



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 25

Tuesday 10th August 2010

AUGUST	
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 <u>Bus depart school 7.30am</u> return approximately 6.00pm (return time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 18 th	Unveiling of plaque – Historical name: Cherub Peak 12noon
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
Wednesday 25 th	Play Group Visit
Thursday 26 th	Transition Day Yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary College
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
Monday 6 th	Transition Day Yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary College
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	Transition Day Yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary College
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

Thank you to those parents who have attended parent teacher interviews. It is always a great opportunity to discuss student progress and individual learning plans for semester two. If you haven't yet spoken to your child's teacher please contact them to make an interview time.

Schools have begun to plan for 2011. Several transition dates for rural schools students to Stawell Secondary College have been set and are now included in the calendar above. Bus travel to Stawell Secondary College on the school bus will be organised for students. We called for parents intending to enrol students in Prep for 2011 in both the Stawell Times and Fill the Gap last week. If you know of anyone intending to enrol their child who may not have had access to this information please encourage them to contact the school for further information.

Next week we have a very special ceremony taking place which will see the unveiling of the plaque that will commemorate the historical name registration of Cherub Peak. The historic name is now recorded in the Victorian Register of Geographic Names for the peak officially known as Mackey's Peak. This is the final step following on from the work completed by Ms Miller and year 4-6 students throughout 2008/9. All members of the community are invited to join us for the ceremony which will be held at the base of the steps leading up to the climb to Mackey's Peak (several hundred metres on from the grave of Agnes Folkes). The ceremony will start at 12.00noon. A number of people involved with the project have been invited and we are expecting television and newspaper coverage of the event. Following the ceremony those present are invited back to the school for refreshments.

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.

MATHLETICS

Parents are reminded that all students have a Mathletics subscription provided by the school. There are numerous opportunities for students to revise concepts, work on their tables and fast number facts, and work through various challenges. The site also contains an extensive dictionary providing detailed explanations and examples. In addition to Mathletics activities students have access to Rainforest Maths. Halls Gap Primary School hosted a professional development program for schools across the cluster last Wednesday.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please complete the forms for Tuesdays visit to the Ecolinc centre as soon as possible. Christians Bus Company is supplying the bus and driver. We need to depart at 7.30am sharp and will not be returning to school until 5.45-6.00pm. Students will need to be in uniform with lunch and snacks for the day. Ecolinc is the new Science and Technology Innovations Centre at Bacchus Marsh. It provides innovation curriculum programs for P-12 students which focus on sustainable environmental development practices. There will of course be no Active After School Sport on Tuesday.

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.

AFL QUIZ

All students from grades 4-6 have been part of a team competing in the AFL quiz this year. Up to 300 teams were in each grade category. During the home and away season all four teams finished in the top 20 in the country and therefore qualified for the finals. The grade 5 team of Brianna, Charlie F. and Zella finished second in the country following the home and away rounds and won a \$50 AFL store voucher for their efforts. Last week the first round of the finals series was completed. Our grade 4 team of Angus, Kira and Charlie Mc. got off to a flier with a perfect score of 10 to throw down the challenge to other finalists. The last round takes place this week. Winning teams receive "An experience money can't buy" at the final home and away game on round 22, runners up a \$100 AFL voucher and 3rd place a \$75 voucher.

The competition has been based on AFL players numbers etc. and has had a maths and English bias.

