



# Halls Gap Primary School

## Newsletter No 16

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

JUNE 2011	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising meeting 3.30pm – all parents invited not just fundraising committee
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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Holiday
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
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stawell Secondary School Drama Performance
JULY 2011	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day term 2
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 Term 3
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	MARC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Head lice check – Northern Grampians Shire
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joining the Chorus – mass rehearsal
AUGUST 2011	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Joining the Chorus – mass rehearsal
SEPTEMBER 2011	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Joining the Chorus Performances

Dear Parents and Students

Congratulations to our cross country team. Six students travelled to Lake Bolac with their parents to participate in the run with other students from across the region – Hayden, Georgia S, Sam, Henry, Angus and Nathan. Students all completed the track confidently and should be very pleased with their run. Hundreds of students compete on the day – a very different experience to our local run. The fastest 8 from each age grouping will have an opportunity to compete at the next level.

- Nathan 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Georgia 19<sup>th</sup>
- Angus 38<sup>th</sup>
- Sam 29<sup>th</sup>
- Henry 43<sup>rd</sup>
- Hayden 9<sup>th</sup> (within their age groupings)

The team have continued to train since the Cluster Cross Country and would like to thank Felicia for coming along each morning and managing their training sessions. The team have certainly demonstrated the value of 'persistence' while striving to prepare and train for the run.

Another of our school values is to show 'initiative'. This is defined in our Strategic Plan as to contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership. Each day students are engaged in a range of activities that help build initiative. In a small school the opportunity for students to take on leadership roles are many - being a buddy, house captain, Junior School Councillor, small group leader during class activities, running assembly, weekly school ground jobs, team captain during whole school sport, etc. Helping your child to be organised, responsible and think for themselves plays an important role in developing initiative.

This afternoon at 3.30 parents are asked to come along and share in the discussion regarding fundraising. This meeting will be held in the P-3 classroom. Each year the school raises a significant amount of money which is used to support school activities, resources and programs. Past purchases have included the building of the gym, interactive whiteboard, laptop and desktop computers, extensive reading materials, maths equipment, physical education equipment, buses for excursions, the school camping program, playground equipment, cooking and food preparation equipment, artist in residence program and annual lease support for school photocopier. This is not just a meeting to discuss market organisation, but a meeting to discuss concerns and issues, define roles and expectations and determine parent commitment to the proposed program.

Sadly we said farewell to Phil, our Information Communication Technician last Friday. Phil has been appointed to a similar position in Ballarat and will be moving with his family and beginning his new position next week. We thank Phil for all his hard work, keeping us up and running over the past four years. At this stage there has been no appointment to the position, hopefully this will not create too many problems during the next few weeks.

Please note tomorrow I will be out of the school attending regional meetings; Ms Henty will be Acting Principal with Ms Bailey teaching in the 4-6 room. Have a wonderful week  
Judy Hilbig

