



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 33

Tuesday 19th October 2010

| OCTOBER | |
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| Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th | Out There hiking camp Yr 5 & 6 |
| Monday 18 th | Cluster Day 1 – Halls Gap Yrs P-4 |
| Tuesday 19 th | AASS session 1 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Wednesday 20 th | MARC |
| Thursday 21 st | AASS session 2 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Thursday 21 st | SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM FINANCE 6.00PM |
| Friday 22 nd | RE – Oak Ministry visit 1.45pm |
| Tuesday 26 th | AASS session 2 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Wednesday 27 th | Film Festival Melbourne – details for those attending still to come |
| Thursday 28 th | Athletics Carnival – North Park (Glenorchy host school) |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Tuesday 2 nd | Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – no school |
| Wednesday 3 rd | MARC |
| Thursday 4 th | AASS session 3 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Thursday 11 th | Proposed School Meeting – open to all parents (strategic planning discussions) 7.00pm |
| Saturday 6 th | Halls Gap Film Festival – German films to be screened |
| Tuesday 9 th | AASS session 3 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Wednesday 10 th | School Photos |
| Thursday 11 th | AASS session 4 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Tuesday 16 th | AASS session 4 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Wednesday 17 th | MARC |
| Thursday 18 th | AASS session 5 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Thursday 18 th | SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM FINANCE 6.00PM |
| Tuesday 23 rd | AASS session 5 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Thursday 25 th | AASS session 6 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Tuesday 30 th | Somers Camp begins |
| Tuesday 30 th | AASS session 6 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| DECEMBER | |
| Wednesday 1 st | MARC |
| Thursday 2 nd | AASS session 7 Tennis 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Tuesday 7 th | AASS session 7 Cricket 3.15 – 4.15 |
| Thursday 9 th | School Concert 2010 |
| Wednesday 15 th | MARC |
| Thursday 16 th | SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30PM FINANCE 6.00PM |
| Friday 17 th | Last day of term, school dismissal 2.30pm |

Dear Parents

Another busy week is well underway. The Yr5/6 students are off on the 'Out There Camp', the Prep-Yr4 students hosted the group day for this term and we officially began to use the refurbished building as an office and additional teaching space. The Yr4 students were wonderful leaders on the group day. They were supported by a few Yr5 students from across the cluster; these students will be joining the camp this evening when the group sets up for the night at Borough Huts. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to school on Wednesday. At this stage in the year, students have begun to make firm friends across the cluster schools. While they have their very close friends within their own school they now look forward to meeting with others for these days. It's wonderful to see the various groups working and mixing so nicely.

Thank you to those parents who helped move office furniture and equipment last Thursday. We now have the major pieces set in place and are currently working towards moving and sorting the last few shelves of documents and books. We do now need some assistance to move the filing cabinets. We will need a trolley to move these, if you can help please let us know.

2010 is a year of review for Halls Gap Primary School. At this stage we have completed the School Self Evaluation and the School Review. Our next step is to complete the new School Strategic Plan. A School Strategic Plan sets out the school's strategic direction for the next four years. This includes the school's purpose, values and environmental context, as well as goals, targets and key improvement strategies in three student outcome areas:

- student learning
- student engagement and wellbeing
- and student pathways and transitions.

While the review process outlines possible improvement strategies we as a school community determine our School Profile and Values. To ensure we move forward with the review all parents are invited to provide input through an open meeting on Thursday 11th November at 7.00pm. Details regarding this meeting will be finalised at the school council meeting this Thursday.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2011. If you are aware of any prospective students within our community please contact us.

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.

HEAD LICE

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL FREE OF HEAD LICE

Even the cleanest and tidiest hair attracts lice – each time heads are checked it is a different group of students who present with visitors! Please be vigilant and check regularly.

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND MARKET

The monies have been counted and although there a few outstanding bills at this stage the takings amounted to – \$1 260.00 – a great effort and thank you to all who worked to make the day a success.

OGHAM SOUP CONCERT



Report by Henry:

Ogham Soup (which is the name for letter soup) visited Halls Gap school and performed using a violin, guitar, tin whistle and a very long tin whistle, bodhrán drum and a mandolin. All of the students loved the performance and they were well behaved. The performer's names were Karen, Jason and Julian (2 boys and 1 lady). They introduced the world of Irish music to everyone, especially if they hadn't done a lot of music before. For a bonus it was held in the new office. In the P-3 end we had been using their music and were adding beats and instruments to it during our music lessons. There was a hat song that was called 'The Whistling Bog'. We had to wear very funny hats, jump up and sit down quickly, and when we got to the end of the song we had to do it very, very fast – all except Dylan who was wearing the flea hat. We listened to a jig which had three beats per bar and a reel which had four beats in a bar – that let us tell the difference. I really enjoyed it!