



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 30

Tuesday 11th October 2011

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
Thursday 13 th	MARC
Friday 14 th	Maths Olympics Yr 5/6 students only (please check you have returned permission notes)
WEEK 2	
Tuesday 18 th	Active After School Sport (still to be confirmed) session 1
Thursday 20 th	Active After School Sport (still to be confirmed) session 1

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back. We hope everyone has had a lovely break and is ready for a busy, final term for 2011. The calendar is fast filling up with our Yr 5/6 students travelling to Stawell Secondary School for the 2011 Maths Olympics this Friday. Mrs Di Stainsby from Stawell 502 is the organiser for the program this year. Students in years 5/6 were provided with notes yesterday. These need to be submitted to the organising committee in readiness for Friday so please help us by returning them as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. It is a great day, parents are invited to visit for morning tea and observe students and meet with teachers. The ambassadors from Stawell Secondary College support teachers on the day while students from across the schools work in teams of 4 to complete the numerous problems and challenges set. If you would like to attend the morning tea please let me know as soon as possible so I can notify the organising committee. Miss Quinliven will be accompanying our students this year. Colleen will meet the students when they arrive and will ensure all students catch the correct bus at the end of the day. If your child is unsure about where to catch the bus please see me.

In addition to Active After School we have both our school camp and our Out There camp for students in years 3-6 this term. Please see the dates in the calendar and complete the attached forms. If you need to discuss a payment schedule for the school camp please see Sue in the office on Wednesday. This camp is heavily subsidised by both School Council and through the Country Education program. It is expected all students will attend both camps. The Out There camps will be run by cluster school teachers and both Frau Stoffel and Mrs Hilbig will be attending the Yr 3-6 camp to be held at Cape Bridgewater. Details are outlined on the permission forms.

It was wonderful to hear the holiday stories yesterday during both assembly and news time. There were a number of students who are still to return their holiday reading packs and homework. Please help us by asking your child/ren if they have completed all set tasks and returned both books and homework to their teacher.

The new buildings have certainly progressed throughout the holidays. If you haven't had a chance to pop in and have a look please feel free to wander through the school and view progress. The one piece of playground equipment we were able to retain has been set in place down beside the sandpit. Students enjoyed climbing all over it yesterday before the rain set in.

Study units for term 4 are focusing on Australian History. Students will be exploring places, timelines and the events that have occurred throughout time. We again ask that parents listen to students read daily and support students to complete a unit from their math homework book each week.

Please note our community breakfast for term 4 is rapidly approaching. We would encourage all families to invite friends and neighbours to come along and enjoy an egg and bacon roll and a cuppa. Hopefully the sun will be shining and it will be a little warmer than our term 3 breakfast!

The University of NSW English exam results have arrived. Only students in years 4 and 6 sat this exam as students in years 3 and 5 complete an English paper as part of their NAPLAN. The following students are to be congratulated for their outstanding results –

- Brianna – Credit
- Charlie F – High Distinction
- Izzy – Credit
- Ashlyn – Credit.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



HEAD LICE

Please remember to check weekly. If you suspect your child has an infestation please speak to a teacher. Students will be checked by Shire Officers during the first couple of weeks of the term.

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.

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.

STAWELL STINGRAYS



Stawell Stingrays are back in the pool!

The Stawell Swimming Club has commenced training for the 2011/2012 season and is inviting any interested person to come and join in a training session with our club.

Training sessions:-

Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Stawell Leisure Centre

Juniors 5:45pm - 6:45pm Seniors 6:45pm - 7:45pm

Sunday mornings 10am - 12noon

Entry requirements: Swimmers must be able to confidently complete 100m of both freestyle and backstroke.

For further information please contact

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ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2011	
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