



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 5

Tuesday 1st March 2011

FEBRUARY 2011	
Thursday 24 th	2 nd call for nominations to School Council
MARCH 2011	
Tuesday 1 st	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	MARC
Thursday 3 rd	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 3 rd	Zone Swimming Ararat (swimming team only)
Friday 4 th	Special Excursion – Hike to Silverband Falls (form attached today)
Tuesday 8 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 10 th	Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 15 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 17 th	MARC
Thursday 17 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 24 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 24 th	1 st meeting of new School Council (to co-opt community members) 6.30pm 2 nd meeting of new School Council (election of office bearers) 6.40pm Presentation of Annual Report to School Community meeting 7.00pm March School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 29 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 31 st	MARC
Thursday 31 st	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
APRIL 2011	
Friday 1 st	Cluster Day 2 Yr3-6 Great Western, P-2 Concongella
Tuesday 5 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 7 th	Active After School 3.15 – 4.15pm
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
Wednesday 18 th	Grade 6 Information Night – Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 19 th	Cluster Athletics Carnival 2011 (Concongella host school, North Park)
Friday 20 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

At this stage we have had two further possible nominations to council. We still have one position vacant. It was discussed at our council meeting last week the possibility of meeting at 5.00pm. The earlier timeframe was suggested by current members and it was thought that this might make being a school councillor more accessible for families with young children. If you are still considering nominating please see me.

Council also agreed to establish a School Ground Landscape and Planning Team. This does not need to be only school councillors, any parents wishing to work together as part of a team to plan and consider school ground developments are invited to volunteer. If you are interested please see me. Attached to the newsletter is a form where you can submit ideas for consideration by the team. Students, parents and teachers are all invited to submit ideas.

Each year the council identifies activities and equipment for purchase with the monies raised through fundraising. In the past monies have gone to support things like - the school camps program, excursions, hall hire, music equipment, reading materials, photocopy lease, computers, bain-marie, and interactive whiteboard. If you have any suggestions please write them on the form for council consideration.

Thank you to those people who came along and supported students and teachers at the Cluster Swimming Carnival last Friday. This year we had around one hundred students participating. If you have any photos of the day we would love to get a copy of them as teachers, water and cameras are never a good idea and we always come away from the day wishing we had captured some of the moments.

During the second half of 2010 the school developed a new Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the strategic intent in three areas –

- Students Learning
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing
- Student Pathways and Transition from 2011 until 2014.

As part of this plan staff and parents identified and defined the following values for our school.

Honesty

- *Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers*

Persistence

- *Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges*

Humour

- *To enjoy and celebrate with others*

Initiative

- *To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership*

Commitment

- *Being dedicated to do your very best*

Teamwork

- *Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone*

Respect

- *Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect*

During the next few weeks we will be discussing and working through what these values mean and what they would look like for students and staff at Halls Gap Primary School. We ask that you have discussions with your children about why we would have a set of values and why we would believe they are important for us to work towards.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

This coming Friday Parks have offered to take us on a guided walk to Silverband Falls to view and help develop an understanding of the enormity and challenges the recent rains have caused in the National Park. Parents are invited and encouraged to accompany us. We will be meeting at the school at 9.00am and then travel by car to the beginning of the walk. We do not want to engage a bus for this activity as we are expecting that along with Parks, teacher and family vehicles we will be able to transport the students across this short distance. Each student will be required to return the Special Excursion permission form attached. Could you please indicate if you intend to accompany us and can assist with transportation. As the park is closed and will be for some time this will be a chance to come along and hear first hand the long term implications and challenges faced by those working towards getting the Park open for locals and tourists to once again enjoy. We expect this activity to run for no longer than a couple of hours. When we have an indication of who can assist we will notify families of the final transportation arrangements.

Our Zone swimmers head off to Ararat this Thursday to compete against other students from across our district. We wish them all the best. Frau Stoffel will accompany the team. GO SWIMMERS!

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder – we do have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We do ask that you refrain from

STAWELL 13&U FOOTBALL 2011

Stawell 13&U Friday night football is back again for season 2011.
13& U football is the next step on from Auskick with 4 clubs – Magpies, Hawks, Tigers and Bulldogs.
Stawell 13&U Football Assoc
AGM
Tuesday 8th March
7pm at North Park clubrooms

Parents of current and future players are asked to attend. We are looking for people to help with some of the committee positions. Starting dates times and training venues will be discussed at the meeting. Hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Any queries can be directed to Wes Illig 5358 3968 or Toni Stewart 5358 5541