



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No12 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May2011

MAY 2011	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance Committee Meeting 3.45pm School Council Meeting 4.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Breakfast 8.00am at the school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Day 1 Cross Country Carnival – P-2 Pomonal, 3-6 Halls Gap
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Education Week begins, Open Afternoon 2.00-3.15pm Parents and friends welcome
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Information Night – Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Athletics Carnival 2011 (Concongella host school, North Park)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Athletics Carnival 2011 backup day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
JUNE 2011	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance Committee Meeting 3.45pm School Council Meeting 4.00pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Market
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Day 2 P-2 Great Western, Yrs3-6 Concongella
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	MARC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
JULY 2011	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day term 2

Dear Parents and Students

During first term we explored the values of respect and honesty. Another of our values is Commitment. The definition stated in our Strategic Plan is – *Being dedicated to do your very best.* Making the decision to do your very best can be easy, following it through and completing the task started to the very best of ones ability can be challenging. We will continue to explore and discuss our school values and ask that you do so at home.

<u>Honesty</u>	<i>Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers</i>
<u>Persistence</u>	<i>Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges</i>
<u>Humour</u>	<i>To enjoy and celebrate with others</i>
<u>Initiative</u>	<i>To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership</i>
<u>Commitment</u>	<i>Being dedicated to do your very best</i>
<u>Teamwork</u>	<i>Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone</i>
<u>Respect</u>	<i>Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect</i>

Being invited to meet with Governor Alex Chernov AO QC and Mrs Elizabeth Chernov last Wednesday was certainly a highlight for all students. Both the Governor and Mrs Chernov met and talked with students. They expressed an interest in our community and were keen to hear the thoughts and comments from students in relation to the floods and living in Halls Gap.

We continue to prepare for the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. For those parents that are new to the school we do ask parents to drop off and pick up students who are based at Pomonal for cluster days. For days that involve travel to Great Western and Concongella we organise a bus. The Athletics Carnival is a day where parents come along (if able) and support the school and students. If you are unsure about how these days work please speak to other parents or a teacher. If travelling to these activities is difficult again please speak with other parents or a teacher and we will make alternative arrangements. We will need the support of parents on the day to help manage age group rotations during the morning and to help with timing etc at the long distance event. This year we are responsible for 10yr boys, 10 yr girls and 11 yr boys. If you have a child in one of these groups and could help by walking around with them for the morning and supervising the group it would be appreciated. Please see a teacher if you can help. It's a great way to go around with your child and watch every event. If your child will be absent on the day please let us know in advance as we are already preparing teams etc for the various events.

Students in years 3 and 5 began the Naplan testing today. During the last couple of years there has been lots of publicity around the tests and the testing process. All students are expected to complete the tests and have had an opportunity to complete a trial series of papers in preparation. While the results inform parents of student progress they provide teachers with valuable feedback on student progress. The tests run across three days with students completing papers in the areas of Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Mathematics. All test are held in the morning and will begin following our Cross Country training.

School Council meets this coming Thursday at the new time of 4.00pm. Finance committee members will be meeting at 3.45pm prior to the full meeting at 4.00.

We look forward to our term 2 Community Breakfast this Friday. Please come along and enjoy a bacon and egg roll with other families and community friends. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Education Week. We will be holding an Open Afternoon on Monday starting at 2.00pm and running through until 3.15pm. Parents and friends are welcome to come to school and spend the afternoon session with students.

Have a wonderful week  
Judy Hilbig

**HEAD LICE**

Please continue to check for head lice.

**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.

**BADMINTON - TONIGHT**

**Badminton**

**First session tonight – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a game**

**6.00pm Centenary Hall**

*See Neil or Kellie for further information*

**AUS KICK**

Monday (starting 16<sup>th</sup> May)

4.00pm

Halls Gap Oval

See Dan Magill for further information