



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 27 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011

WEEK 8	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Session 7 Bike Ed (students must have their own bike and helmet) 3.15-4.15 Last session for the term
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy & Numeracy activities - Cubbies
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 1.00pm	Sausage Sizzle, parents welcome
WEEK 9	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day 2 Stawell Secondary College
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Play Group visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Joining the Chorus Performances

Dear Parents and Students

Today is the last of our Active After School for students this term. We are currently underway planning activities for term 4. Students and families will be notified as soon as details are available. Students will need to be collected from school

Yesterday students worked with photographer Phillip Williams as part of the Focus Force Kids With Cameras Program. Students were asked to think when picking up a camera and were told a super shop is described by focus Force as having 'Wow Power!' Much discussion was had to help students understand the five clues to remember when taking pictures –

1. *Hold – how to hold the camera and avoid all the problems that can often ruin what was going to be the best photo ever.*
2. *Distance – how distance impacts of the subject.*
3. *Light – without it there is no photograph but managing it can create very dramatic effects.*
4. *Focus – how to maintain a picture in focus when taking a still or moving object.*
5. *Composition – The last of the Focus Force Camera Clues, how to put the subject matter together.*

Student work will be exhibited at the Spring into the Grampians festival.

Thank you to those parents who helped their children be part of the Rainbow Serpent Pavement workshop on the weekend. Children enjoyed the opportunity to further explore the use of pastels, if you haven't had a chance to look at the work completed during the workshop it is situated under the sails in the main street opposite the minimart.

Almost half the families have responded to the Parent Opinion Survey sent home. I will be posting those off this week. If you are still to return yours could you please do so first thing tomorrow.

We have had a number of children diagnosed by doctors with whooping cough. The following outlines the minimum period of exclusion from primary school for a student with whooping cough. Attached for further information is a document that outlines additional illnesses that have an exclusion from school period.

<b>Pertussis*</b> (Whooping cough)	Exclude the child for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment	Contacts aged less than 7 years in the same room as the case who have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment
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As part our Literacy and Numeracy celebrations we have ear marked Thursday and Friday to work on a whole school series of activities that involve design, creativity and construction. Cubbies will be the theme for the two days. The activities for Thursday will take place inside the classroom and the Friday cubbies will be constructed outside. The activities planned will require students to work in teams and further develop their co-operative skills. We are asking students to bring along old sheets and rugs for the inside activities on Thursday. For Friday students will need to be wearing old clothes. All equipment is provided for Friday. Students will be provided with a Sausage Sizzle lunch on Friday however morning tea snacks and drinks will need to be provided from home. Parents are welcome to come along at 1.00pm and enjoy a sausage and inspect the cubbies.

Have a wonderful week  
Judy Hilbig



## HEAD LICE

Please remember to check weekly. If you need help to determine if you suspect your child has an infestation please speak to a teacher.

## 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.

### CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY INFORMATION?

Our new technician (Brian) has begun. He actually comes from Warracknabeal and travels down during the week to work in the Halls Gap/Stawell area. He is looking to rent a small place/unit three nights a week in the Halls Gap area. He will be returning to Warracknabeal one night during the week. If you know of anyone who has something that could be rented please let Judy or Sam know. A small unit/flat would be suitable.

### Stawell Secondary College Visits

Every Monday, the secondary school students have been coming to work with us on two projects. These projects have been; a science one about how plants can grow and how many people could live on the Earth and how they might live.

In the 'How plants can grow' one, we're trying to find out if plants can grow in the dark, or without water.

In 'How many people can live on Earth?' task, we have drawn a picture of a land we could live on. Once we have finished drawing this picture, we create it on the computer.

We really enjoy our time with the secondary school students. By Izzy, Halls Gap Primary School



### NETBALL - STAWELL

The **Stawell Interchurch Netball Association** will be conducting its **AGM** on the **7<sup>th</sup> September** at **7.00pm** in the meeting room at the Stawell Leisure Complex. All parents are urged to attend.

### ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

WEEK 10	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary College
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm
OCTOBER 2011 TERM 4 WEEK 1	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 term 4
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back coffee for parents following assembly, old school room
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Olympics (new confirmed date)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MARC
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Breakfast – mark it on your calendar and invite a Halls Gap community member
NOVEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Out There Camp years 5 and 6 (no cost)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 2012 Stawell Secondary College Information Night
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Out There Camp years 3 and 4 (no cost)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Finance 3.45pm School Council 4.00pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	School Camp years 3-6 Cape Bridgwater Coastal Camp (estimated charge to parents at this stage is \$180.00 per child)
DECEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	State Wide Transition Day – yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert