learn, from small to medium to large, and lessons will be taken by band members and all you need is some enthusiasm, commitment and a good ear. The current band rehearses from 7 to 9pm every Thursday of the school year and learners are welcome to stay on and listen and have a go if they desire.

An information session will be held on Thursday 5th August at 6pm, so please come along. Phone Linda on 53566352 or 0407700843

SHINE ON

Only 8 weeks to go and things are really hotting up for the Shine On crew! We are now familiar with all songs we will be singing but still have a lot of work to do. The Pomonal choir members and Mrs Gemmola will be coming to Halls Gap on Thursday, so that we can have a sing together and fine tune a couple of the more difficult songs (Ode to Joy!!! in German).

Next Monday, the 2nd of August, we will be travelling to Dallas Brookes Hall for the first massed choir rehearsal. As the bus will be leaving from Halls Gap promptly at 6am, students will need to be at school at least 5minutes before this time. (Sorry for the early morning wake up call.) We will be leaving Melbourne at 3pm so should be back in Halls Gap around 6pm that evening. Should you require an exact arrival time please feel free to call me later in the afternoon on 0407 793 601 or on the school mobile number.

Students will need to take a small backpack with their morning tea, lunch, drinks, snacks and choir books. Please ensure that you pack enough food and drinks to see your child through what will be a long day. Children may take one bay only and they must be able to carry and manage this bay independently.

Please ensure that permission forms are signed and returned to school by Thursday this week and please update any medical issues such as car or bus sickness or changes in phone numbers.

If you have any further questions, please see Sam.

BADMINTON

As many of you know Badminton has been operating on Tuesday evenings at the Halls Gap hall. This term we have started a beginners group that plays from 5pm - 6pm. Any adults and children who would like to come along and have a game are most welcome. It is a lot of fun and even the spectators have enjoyed the oncourt antics of the players!! The cost is \$2.

FUNDRAISING MESSAGES FROM JILL READ

1. A Fundraising sub-committee meeting is being held this Thursday July 29 at the school in the junior room from 7:00pm until 8:30. All parents are welcome. 2011 Markets and the Market guidelines will be the main items discussed. Successful running of these markets means we generate enough income for the school to make major purchases (e.g. laptop computers) for all of the students to use, we need as much support as possible to do this. Please speak to Jill if you have any questions about the meeting.
2. Attached are the draft school Craft Market Guidelines, changes for 2011 are underlined, please provide any feedback to jill on these either at the meeting on Thursday night or before Tuesday August 10.

MESSAGE FROM PAUL RUSSELL

I am looking at the possibility of seeking funding for a skate park facility in Halls Gap. The identified area is between the Pool and School Road in the park in the centre of Halls Gap. I am in the very early stages of this proposal and I am seeking feedback from Community members in relation to this proposal. Further details will be published in the August edition of Fill the Gap and Pomonal too, so please buy a copy and have a read and discuss the proposal with other community members. Please direct all feedback to me at the Police Station on 5356 4411 or email paul.russell@police.vic.gov.au

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