



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 23 Tuesday 9th August 2011

AUGUST 2011	
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
Monday 15 th	Stawell Secondary College Ambassadors – transition program years 4-6
Tuesday 16 th	Grampians Small Schools Cluster Day term 4
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)
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th	Book Week
Monday 22 nd	Stawell Secondary College Ambassadors – transition program years 4-6
Tuesday 23 rd	Pavement Art workshop (school)
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)
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd Sep	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 29 th	Stawell Secondary College Ambassadors – transition program years 4-6
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)
Saturday 3 rd	Grampians Wildlife Arts workshop in main street under the sails, children invited to participate <i>(pavement artist Bev Issac is running a workshop during the fortnight prior for a group of our students at the school – a good introduction to the Saturday workshop)</i>
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
Wednesday 14 th	Play Group visit
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 great to enjoy breakfast together last Friday. It was particularly nice to meet and chat with not only past parents but friends of school families. There was much interest in the building program and it was a great opportunity to bring people up to speed on the progress. Thanks to Dan and Franz for cooking and to Poll for sorting out the orders etc – it was yummy as usual.

This week is School Council. We are hoping to have the information from the architects re the proposed colour scheme for the externals of the new school buildings. It is certainly exciting to have it all happening. Yesterday the surveyor was onsite setting out the levels etc. At our meeting last Thursday it was estimated the slab will be poured in three weeks time. We are hoping to have the colours etc for the externals through on sample boards in time for council on Thursday.

Attached to the newsletter today are information sheets for parents and students re student absence from school. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's focus on improved attendance rates reflects the findings of international research that demonstrates a strong correlation between students learning, longer-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs. It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting. Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations. Once learners have begun to absent themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through the subsequent school career. Please read the 'Frequently Asked Question' sheet for parents and please have your child/ren read the student sheet. Also attached are forms you can complete and return to school when your child/ren is absent from school. If you have received a note with dates for student absence please help us to update our files by indicating why students were away. *(Many families send a simple handwritten note when students are away; this is adequate and does not require the attached forms to be complete as well.)*

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 –

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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!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE – FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

Please see attached sheets for information re the flood recovery program.

PARKING

With the building program getting well underway this week please help us to keep all students safe by parking right away from the works entry and exit area. If parking on the opposite side of the road please walk your children across the road and ensure they are left safely within the school grounds.