



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 3

Tuesday 16th February 2010

FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 15 th	Notice of School Council election and call for nominations
Friday 19 th	Final swimming session, games day – students will need a cut lunch
Friday 19 th	Pool party and BBQ tea 4.00pm (Halls Gap and Pomonal)
Tuesday 23 rd	Closing date for School Council nominations 4.00pm
Wednesday 24 th	MARC
Thursday 25 th	Nominated school councillors listed on school noticeboard
Friday 26 th	Cluster Day 1. Swimming Carnival Halls Gap Pool, activities begin 11.00am (date may need to be revised due to a clash with zone sports)
MARCH	
Tuesday 2 nd	School Council ballot papers distributed
Sunday 7 th	Market
Monday 8 th	Public Holiday – No Active After School Sport
Tuesday 9 th	Close of School Council ballot 4.00pm
Wednesday 10 th	School Council vote count
Wednesday 10 th	MARC
Thursday 11 th	Declaration of School Council ballot – school noticeboard
Wednesday 17 th	Playgroup visit Halls Gap Primary School
Thursday 18 th	School Council meetings
Wednesday 24 th	MARC
Friday 26 th	Last day term 1, school dismissal time 2.30pm
APRIL	
Sunday 4 th	Easter Market
Monday 12 th	Day 1 term 2
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 17 th -Sunday 19 th	State Schools Spectacular

Dear Parents

Once again a very successful and busy Jazz Festival weekend was enjoyed by many. It was great to have so many of our families involved in the various fundraising activities held throughout the weekend. Thank you to all who attended the working bee to sort out the grounds and kitchen areas for the market and to everyone who worked preparing foods and serving at the various locations across the couple of days. School Council made a decision last year that the Jazz Festival would support the purchase of and replacement of computers in our school – the proceeds from the weekend will certainly ensure that we continue to work towards our goals in this area.

It is again the time of year for our School Council elections. The school council has a structure that consists of eight parent representatives and two DEECD representatives.

Parents representatives who remain on council for one more year –

Paul Russell
Jill Read
Jason Ripper
Susan Hamilton

Retiring members are –

Shaun Eldridge
Franz Stoffel
Dan Magill
Jill Faulkner

DEECD representatives who remain on council –

Lloyd Kennedy
Judy Hilbig

School Council is the major governing body of the school, it decides future directions for the school and oversees the school's operations, thank you to those both retiring and remaining on council. If you are considering nominating for council please feel free to contact and discuss the role with current councillors.

The following schedule applies for the School Council election process 2010 –

Tuesday 16 th Feb	Notice of election and call for nominations
Tuesday 23 rd Feb	Closing date for nominations
Thursday 25 th Feb	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed on the school notice board
Tuesday 2 nd Mar	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed
Tuesday 9 th Mar	Close of ballot 4.00pm
Wednesday 10 th Mar	Vote count
Thursday 11 th Mar	Declaration of ballot, displayed on school notice board
Thursday 18 th Mar	First council meeting – election of office bearers
Thursday 18 th Mar	March School Council Meeting

Attached to the newsletter this week are nomination forms. If you wish to nominate a parent please complete the Schedule 5B nomination form. If you wish to self nominate you will need to complete the Schedule 5A nomination form.

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.

FORMS AND MONEY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

To help us manage forms and payments Cathy will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9.00am until 1.00pm and Chris will be in the office on Wednesdays from 9.00am until 4.00pm. If you need to leave notes etc at other times we have a box on top of the stove in the small kitchen area between the classrooms.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The State Schools Spectacular is on again in 2010 and we have been lucky enough to have been chosen as one of the lucky schools to participate, this time in the massed choir. We will run an information session for interested students and parents at the school, next Wednesday the 24th of February at 3.15. Firm commitments will need to be made as to whether your child/ren will be participating within the next two weeks so please come along and find out about our role for this year.

IMPORTANT - EMA & CONVEYANCE FORMS

EMA and Conveyance Allowance application forms are available from the office. All application forms need to be returned to the office by no later than Monday February 22nd.

Late applications cannot be processed.

AUSKICK

WANTED URGENTLY

An AUSKICK co-ordinator is urgently being sought to ensure AUSKICK can again be ran in the Halls Gap and Pomonal area during 2010.

Unfortunately due to work and other commitments, I no longer have the time to run this fantastic program every week and I am looking at handing over the co-ordinators role in 2010.

If you are able to assist please contact Paul Russell on 0419 523 292 urgently.

Without a new Co-ordinator, AUSKICK will not be able to be conducted in the 2010 year.

NETBALL

'Net Set Go'

Netball is back for 2010

co-ordinated by Stawell Warriors Netball Club

Registration Night 5pm Wed 24th Feb at North Park

and will be held Wed nights at 5pm prior to twilight netball matches.

Queries to Debbie Bach 53584224 "

BOOKCLUB 2010

Book Club has begun again for 2010 and we encourage all families to take the time to browse through the catalogues that come home. Many great books can be purchased at bargain prices and as well as providing your own kids with some great literature, each purchase you make assists the school in adding to our own library. Last year we got over \$400 worth of free books! So keep the orders coming in during 2010. Issue one orders are due back at school this Friday, February the 19th.

SWIMMING LESSONS – SPECIAL CLOTHING FOR ASSESSMENT

Please note students in the second group for swimming will need clothing for use in the pool as part of their assessment. Students in Angela's and Mrs Hilbig's class are asked to bring shorts and a t-shirt (tight fitting is best) in addition to their normal swimwear. Students in Mrs McCann's group will need shorts, t-shirt, long trousers and a long sleeved shirt (tight fitting) in addition to their normal swimwear.

STAWELL GYMNASTICS

Stawell Gymnastics club, Cheerleading Thursday 5 - 7pm (11 years & up), Recreational Thursday 4 - 5pm, Kindergym 2 years + Vacancies also available on Monday and Tuesdays. Call Elissa on 0417317431 or come along and have a go. 42 Sloane St.

HALLS GAP CRICKET CLUB

Halls Gap Cricket Club is hosting a 'Uno Attack' night and free BBQ tea ...Saturday 20th Feb 6.00pm at the clubrooms. Come along and enjoy a night of fun!

AND AFTER THE JAZZ ...an invite from the grateful organisers!

Thankyou Party!

As a way of thanking everyone for the many hours put into making the Jazz Weekend such a wonderful success - we are having a pool party and barbecue on Friday! Friday is the last day of swimming lessons and will culminate in a fun afternoon with the Pomonal students. School will be dismissed at 3.15 as normal. Parents and friends are all invited to come along and join in some fun at the pool from 4.00pm on-come dressed in your best Hawaiian gear and we will hula the evening away! (Friday will be considered a casual day at school and students may come dressed in their Hawaiian gear, but must remember to bring additional swim wear to change in to for swimming lessons.)

All food will be provided and we will require a couple of volunteers to don the aprons for the barbecue again!!! (Sorry!!!) If the weather is inclement, the party will still go ahead at the school.

Please note this is an alcohol free event.