



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 24 Tuesday 16th August 2011

AUGUST 2011	
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)

PLEASE HELP US BY READING THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK.
ASK YOUR CHILD FOR IT EACH TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
DETERMINE A SAFE AND CLEAR PLACE FOR IT TO BE PLACED EACH WEEK IN THE HOME.
HAVE YOUR CHILD READ IT TO YOU ON THE WAY HOME OR FOR HOME READING EACH TUESDAY.
MARK ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE HOME CALENDAR.

Dear Parents and Students

Thank you to those parents who travelled to Ballarat with Frau Stoffel and the soccer team last Friday. The team arrived home exhausted after playing a series of matches on a full sized soccer field. Shin pads, long socks and matching jumpers were the order of the day and even though they weren't the champions they certainly looked like a team and played like a team. Congratulation to all players.

SCHOOL COUNCIL INFORMATION

A number of decisions were made at the August meeting of School Council last Thursday. The camp for 2011 was approved. The year 3-6 students will be heading off to Cape Bridgewater for a coastal camp on Monday November 28th for four days. Travel will be by 2 mini buses driven by teachers. An additional adult will travel with students on each bus. Students will be staying at the Bridgewater Coastal Camp. Teachers are already well into the planning and preparation for this event. A four year cycle for camps was discussed and approved by council –

- **(2011)**
- 3-6 *Costal Camp (Cape Bridgewater Costal Camp, 4 days)*
- **Year 1 of cycle (2012)**
- 3/4 *City Camp (Melbourne, 3 days)*
- 5/6 *National Capital Camp (Canberra 5-6 days, combining with Stawell West PS)*
- **Year 2 of cycle (2013)**
- 3-6 *Desert Camp (Little Desert, 4 days)*
- **Year 3 of cycle (2014)**
- 3/4 *Costal Camp (Cape Bridgewater, 3 days)*
- 5/6 *National Capital Camp (Canberra 5-6 days, combining with Stawell West PS)*
- **Year 4 of cycle (2015)**
- 3-6 *History Camp (Sovereign Hill, 4 days)*
(Alterations may be required if locations are not accessible or feasible.)

Halls Gap has enjoyed a wonderful camping program over the years and it was agreed by all councillors that this should continue however families need to be prepared and able to budget accordingly for camps. In addition to the school camping program students in years 3-6 will participate in the cluster 'Out There Program'.

It was also agreed that fundraising monies should be allocated as follows –

- *Computers 30%*
- *Playground and landscaping 50%*
- *Camps and books (including Christmas books) 20%*

Early term 4 a family BBQ and student disco (JSC) will take place and on day one of each term a morning coffee session for all parents will be held in the refurbished building.

Concerns re the newsletter not being an effective means of communication were discussed. Council would like to stress that the newsletter is our communication link with families and is the place where important information is disseminated. If it is not read weekly and dates are not marked on calendars then communication between school and home breaks down. We will continue to post dates – the next two weeks will be listed at the front as above and important dates that need to be marked on calendars will appear at the end. Dates will be added as they are set in place. Families are reminded that the newsletter is available via email. If you would like to receive it via email please provide your email address.

Council determined additional information in relation to markets and fundraising will be listed in the 2012 handbook and published in the newsletter. Rosters have been adjusted to match market needs; rosters will be published and made available to families so longer term planning can take place. This will hopefully help everyone – those organising the rosters, families identifying ahead of time where they can help etc.

The replacement schedule for netbooks and notebooks was set in place.

Exterior colour schemes for the new buildings were discussed and recommendations for architects determined.

As you can see councillors were very busy at our last meeting! If you have any questions regarding the above please see a councillor.

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.

SHINE ON – SHOWTIME!

Rehearsals are well underway for the Showtime production and students are becoming quite excited. We are still waiting for the choreography dvd and when that arrives we will need to schedule after school rehearsals.

We have received information in regards to the dress rehearsals - **Massed Choir** groups are required at Hisense Arena from **9am till 5pm** on both **Friday September 16** and **Saturday September 17**.

There is a two hour call out time before the first show on **Sunday September 18**. This means a **9am arrival for all cast members**.

Students will therefore need to meet outside Hisense Arena at 9am on all three mornings.

We will forward all information on to you as it comes in to the school

Do not forget that we have another massed choir rehearsal on Wednesday August 31 and will again travel by train from the Ararat train station at 7:30am.

We will be receiving our performance t shirts on this day. Do not forget that all choir members are required to have a pair of black pants and black shoes to wear with their t shirt.

All hoodie sizes must be at school by Thursday as there will be only one chance to order them, PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE WHICH ALLOWS US TO PURCHASE A HOODIE FOR EACH CHOIR MEMBER. Please send your size in asap!

We hope that all family members have purchased tickets and secured accommodation by now as it is football finals in Melbourne and it will be a busy weekend. If you have any questions or queries please come and see Sam.

ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

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	Year 6 Transition Day 1 Stawell Secondary College
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 (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)
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	Years 5/6 Maths Olympics Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 8 th	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Wednesday 14 th	Year 6 Transition Day 2 Stawell Secondary College
Wednesday 14 th	Play Group visit
Thursday 15 th	MARC
Saturday 17 th , Sunday 18 th	Joining the Chorus Performances
Monday 19 th	Year 6 Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary College
Friday 23 rd	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm
OCTOBER 2011	
Monday 10 th	Day 1 term 4
Thursday 13 th	MARC
Thursday 27 th	MARC
Thursday 27 th	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Friday 28 th	Community Breakfast – mark it on your calendar and invite a Halls Gap community member
NOVEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 1 st	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Out There Camp years 5 and 6
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 7 2012 Stawell Secondary College Information Night
Wednesday 9 th – Thursday 10 th	Out There Camp years 3 and 4
Thursday 24 th	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Monday 28 th Thursday 1 st Dec	School Camp years 3-6 Cape Bridgwater Coastal Camp
DECEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 13 th	State Wide Transition Day – yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary School
Thursday 15 th	School Concert