



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 5

Tuesday 2nd March 2010

MARCH	
Monday 1 st	Cluster Day 1. Swimming Carnival Halls Gap Pool, activities begin 11.00am
Tuesday 2 nd	School Council – extension period for nominations to Council
Friday 5 th	Close of extension period for nominations to Council
Sunday 7 th	Market – please see attached roster as names are still needed
Monday 8 th	Public Holiday – No Active After School Sport
Tuesday 9 th	Special School Council meeting – School Review
Wednesday 10 th	MARC
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

HELP NEEDED ON SUNDAY FOR OUR MARKET

Please note we still have a number of unfilled spots. If you can help could you please add your name to the roster and return it to school tomorrow.

Congratulations to the team of students who travelled to the Zone Swimming in Ararat last Friday. All students competed with confidence and many have the opportunity to swim at the next level in Geelong. Frau Stoffel was very proud of her team – well done! Results for each student are listed over the page. Thanks to Frau Stoffel and parents for supporting the students both during training and on the day.

Even though the day started out a little cold we did manage to complete the program for the first of the Glenorchy Cluster Swimming Carnivals yesterday. Participation was the major focus for the day and all schools involved were delighted in the way their students joined in; regardless of ability. Thanks to Mr Kennedy for all the planning and preparation and to Frau Stoffel for her support in setting up and helping to prepare the students. Teachers met following the day and reviewed aspects of the day and have already made adjustments to the program and identified a possible date for next year. Thanks to all the parents and friends who came along to support and help with students throughout the day.

Following the nomination process for School Council, Mr Dan Magill, Mr Franz Stoffel and Mrs Jill Faulkner have been successfully elected to the Halls Gap Primary School Council for a period of two years.

We have one vacant position. Nominations will reopen and remain open until Friday 5th March 4.00pm. Thank you to Dan, Franz and Jill. The first meeting for the new council will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.00pm. Prior to this meeting the current School Council will meet to discuss elements of the School Review on Tuesday 8th March at 7.00pm.

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.

STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Please find attached the proposed **standard benefits** cover schedule for the Whole of School Accident Cover which is taken out each year. By accessing the following website you can find further details re the extent of cover etc.
http://www.studenthealth.com.au/schools_whole_proinfo.html

ZONE RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!

Event 1 Boys 10 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Freestyle

4 Stoffel, Angus 9 Halls Gap 49.64

Event 2 Girls 10 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Freestyle

3 Magill, Ashlyn 9 Halls Gap 54.39

Event 4 Girls 11 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Freestyle

1 Magill, Brianna 11 Halls Gap 41.82

Event 6 Girls 12-13 50 SC Meter Freestyle

3 Lovett, Tanisha 12 Halls Gap 43.32

Event 8 Girls 10 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Backstroke

1 Hutchins, Haylee 9 Halls Gap 55.57

Event 10 Girls 11 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Backstroke

1 Magill, Brianna 11 Halls Gap 53.48

Event 11 Boys 12-13 50 SC Meter Backstroke

4 Russell, Liam 12 Halls Gap 58.89

Event 12 Girls 12-13 50 SC Meter Backstroke

4 Lovett, Tanisha 12 Halls Gap 53.39

Event 13 Boys 10 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Breaststroke

2 Stoffel, Angus 9 Halls Gap 1:06.29

Event 14 Girls 10 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Breaststroke

5 Magill, Ashlyn 9 Halls Gap 1:23.54

Event 16 Girls 11 Year Olds 50 SC Meter Breaststroke

Participation, Eastwood, Zella 11 Halls Gap

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.

BUSHFIRE PORTAL

While the following is pertaining to the 2009 fires, there may be articles of interest for parents -

New online site - Your Bushfire Space

- The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund recently provided funding to Headspace, Australia's national youth mental health foundation, for the development of a web portal, *Your Bushfire Space*.
- This web portal provides mental health recovery information and advice to young people affected by the bushfires.
- The portal allows students to download fact sheets, participate in an online *Q and A* session, share ideas and tips on the *Regrowth Noticeboard* and to upload their personal bushfire story.
- The portal can be accessed at <http://www.headspace.org.au/bushfirespace/>

New program - Parenting Children and Teenagers after Bushfire

- This is a practical parenting program run by the Parenting Research Centre to:
 - Help parents/carers manage stress and anxiety
 - Help children by gaining skills & confidence
 - Support family recovery
- This is a free program for parents/carers of children & teenagers affected by the 2009 bushfires. The first program commences in Kinglake and Alexandra in mid February.
- To register visit www.parentingafterbushfire.net.au or phone 1800 780 720.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book club is out. Lots of great books on sale so don't forget to have your order in by Tuesday 12th of March.

ART GROUP

Some years ago the parents at Halls Gap Primary School were actively involved in an art group. We are trying to resurrect this group and hope to make a start on Monday the 15th of March, with a card making morning. Loretta Molloy from Kaszazz will come along and conduct a workshop, beginning at 10am. If you would like to join the group please see Sam so that we can organise numbers and morning tea.