



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 10

Tuesday 5th April 2011

APRIL 2011	
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

With our term fast coming to a close we are trying to finalise market rosters for the Easter market and the wine and food festival market. We will send home a final roster on the last day of term to confirm who is on and when. Please help us to make this an easy job by handing your form in tomorrow if you have not already done so.

Our next value for focus and discussion is honesty. The definition in our Strategic Plan is '*being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers*'. To further expand on this we discuss how it means to speak the truth, even if it's difficult or gets you into trouble. That honest people communicate in an open, upfront way; they do not lie, cheat, steal, or manipulate information. They need to learn the importance of keeping their word, telling the truth, and being trustworthy. Preschool children find this value difficult, working out what did happen and what they would have liked to happen isn't often clear. Again please discuss this value with your child/ren and help us to grow as a community that cares about, and supports each other.

This Friday school will finish for students at 2.30pm. Students will again bring home their holiday reading pack. Please ensure your child reads daily throughout the holidays. Have them identify when they are going to set aside 30mins for reading each day and that they stick to their plan. Children who do not read during holiday breaks often regress a minimum of two levels. Please help us to ensure that no child from Halls Gap Primary School falls into this category. For those students who are behind in their Math Mental book this is a chance to catch up and be ready and organised for term 2.

Active After School will again run during term 2 for a seven week block. This will not begin during week one. We will provide permission notes and dates early next term. It will again run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our cluster cross country run is during the third week of term and our cluster Athletics Carnival is during the fourth week of term. Please find attached forms for AusKick, at this stage I am unaware of a program running in either Halls Gap or Pomonal.

Have a wonderful break
Judy Hilbig

Please feel free to visit the office and view student writing and photographs from our walk in the Silverband Falls area.



**MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE JSC EASTER RAFFLE.**

Please help us to again make the raffle a success by donating goods for the Easter raffle. Monies from last year have funded a number of board games for student use on wet days and additional and replacement sporting equipment. In addition to purchasing items for school use the students have a long term commitment to help Thomas, their World Vision sponsor child. The executive will be organising a roster for students throughout the week. A box for donations is on the table in the office.

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 sending nuts or products that contain nuts to school.

GERMAN FILM

It seems that The Mad Professor is never going to go away!

Last Friday the Goethe Institute's National School Film Awards were held in Canberra. Past student Jack Corrigan and his parents Annette and Tony very kindly went along to represent our school. It was a very excited Jack who left a message on the school phone informing us that we had won the award for Best German.

Congratulations again to all of those who were part of the filming and in particular to the German speakers, Liam Russell, Charlie Faulkner and Angus Stoffel. The prize for this category was \$300!

STATE SCHOOL'S SPECTACULAR

We are pleased to announce that Halls Gap Primary School will again take part in the State School's Spectacular 2011. Thanks to those parents who attended the meeting last week. It was discussed at the meeting last Thursday how important parent support is for this activity. Parents will be required to collect students following the rehearsals on Friday and Saturday and ensure students are at the venue at the set time ready for the performance day. We have found in the past that students are always very tired by the end of these days and ready for a quiet, restful evening with family. Students will not be able to meet with parents between performances on the Sunday. We will ensure we notify all families involved of times, travel and t-shirt costs, and any changes to the currently proposed schedule as soon as possible. For those couple of parents who were not at the meeting please see Frau Stoffel if you have any questions.

CUBBY

If anyone has any things that they would like to donate for use in the cubby, they would be most appreciated and will be put to good use. Things can not be breakable such as glass or china or sharp like knives.