



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 21

Tuesday 26th July 2011

JULY 2011	
Tuesday 26 th	Active After School Session 1 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Wednesday 27 th	Joining the Chorus – mass rehearsal
Thursday 28 th	Active After School Session 2 Zumba 3.15-4.15
Friday 29 th	Winter Sports years 5/6 netball (Stawell), soccer (Ararat)
AUGUST 2011	
Monday 1 st	Swiss National Day
Monday 1 st	Teranga musical performance
Tuesday 2 nd	Active After School Session 2 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Thursday 4 th	MARC
Thursday 4 th	Active After School Session 3 Zumba 3.15-4.15
Friday 5 th	Community Breakfast 8.00am Gold Coin Donation please invite members from our community
Tuesday 9 th	Active After School Session 3 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Thursday 11 th	Active After School Session 4 Zumba 3.15-4.15
Thursday 11 th	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Tuesday 16 th	Active After School Session 4 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Thursday 18 th	MARC
Thursday 18 th	Active After School Session 5 3.15-4.15 (activity to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd	Active After School Session 5 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Thursday 25 th	Active After School Session 6 3.15-4.15 (activity to be confirmed)
Tuesday 30 th	Active After School Session 6 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Wednesday 31 st	Joining the Chorus – mass rehearsal
SEPTEMBER 2011	
Thursday 1 st	MARC
Thursday 1 st	Active After School Session 7 3.15-4.15 (activity to be confirmed)
Tuesday 6 th	Active After School Session 7 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15
Thursday 8 th	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Saturday 17 th , Sunday 18 th	Joining the Chorus Performances
Friday 23 rd	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm

Dear Parents and Students

It was with great excitement we watched the removal of the old mod 2 building last Friday. The building program is now certainly underway with builders beginning on site next Monday, 1st August. It is very important that all students, parents and community members do not enter the building area at any time. Site meetings for those involved will be established by the site manager and builders when required. We are currently exploring the possibility of relocating sections of the playground. It is extremely difficult to have any equipment that is older than five years relocated and certified as safe which unfortunately is the case with all our equipment. We have managed to find a home for all the resources that were in the building however we have had to sacrifice the use of the technology room for use with students throughout the project timeframe. Please remember that once the building program commences parking, dropping off and collecting students in front of the works area is not allowed. Builders and contractors will be accessing the site through the temporary gate area. Additional parking for contractors will be in front of the tennis courts.

A number of our students have almost completed their math homework book. Those students are to be congratulated as are parents who have worked to help. In some cases students will move to the next level and for some an extension book at the same level will be provided. Many of the concepts in these books provide a chance for children to consolidate and revise skills.

Next Monday we have a musical performance by a group called Teranga. Students are currently working through a program to support the performance. Teranga is a Senegalese word that loosely translates as 'hospitality', yet, the concept is well beyond that literal translation. It's more of a philosophical code; it is really, a very strong social value, where families invite strangers in need into their homes. The practice is based on the belief that if a family helps a visitor and extends such hospitality, this ensures that their own children will never find themselves away from home without assistance. If everyone does it, everyone benefits. Besides singing and dancing, the traditional percussion instruments used include the sabar drums, tama or talking drum, djembe, doundoun and balafon. It also incorporates the traditional Fula or African flute, plus the sousaphone for added depth.

In addition to this performance we will be celebrating Swiss National Day. Even though students will be preparing their own lunch we suggest students bring food to supplement foods prepared. Students are encouraged to wear red and white instead of school uniform. If not wearing red and white they should be dressed in school uniform as normal.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



HEAD LICE

Please remember to check weekly.

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 –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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.

WANTED – ‘It’s About Time’

A message from Miss Quinlivan

Over the next five weeks, children in years P-3 and years 4-6 will be completing units ‘It’s About Time’. We urgently need donations of old clocks (digital and analogue), watches, calendars, timers (eg egg timers), stopwatches, diaries and anything else you may feel is appropriate. Please note these items will not be returned (we plan to do lots of deconstructing!). Please send any items you are prepared to donate, to school, as soon as possible. Thanks!

BRANCHES TO BE REMOVED

We have a number of large branches that have come down during the holidays. If someone would be able to chainsaw them up and take away any useful wood we would appreciate the help. Please see Judy if able to help.

SOCCER AND NETBALL

Please return your forms as soon as possible. Those parents who can help with transportation for netball please see Judy.

SKATE PARK PROPOSAL

A message from Paul Russell - Sergeant Station Commander Halls Gap Police Station

The limited feedback received in relation to the project proposal for the Skate Park has been positive.

It is planned to hold a meeting at the Halls Gap Recreation reserve on **WEDNESDAY THE 28TH OF JULY 2011, commencing at 9:30 am.**

This meeting is extremely important to keep this proposal on the table - without people attending this meeting and becoming involved in the Committee this project will NOT continue past this date - projects like this need committed people to ensure they happen - it does not happen by itself.

If you are keen to stay involved in this project and willing to take an active role in the Committee but are unable to attend the meeting, please reply by email with a committee position that you would like to be involved with. If you know of someone who would like to be involved in this project and they are not on the email list, please forward this email to them.

If the committee positions are not filled, this project will be shelved.

Should you wish to discuss this matter please feel free to contact me.