



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 39 Tuesday 20th December 2011

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Special End of Year Excursion – Puss in Boots movie, Ararat
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of term, students dismiss 2.30
FEBRUARY 2012	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Official return date for teachers (Planning and preparation)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Day 1 for students 2012
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming program begins (2week program, Halls Gap Pool)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Breakfast, 8.00am (everyone welcome, school families and community members)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day term 1, school dismissal 2.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Cluster Athletics Carnival, Great Western
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cluster Athletics Carnival backup day, Great Western

## Please note change to first day return for students at Halls Gap PS.

Dear Parents and Students

Each year teachers are allocated four days for professional development, planning and preparation, and report writing. Along with other schools across the region we were to update our first aid and CPR on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2012. Due to a change by the provider this will not be taking place on that day. As this professional development will not be running for teachers we have altered the return date for students to the Thursday, not the Friday. This will also allow for staff to participate in the program when it is rescheduled. Please mark the date change on your calendar as we all know the first day of any year is always exciting – we get to meet new people, organise our new books etc and generally settle into new classes. Also note the return dates for schools vary across the state, the first day for students is not the same at every school. If you have students at other schools you will need to check their return date, it may be different.

As usual we will be starting our swimming program in the first full week of school, term 1 2012. Permission notes will be sent home on the first day. Attached are the general permission forms for 2012. We would appreciate these being completed and returned before the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked tirelessly to ensure our concert ran smoothly last Thursday. We were very proud of our students; their performance was outstanding. A night like that does not just happen and there are many parents and friends of our community that need to be thanked, especially when everyone is so busy. A special thank you must go to Dan and Neil who hung from rafters, climbed very tall ladders to hang lights and backdrops and just generally managed to get everything where it needed to be as the teachers had yet another 'brainwave'! (this went on for several days). To Franz for setting up and ensuring the sound system with microphones worked not only during rehearsals but for the performance night. To our wonderful group of parents who set up the hall, organised the raffle, (I will miss a name if I try to remember everyone who was involved), organised supper and ensured Santa was welcome on the night. And of course to the staff – Frau Stoffel, Miss Quinliven, Lynn and Miss Kate Mcaloon. Kate although not officially teaching at the school until next year was busy helping with costumes, shopping for all the special little bits and pieces etc throughout the lead up to the performance. While concerts and performances are a huge amount of work for everyone it is certainly a time to celebrate, showcase our students and their achievements, and have lots of fun – something we all enjoy.

I would personally like to thank School Council members for their support throughout the year. Several times each term councillors reorganise their lives to come along to the school and work through the many challenges and issues associated with school governance. I would also like to thank the staff, we have had a number of changes throughout the year and while that might appear a little disruptive it provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about change and working with different people. It also has the added bonus of bringing new ideas into our school. The staff works continuously throughout the year to ensure our students all reach their full potential – every child is special and every child has a program which meets their learning needs.

We do wish you all a very happy Christmas, a wonderful New Year and a restful break. Lots of planning has begun for 2012 – we hope it will be another action packed year full of excitement and learning.

Have a wonderful break  
Judy Hilbig





**3/4 CLUSTER 'OUT THERE CAMP 2011'**



**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.

**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

**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**

FEBRUARY 2012	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Official return date for teachers (Planning and preparation, CPR and First Aide Update for teachers)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Day 1 for students 2012
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