



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 1

Friday 1st February 2011

FEBRUARY 2011	
Tuesday 1 st	Teachers return date
Friday 4 th	School start day for all students
Friday 11 th -Sunday 13 th	Jazz Festival and Market
Monday 7 th -Friday 11 th	Swimming program week 1
Wednesday 9 th	No school Wednesday for Prep students
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th	Swimming program week 2
Wednesday 16 th	No school Wednesday for Prep students
Thursday 17 th	MARC (Library Van)
Friday 18 th	Community Breakfast 8.00am at the school
Wednesday 23 rd	No school Wednesday for Prep students
Friday 25 th	Cluster Day 1 Swimming Carnival – Halls Gap Swimming Pool
MARCH 2011	
Thursday 3 rd	MARC
Thursday 17 th	MARC
Thursday 31 st	MARC
APRIL 2011	
Friday 1 st	Cluster Day 2 Yr3-6 Great Western, P-2 Concongella
Friday 8 th	Last day of term
Friday 22 nd	Good Friday
Sunday 24 th	Easter Market
Wednesday 27 th	First day term 2
Thursday 28 th	MARC
MAY 2011	
Thursday 12 th	MARC
Friday 13 th	Community Breakfast 8.00am at the school
Friday 13 th	Cluster Day 1 Cross Country Carnival – P-2 Pomonal, 3-6 Halls Gap
Thursday 18 th	Cluster Athletics Carnival 2011 (Concongella host school, North Park)
Friday 19 th	Cluster Athletics Carnival 2011 backup day
Thursday 26 th	MARC
JUNE 2011	
Thursday 9 th	MARC
Monday 20 th	Cluster Day 2 P-2 Great Western, Yrs3-6 Concongella
Thursday 23 rd	MARC
JULY 2011	
Friday 1 st	Last day term 2

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to Halls Gap Primary School for 2011

A very special welcome to Aleisha, Tobie, Jaala, Brooke, Zali, Sam and Ms Henty.

Our year begins today with students greeting and meeting each other after which for some, has been a challenging and very different holiday. As the school year gets underway we hope we can work together to ensure the start to the year is positive and exciting for all students.

Class structures for this year will be as follows –

Junior Class P-3 with Frau Stoffel as the homeroom teacher – 13 students

Senior Class 4-6 with Mrs Hilbig as the homeroom teacher – 14 students

Ms Henty will be joining the teaching team and be teaching two days a week for terms 1 and 2. Ms Henty will work with students in P-3 on Wednesday and with students in Yrs 4-6 on Fridays. Mr Hinchcliff will continue to run the MARC Library program one day a fortnight. Further teaching support will be determined when numbers confirmed.

This coming Monday will be the first day of our swimming program for 2011. The first of our sessions will begin at 9.30am. Students will be tested on the first day and grouped according to skill level for the remainder of the program. If you are able to assist with helping students with their clothes or with lessons please let us know. The younger students will swim first with the older children beginning their lesson at 10.15am. Children will be tested and grouped on Monday. Students must have a swim shirt. If you do not have a swim shirt please send a tight fitting t-shirt.

Each family will receive a school information book today. Please read the information provided and keep the book in a safe place for reference throughout the year. We ask that all parents read and discuss the Student Engagement section with your child/ren. Ensuring everyone understands expected behaviours and responses helps make our school a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Following the success of our Community Breakfast held during 2010, we have planned to hold a Gold Coin Community Breakfast on the third Friday of each term. This is not just for our school community but the broader community – neighbours and friends of

the school. It is not intended that this be a fund raiser, the gold coin donation is to help cover the cost of the breakfast materials only. Staff and students will work together to host the mornings. Through planning, preparing and hosting the breakfasts we will help our children to understand elements of what it means to be part of a community, the structure of a community and civic and citizenship responsibilities within a community.

Attached to the newsletter today is the market roster for the Jazz weekend. In addition to the regular market on the Sunday the school runs a kitchen out of the hall on Friday night, Saturday during the day, and on Saturday night. This is a huge weekend of fundraising – it also raises a large amount of money for the school. Please help by entering your name on the attached roster. We have seventeen families this year – a lot of spots to fill from our 17. Even though these days are busy it is usually lots of fun and a great time to catch up with everyone.

Planning for 2011 began for teachers during term 4 2010. Already many exciting learning opportunities are set in place and extensive program by teachers for all students is well underway. Teachers have updated their CPR and Anaphylaxis qualifications during the last few days. We have also undertaken further training in relation to the Ultranet. We look forward to working with each and everyone throughout 2011.

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 INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORMS

It has become apparent that a number of our school records need updating. Please check the attached student details forms and make the necessary corrections and return them to school as soon as possible. We would ask that even if all details are correct that you return the sheets. In addition to the student information forms, a permission form for local excursions needs to be completed for each student. This allows staff and students to walk to the various locations within our local area – eg. Cross country training, shops, oval, Venus Baths, etc.

Forms are also attached for students who did not return their swimming permission form at the end of 2010. These are required on Monday – the first day of our swimming program.

EMA

If you require an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) forms please see Judy. Forms will need to be returned by 23rd February.

FEEs

As outlined in our handbook fees are set at \$25.00 per term per child. These can be paid in instalments or in full. If you need to discuss the details of payment please see Chris on a Wednesday.

2011 NETBOOKS

We are still waiting for our 2011 netbooks to arrive. Forms etc for the school netbook program will be provided when they arrive and are set ready for student use.

STAWELL GYMNASTICS CLUB

Stawell Gymnastics Club

Term 1 starts Monday 7th February, from 4 PM

Classes for 3 year old to teenagers

Vacancies for Beginners classes.

Call Elissa for more info on 0417317431

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THE WONDERFUL CREW – HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL 2011!

