



# Halls Gap Primary School

## Newsletter No 8

Tuesday 23rd March 2010

MARCH	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MARC</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Council meetings –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance committee meeting, 7.45pm</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Cooption of Members, 8.00pm</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Election of Office Bearers, 8.10pm</li> <li>• March School Council Meeting – Annual Report, Annual Implementation Plan to be presented to Council</li> </ul>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Working Bee to empty old school building 3.30pm</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day Term 1, school dismissal time 2.30pm</b>
APRIL	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Market set up, site marking and working bee to prepare school yard 9.00 – 11.00am</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Market (please see roster for names etc)</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Day 1 Term 2</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Public holiday re Anzac Day</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cluster Day 1 term 2 – Great western Yrs 5/6, Concongella Yrs P-4</b>
MAY	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr 5/6 'Out There Program' – Concongella PS</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&amp;5 Language Conventions and Writing</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&amp;5 Reading</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&amp;5 Numeracy</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Beginning of Education Week</b> <b>Cluster Day 2 term 2 – Cross Country Halls Gap Yrs 5/6, Pomonal Yrs P-4</b>
JUNE	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pupil Free Day – state-wide reporting day</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term, students dismissed 2.30pm</b>
JULY	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Day 1 Term 3</b>
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> -Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>State Schools Spectacular</b>

Dear Parents

Our first term for 2010 will finish for students at 2.30 this Friday. While it has been a very short term it has been a busy term full of learning and numerous extracurricular activities. We had our first term of Active After School Sport which saw most students participating in the tennis workshops and circus skills activities. Next term our two areas are Self Defence and Bushwalking. Parents are asked to discuss with children the concept of self defence. The activities are not designed to promote inappropriate physical contact but do not shy away from the fact that it is self defence. This is a popular activity throughout the Active After School Sport program. It is again expected that children who start the program will participate in the seven week block. A trained instructor is engaged for Self Defence, the Bushwalking instructor is still to be confirmed. Please note the program will not begin until week 2. Notes will be sent home outlining the activities etc during week one of term 2.

The building program for the old school room is scheduled to begin straight after the holidays. It may even begin during the last week. This means we need to empty the building before the holidays. A working bee is scheduled for 3.30 Thursday while students are at Active After School Sport. We should be able to make a significant impact during this time if we have lots of hands to help. It will be great to see the work begin. Most of the current works should also be finished by then.

Please note there are some concerns in relation to our participation in Joining the Chorus. Following a briefing meeting attend by Frau Stoffel, it has become apparent that there have been significant changes to the type and style of event it will be for 2010. Unfortunately this information has only just come to light. It is likely that we will need to

have a quick meeting prior to Friday to assess the situation. We will keep you posted. A number of students have also indicated they are expecting to be involved. At this stage we only have a small number of expressions of interest from students. If you haven't spoken to Frau Stoffel and completed any forms please see Sam as a matter of urgency.

The fundraising team have recently purchased a bain marie which will be used for the first time at the Easter Market. This will provide a greater level of efficiency and safety, thank you to all who have worked to secure the purchase and delivery in time for Easter Sunday.

Have a wonderful break and an enjoyable Easter  
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.

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE**

**The Junior School Council would like to have an Easter raffle for 2010.**

**Could each child please bring an Easter egg/s to donate.**

**The money raised will go to the school sponsor child, Thomas.**

**Please have your eggs in by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**A box is in the office for eggs.**

**Thank you**

**Sophie and Brianna**

**Junior School Council will send home a form for students to complete if able to help with the sale of tickets on the day of the market.**

**In addition to the Easter egg raffle, Dylan's grandma has kindly donated a decorated cake to be raffled. The monies raised from this are to be used to purchase items for student use at school.**

**There is only a couple of items in the box as at today, could we please have all donations in by Friday so Junior School Council can organise the baskets into lots ready for the market.**

**Thank you**

### **AUSKICK 2010 UPDATE**

It looks like we may have a volunteer for Auskick – we will keep you posted. At this stage it is likely to run in addition to Active After School.

### **UNIFORMS**

We would like to process orders for uniforms. Please note the prices listed are for 2009 and will probably be slightly higher for 2010. We will confirm prices before payment is expected. Please list the items you would like to order on an envelope and place in the box in the small kitchen between the classrooms.

#### **UNIFORM COSTS**

SHORT SLEEVE POLO SHIRT	\$22
LONG SLEEVE POLO SHIRT	\$23
HOODED WINDCHEATER	\$36
CREW NECK WINDCHEATER	\$25
ZIP POLAR FLEECE	\$23

THESE PRICES INCLUDE EMBROIDED SCHOOL LOGO

### **THANK-YOU**

Leanne, Shaun, Sophie and Nicholas would like to thank so many of you – teachers, staff, parents and students in the school community for your interest, encouragement, kind words, gifts help and offers off help during the pregnancy, birth and post-birth of Natasha Grace.