



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No28 Tuesday 13th September 2011

WEEK 9	
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
WEEK 10	
Monday 19 th	Year 6 Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 22 nd	Playground visits - Stawell
Friday 23 rd	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm

Dear Parents and Students

Last Thursday and Friday saw students creating cubbies. On Thursday inside cubbies were created using blankets, sheets, pegs and various pieces of furniture found in the classrooms. All sorts of spaces were created. Team working skills were in high demand while students worked in year level groups to build their spaces. Friday saw students venturing outside with a tub of tarps, tent pegs, cable ties, mallet and rope. Students were required to develop a design and plan their construction before beginning. Each group managed to create a space while dodging the rain. Teachers monitored communication skills, design development, redesign development and problem solving strategies. The morning program finished with students and parents enjoying a BBQ lunch. Thank-you to those parents who came along in the wet and the cold to visit the cubbies, help cook lunch and then help present the awards.

Finally the big weekend has arrived for our States School Spectacular team. Student will travel to Melbourne for two days of rehearsal before performing along with hundreds of other students from across the state on Sunday. We wish them all the best and hope all those attending enjoy the show. Even up until this week new dance actions were arriving which students are frantically learning to ensure they are ready for Sunday. A big thankyou to Frau Stoffel and Jill Read who will not only travel with and support the students but have also learnt the songs and dances in preparation for performing along with students.

School Council held their second meeting for the term last Thursday. In addition to regular business the following additional items discussed included –

- Placement of playground pieces retained from old playground
- New playground options – agreed council in consultation with students will identify possible items for inclusion in new playground (to be built when current classrooms are removed). Students and councilors to visit playgrounds in the Stawell area to help formulate ideas and plans
- External colours for new buildings confirmed
- Internal colour schemes presented to council
- Oval reconstruction following building program
- Markets – concerns re building program and the larger markets – Jazz and Easter

in particular.

If you would like any further details regarding the above please speak to a school councillor.

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.

PLANNING FOR 2012

While 2012 may seem a long way away, we are already beginning to plan class structures and calculate staffing requirements. If you have information regarding possible enrolments and any exiting students we would appreciate being forewarned.

ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

WEEK 10	
Monday 19 th	Year 6 Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary College
Friday 23 rd	Last day term 3 School dismiss 2.30pm
OCTOBER 2011 TERM 4 WEEK 1	
Monday 10 th	Day 1 term 4
Monday 10 th	Welcome back coffee for parents following assembly, old school room
Friday 14 th	Maths Olympics (new confirmed date)
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 (no cost)
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 7 2012 Stawell Secondary College Information Night
Wednesday 9 th – Thursday 10 th	Out There Camp years 3 and 4 (no cost)
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(estimated charge to parents at this stage is \$180.00 per child)
DECEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 13 th	State Wide Transition Day – yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary School
Thursday 15 th	School Concert
Thursday 22 nd	Last day of term, students dismiss 2.30