



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 19

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

JUNE 2011	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Shine On rehearsal 3.15-4.15pm
JULY 2011	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pyjama Breakfast – Junior School Council fundraiser \$2.00 per student
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day term 2 School dismiss 2.30pm
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	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Community Breakfast 8.00am Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Joining the Chorus – mass rehearsal
SEPTEMBER 2011	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	MARC
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Joining the Chorus Performances
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm

Dear Parents and Students

How quickly the term has disappeared. Active After School Sport is over for another term, we had our final group day yesterday and we will be sending home semester one reports on Friday. Students will again bring home a book pack with books for holiday reading. I'm sure I don't need to remind you that when children do not read regularly throughout vacation break we find they have slipped back several levels in their reading and spend a number of weeks getting back up to speed. So please help us to help your children – listen to them read daily.

This Friday Junior School Council is holding a Pyjama Breakfast. All students are invited to arrive at school at 8.30am for breakfast. We have several things planned for the day and hope all students come along decked out in their best pyjamas. Breakfast will cost \$2.00 per student and will consist of hot chocolate and raisin bread or toast. Monies raised will be put towards new cutting knives for student use during cooking and fruit preparation times. Please note school finishes at 2.30pm on Friday. Students in the P-3 class will be taking home their dinosaurs. Could parents please visit the classroom at the end of the day to help students carry their belongings home - you will be amazed with the transformation those boxes you carefully saved and delivered to school have undergone!

We have a number of old bits and pieces of furniture etc that we would like to offer up to people to take and use. These items will be located in the gym from Wednesday on. If you have a use for any of the items please feel free to take them. If you would like to make a small donation for any items there will be a container available eg a chair might be worth a couple of dollars. We will progressively be removing some items from the school rooms throughout the next few weeks as we prepare the rooms for use throughout the building process.

I would like to thank Ms Dorothy Henty for her contribution to our school throughout the first six months of this year. Ms Henty has been working a split role between Concongella Primary School and Halls Gap. Dorothy has become well known to all our students as she worked across the schools teaching and supporting all students. We hope Ms Henty enjoys her holidays and we know we will again catch up with her early third term at the first of our group days.

Have a wonderful week  
Judy Hilbig



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS 2011

## HEAD LICE

**HEAD LICE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING RAMPANT IN OUR SCHOOL – PLEASE CHECK EVERY COUPLE OF DAYS AND TREAT WITH A TREATMENT THAT ACTUALLY KILLS CRITERS AND HAS A FOLLOWUP PROCEDURE THIS NEEDS TO BE A WHOLE OF SCHOOL APPROACH AT THE SAME TIME**

## SHINE ON REHEARSAL

Please note there will be a Shine On rehearsal for all choir members this Thursday starting at 3.15 and finishing at 4.15pm. All choir members are expected to be there.

## 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.

## PEOPLE OF ALL AGES PROJECT

Our progress at this stage –

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We have now collected photos from many of our school families and close friends. Now it is time to venture into the community and find out just who else is in our community.

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Could parents please make sure you drop off and pick up students outside the school on the side closest to the school. If you do have to park on the opposite side please walk across to the school to collect your child/ren. We have buses, trucks and other large vehicles travelling past our school and it is not safe for students to run across to meet parents. It is also not possible for teachers to monitor every child all the time at the end of the day, we are often talking to parents and helping children with their belongings etc. Particular attention needs to be made after programs such as Active After School Sport. Please help us to keep our students safe at all times.

## FLOOD RECOVERY FORUM

### Top psychologist to visit Northern Grampians to discuss flood impacts



The Department of Human Services' top psychologist Dr Rob Gordon will visit Northern Grampians Shire this month to speak to residents affected by the January floods.

Dr Gordon is a clinical psychologist with more than 25 years experience working with people who have survived traumatic events such as the Ash Wednesday bushfires, Bali bombings, the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, Cyclone Larry and the 2009 Victorian bushfires.

Northern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Ray Hewitt said Dr Gordon will hold a session in Halls Gap on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to give flood victims advice on how to get through the recovery process. All residents are welcome to attend.

"It's clear the floods will continue to have an impact on our communities for some time as residents and business owners clean up their properties and rebuild their lives," he said.

"Dr Gordon has years of experience helping people through traumatic events and this is a great opportunity to get tips and advice from an expert in the field. This free session is for everyone affected by the floods, no matter how well they feel they are coping."

Cr Hewitt said the Council's Flood Recovery Team has found that some residents are playing down the effect the floods have had on them, even if they were greatly impacted.

"Some residents have told our officers they felt there were people much worse off than them in other parts of Victoria and Queensland but people shouldn't underestimate the impact traumatic events like these can have," he said.

At the session Dr Gordon will talk about the personal impact of emergencies, the impact of emergencies on communities and ways to get through the difficult recovery process. The session is being provided Northern Grampians Shire Council in conjunction with the Department of Human Services

The session will be held on Wednesday 29 June from 7-10pm at the Halls Gap Recreation Reserve, 46-72 Grampians Road, Halls Gap. Please RSVP to Rachel King at the Department of Human Services on 5333 6429 or [rachel.king@dhs.com.au](mailto:rachel.king@dhs.com.au).

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