



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 27

Tuesday 24th August 2010

AUGUST	
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

Last week students and staff enjoyed the Science Week excursion to Ecolinc. Students used microscopes to study the many creatures found in the wetlands areas around the centre. They identified numerous tiny creatures and recorded their observations. We also explored the many ways in which recycling is carried out at the centre. During the afternoon sessions students learnt about the foods produced by a number of Australian native plants. Students were also engaged in planting seeds. The junior class students gained some useful advice re their worm farm which they have put into practice on returning to school.

In addition to the above extracurricular activity, our year 5 and 6 students have attended the next day of the 'Out There Program'. They dodged the rain and went abseiling and high ropes walking.

A big thank you to our team of four that helped organise and run the Cherub Peak ceremony. All those who came along and squashed into the junior room enjoyed the day. It was great to see our past students and Ms Miller return to celebrate. All students - from those who began the project and to those who completed the project are to be congratulated.

With filming completed, sound and credits added, the German films are ready to be posted. The work and effort gone into making these films is enormous. Many hours both during class and out of class time are required to complete such tasks. All students involved would like to thank Frau Stoffel, Mr Kennedy and Franz who have worked tirelessly to ensure the films were completed on time. There are many behind the scenes jobs and tasks to be completed which required everyone to work as a team throughout the project. Well done to all involved.

The painters have begun, benches have been installed, data cables etc upgraded. We are hopeful the refurbishment project will be completed by the end of term. The rain has caused some delays which may mean the landscaping runs a little behind schedule.

At the previous meeting of School Council the following items were approved –

- Market guidelines which are now ready to be sent to market holders. (The fundraising group would like to thank those that provided feedback throughout the upgrading process.)
- Bus travel to Melbourne for the State Schools Spectacular Joining the Chorus rehearsal – parent driver with appropriate licence approved to drive hire bus.
- Agreed the school purchase engraved items for thank you and appreciation gifts.
- Approval for rural transition days for year 6 students.

(Extracurricular activities already approved for this term - inter school sports, group days x2, State Schools Spectacular rehearsals x2, State School Spectacular performances x3, Ecolinc Science excursion, Yr 5&6 Leadership Day, Moyston and District School Sports, Zone Athletics.)

At the conclusion of our meeting Paul announced he would be retiring as President to School Council. Paul has provided leadership and guidance as President for many years. I would like to thank Paul for his continued input, advice and support over the years. While retiring as President Paul will remain a parent elected member to council for the remainder of his elected term. Please contact Jill Faulkner who is the Vice President if you have any council business. A new President will be elected at the next meeting of Council.

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.

SOMERS CAMP

It was very exciting to receive the news that we have been allocated places for 2 boys and 4 girls for Somers this year. This means all students who expressed an interest will be able to attend which is wonderful. This is an unusually large allocation – great news for students!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year Glenorchy is the host school and the sports will be held on the golf course adjoining the school. Students will be required to be at Glenorchy at 8.45. Students will assemble at 8.50 and need to be in full uniform ready to being the day with marching. There have been several changes to the sports this year. The first is that the sprints held during the individual rotations during the morning will only be heats. A final for each year level will be held before lunch. No ribbons will be presented until the final is run and a place in the final will be determined by the timed heat. An additional event has been added to the afternoon team sports – spoke relay. As the numbers for Glenorchy, Pomonal and Moyston are quite low they will combine and compete as one school for the teams events during the afternoon. Please note parents are required to transport students to and from the sports. We require several helpers of the day. This year we have been allocated the 10yr boys and 10yr girls. If you are able to move around the morning rotations and help supervise one of these groups please let a teacher know as soon as possible.

ECOLING VISIT

