



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 37 Tuesday 6th December 2011

WEEK 9	
Wednesday 7 th	Playgroup visit 9.30 -11.00am
Thursday 8 th	Junior Class special evening and sleepover
Thursday 8 th	Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15
Friday 9 th	Special school lunch for all students (snack and drinks to be brought from home as usual)
WEEK 10	
Tuesday 6 th	PUPIL FREE DAY – REPORT WRITING DAY FOR TEACHERS
Tuesday 13 th	State Wide Transition Day – yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary School
Tuesday 13 th	Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15 <i>Last session for 2011</i>
Thursday 15 th	School Concert

Dear Parents and Students

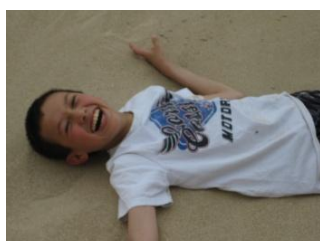
At this stage for 2012 we are expecting to have 25/6 students enrolled. All schools are currently establishing their staffing for 2012 and we look forward to welcoming Miss Kate Mcaloon to our staff. Kate will be working at the school in a 0.8 position across six months. Kate is well known to our students as she completed an extensive teaching round throughout the year. While working in the school Kate immediately established a working relationship with students and teachers. Kate was quick to develop an understanding of our programs and what it is that makes Halls Gap Primary School the school that it is. The students enjoyed working with Kate, she maintained high expectations and developed comprehensive, challenging programs. Kate joined us and worked with staff, parent and students at our school camp last week.

I would like to give a very big thank you to both Neil and Kate for all their support and help with our 2011 school camp. Not only did they both give of their time but they worked tirelessly to ensure all students and staff were supported throughout the preparation for, during and the follow-up to camp. It would be impossible for us to run these extracurricular programs without extra support. The four days were very busy and action packed. We arrived at camp at midday on the Monday, settled in and then went caving at Bats Ridge and exploring Shelly Beach. The evening was spent partly at the beach with the remainder dedicated to concert preparation. Tuesday saw us visiting the seal colony, sand-boarding, working on camp ebooks and again, a little concert work. Before we knew it Wednesday had arrived and we were off canoeing on the Bridgewater Lakes, exploring the Cape Nelson Lighthouse area, the aluminium smelter and the Portland port area. By Wednesday evening there were many tired people so a relaxing evening was had at the movies (small cinema at the campsite). Thursday we packed up and travelled into Portland and rode the cable tram around Portland while a tour guide gave us a history lesson. We then visited the Maritime Centre for a lesson on shipwrecks and the early settlement of the area. I would like to thank Frau Stoffel for all her hard work both prior to the camp, during the camp and also in the follow-up with camp. As with our volunteer support people Neil and Kate, camps would not be possible if teachers were not prepared to reorganise their own home lives and make alternative arrangements for their other children.

Please note the newsletter is being sent home today as tomorrow (Tuesday) is a report writing day for staff and a pupil free day for students.

This Thursday is the Junior class special extracurricular activity for the year. P-2 students will remain at school following Active After School Sport. There will be a special evening program and dinner. Following dinner the Prep students will be collected and the year 1 and 2 students will have their school sleepover. The evening will be run by Frau Stoffel and Lynn. Again, a big thank you to both Sam and Lynn for making this extracurricular opportunity available to our students. A special lunch will be provided for all students on Friday. Students will only need to bring their own snacks and drink.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



3/4 CLUSTER 'OUT THERE CAMP 2011'



SPECIAL END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

On Tuesday the 20th December the whole school will be travelling to Ararat to view the newly released movie 'Puss in Boots' as a special end of year activity. Parents are invited to attend. We would like to manage this excursion without the added cost of a bus. If you can help us please see a teacher. We will be departing the school at 9.00am and returning to school after a picnic lunch (weather permitting). Student entry cost will be covered by the school, parents will be asked to purchase their own ticket. Please complete the attached form if you would like your child to attend this extracurricular activity and return it to school as soon as possible.

HEAD LICE

Please 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.

PLANNING FOR 2012

2012 is rapidly approaching. If you have information regarding possible enrolments and any exiting students we would appreciate being forewarned. We are currently sitting on an enrolment of 26. We would love to hit the 30 mark for day 1 2012!

WHAT A TEAM!!



COMPUTERS FOR YEAR 4 STUDENTS 2012

To help us with planning for 2012 would parents of students going into year 4 please contact the school and indicate a preference for access to the netbook program run by the school. Please note purchase costs will be confirmed when orders placed.

- *Lease - \$130.00 per year*
- *Purchase - \$600.00 - \$700.00 for unit (\$600 last year)*
- *In school access at all times – nil cost but student does not take home a device*

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Please note items for the Christmas hamper (to be raffled at the school concert) can be left in the office on the piano.

HALLS GAP POOL

The Halls Gap Pool is now open!

Season passes are available.

If you are interested in swimming lessons please call Angela on 0413386068.

All other enquiries please call 53564313.

ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2011	
Tuesday 20 th	Special End of Year Excursion – details to be confirmed
Thursday 22 nd	Last day of term, students dismiss 2.30
FEBRUARY 2012	
Wednesday 1 st	Official return date for teachers (Planning and preparation, CPR and First Aide Update for teachers)
Friday 3 rd	Day 1 for students 2012