



# Halls Gap Primary School

## Newsletter No 9

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010

APRIL	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 Term 2
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting – purpose review session 2
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Bushwalking session 1 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Active After School Self Defence session 1 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Public holiday re Anzac Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Day 1 term 2 – Great western Yrs 5/6, Concongella Yrs P-4
MAY	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 'Out There Program' – Concongella PS
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&5 Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&5 Reading
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN assessments Yrs 3&5 Numeracy
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of Education Week Cluster Day 2 term 2 – Cross Country Halls Gap Yrs 5/6, Pomonal Yrs P-4
JUNE	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day – state-wide reporting day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term, students dismissed 2.30pm
JULY	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 Term 3
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> -Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	State Schools Spectacular

Dear Parents

Welcome to term 2 for 2010.

We should see the refurbishment project for the old school room begin in the next couple of weeks. The electricians are scheduled to be working at the school this Friday which should see the administration computers set up and functioning in the portable. This will then make way for the builders to come in, set up a portable office etc and safety fencing around the old building.

Congratulations to all those who worked to ensure the Easter market was successful. There are many jobs to be done in preparation for the actual day which included taking and processing bookings, ordering, collecting and sorting foods, cleaning up the grounds, marking out the sites and of course the endless job of cooking and selling on the Sunday. Thank you to all who helped.

The junior school council ran a very successful raffle. They would like to make special mention of Dylan's grandma who very kindly made, decorated and donated a beautiful cake. Terry Smith was the delighted winner of the cake while the first of the egg baskets went to a visiting family, the second to the Harris family from Pomonal and the third went to Nathan Russell. A great effort from the small team of students who manned the table throughout the day – well done. We will publish the amounts raised as soon as possible.

Active After School Sport begins next week. On Monday students will be offered Bushwalking which will include some orienteering and games. Self Defence will be offered on Thursday. We have been asked to make it very clear that it is a self defence program and while students will not be engaged in physical contact person to person, the purpose of self defence is clearly outlined and discussed at various points throughout the program. Both activities will run for a period of seven weeks. Chad will run the Bushwalking with the support of a teacher, and Percy will run the Self Defence program with the support of Chad. While we encourage all students to participate in Active After School it isn't compulsory and it is a parent decision to have children attend. It is expected that all students who begin the various programs will make a commitment and attend all seven sessions. A permission form must be completed for students to attend. Students will also be able to participate in Aus Kick this term – thanks to Dan for volunteering for this one.

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.

## SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note at this stage the office will only be staffed on Wednesdays between 9.00am and 3.30pm. If you have administrative business please see Chris on Wednesdays.

## BUBBLES IN THE P-3 CLASSROOM

Questions for exploration –

### Is Biggest Best?

Why do people blow bubbles?

Why do bubbles create such delight and enjoyment?

*What is the history of bubble blowing?*

*What materials make suitable bubble blowers?*

*How is a bubble formed?*

*What makes a super bubble blower?*

*What makes a good solution for blowing bubbles?*

*Can we control the size and shape of bubbles?*

*What is the science of bubbles?*

Students have already considered which writing structures they will use to answer these questions –

Procedures

and

Reports.



## HEAD LICE

Please note the Northern Grampians Nurses completed a head check today. We do have cases of head lice in the school. Please ensure children are checked regularly. Children must be treated before returning to school.