



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 9

Tuesday 29th March 2011

MARCH 2011	
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, bus departs 8.45am sharp
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, school dismissal time 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd	Good Friday
Sunday 24 th	Easter Market
Wednesday 27 th	First day term 2
Thursday 28 th	MARC
MAY 2011	
Sunday 1 st	Grampians Grape Escape – Wine and Food Festival Market
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

During the last couple of weeks we have explored the value of respect. Hopefully families have had a chance to discuss what respect means and found time to read through the information provided. To further support our working towards a respectful school community I have listed 6 'Thinkers Key' activities you can do with your children –

1. Make a list of 5 things that adults don't respect but children do.
2. Come up with another idea that could help teach young students about respect.
3. How will we show respect to the planet in 100 years time?
4. Make a list of 10 people you respect and their personal qualities or skills that you respect.
5. The answer is **'to show respect'**. Write down 5 creative questions for this answer.
6. Interview your parents about who they respect and why.

Our next value for focus is -

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

Again please discuss this value with your child/ren.

This Friday we will be attending the next of our group days. Please sign and return excursion forms to the box on the stove. Year 3-6 students will need walking boots, a water bottle and a backpack to carry their lunch in. P-2 students will be based at Concongella while the 4-6 students will be at Great Western. Please help us by returning your form as soon as possible. Please remember the bus departs **8.45am** sharp on Friday.

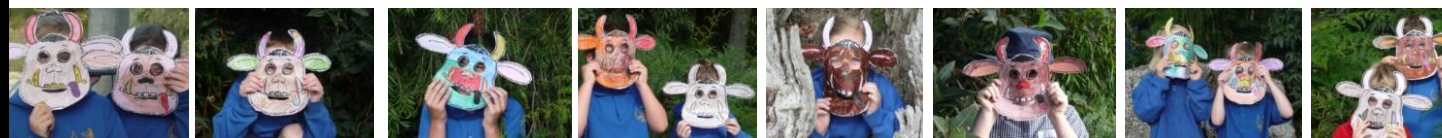
Attached to this newsletter is the roster for the next market. We need to finalise all the details for this market before the school holidays start. In addition to the Easter market we do have the Gourmet Festival market the following weekend. Please note next to Jazz the Easter market is one of our biggest and we will need lots of helpers.

We would like to have an interview with all parents before the holidays. If you haven't had a chance to meet with your child's teacher please see the teacher concerned and identify a time to meet.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVIOD 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



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Office Bearers for 2011 –

School President:	Jill Faulkner
School Vice President:	Dan Magill
Minutes Secretary:	Jill Read
Fundraising Rep:	Jill Read
Finance Committee:	Jill Faulkner, Poll Ripper, Judy Hilbig
Executive Officer:	Judy Hilbig (Principal role to Council)

School Council news March meeting –

- Cluster Day approved
- School Camp, Out There programs discussed.
- Junior School Council granted \$500 to supplement their funds for the purchase of sporting equipment and cubby toys.
- Report provided to council re the new school buildings
- Annual Implementation Plan 2011 endorsed
- Discussion re sound reducing measures for the gym
- Fundraising expenditure of \$2 000 for updating mathematics equipment
- Future meetings to be held at 4.15pm, finance committee 4.00pm, required to hold 2 meetings per term

Please see council representatives for further details.

Other parent and teacher reps to council – Christine Nagy, Kellie Gehan, Franz Stoffel. Sam Stoffel.

GOOD NEWS

Following a meeting with the architect and representatives from the DEECD infrastructure team, I have been informed that it is likely the new school buildings will be put out to tender in the next couple of weeks. The team are hoping to have the details sorted during May with building commencing as soon as possible afterwards.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Junior School Council is in the process of costing sports equipment and items to use for play sessions in the cubby. To help make this money go a little further they would like to ask that if anyone has any old saucepans, plastic ware etc that could be used in a cubby to donate it to the school. Please note china and glass are not suitable.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

A number of students have indicated that they are interested in taking part in this year's State Schools Spectacular. In order to make a final decision there will be a meeting for all parents of those interested on Thursday afternoon at 3.30pm.

BOOK CLUB

Many students are taking advantage of the great deals offered by Ashton's Scholastic Bookclub. Keep those orders coming as each dollar spent means that the school gets free books!!

THE HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL ZONE AND REGIONAL SWIM TEAM 2011

Swimming at Regional level – Horsha

