



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 1 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

FEBRUARY 2012 WEEK 1	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Official return date for teachers (Planning and preparation)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Day 1 for students 2012
FEBRUARY WEEK 2	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming program begins (2week program, Halls Gap Pool)

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back! 2012 is shaping up to be another exciting, action packed year. We welcome Ms Kate McAloon to our staff this year; Kate will be working Monday through to Thursday each week. Kate will be teaching a range of areas across the school. She will be based in the senior room and will be taking a shared responsibility for homeroom duties along with Mrs Hilbig. Frau Stoffel will be based in the junior room working Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Frau Stoffel will be the homeroom teacher for the junior class. Lynn will again have a split role – support to students and various administrative roles. The management of our finances is currently under review and under new structures within the region we are working with the LAB (Local Administration Bureau Horsham) to provide this service. We currently use the LAB for our Human Resources and Facilities management. Mrs Rudolph following long service leave has indicated she is retiring from Halls Gap. We thank Chris for all her work over the years and we wish her well as she moves onto other things.

We welcomed three new students to our school today. Welcome to Jordyna and mum Fiona. Jordyna will be joining the junior (year 2). And welcome to Jenna and Kate, along with mum and dad, Sue and Robert. Jenna will also be in the junior class (year 2) and Kate (year 4) will be joining the senior class. We hope you have had a lovely first day.

While the building works have progressed there is still a lot to happen. Everyone keeps reminding us to keep the big picture in mind! While the exterior is still to be finished painters are currently working on the internals, built in furniture is being put in place and the wiring is being finalised. Numerous large rocks were uncovered as the oval was lowered and levelled. It is envisaged that these will be used in the landscaping work which will be completed when the old classrooms are removed. At meetings with project manager and builders during the holidays it was clearly indicated that they are still working towards a mid March move in date. The landscaping will begin as soon as the old buildings are removed.

If you haven't returned the various permission slips sent home at the end of last year could you please do so as soon as possible. Swimming starts on Monday, please complete the attached form and send it back this week. For our session on Monday the P-2 students will be first in the water, starting at 9.15. School will start at 9.00 as normal and students will walk to the pool with a teacher. This session will include testing and groupings for the remainder of the program will be determined. This may mean some students will be moved to the other group which will swim at 10.00am. Students can wear their bathers underneath their uniform (don't forget to pack the extras!) and we ask that students in the first group come to school already wearing sun protection cream. We will again be working with Pomonal Primary School. Our final session will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will have their regular swimming lesson in the morning and following this session we will enjoy a BBQ together and an afternoon of games and activities. It was determined at cluster level that we will not have a swimming carnival with the other schools for 2012. This decision was determined following feedback from parents across the various schools. This will not impact on Halls Gaps involvement at zone level. If we have a group of students sufficiently skilled and able to meet the standards we will participate with other schools across the district as usual.

Attached is the roster for the Jazz festival. This is our biggest weekend for fundraising with the school organising food for sale at the hall on Friday and Saturday, and the usual market on the Sunday (we usually raise around \$5000). Working together can be lots of fun and is a great way to meet and get to know other parents, staff and friends of the school. Following this market the markets settle down to just the single market block on the Sunday morning. The first three markets for the year will be held at the oval. Council commitments for the 2011 raised monies (which are spent in the following year) are – playground \$10 000, computer replacement \$4 000 and literacy resources \$2 000. In addition there are a number of yearly commitments council funds – presentation books, contribution to photocopy lease and a predetermined % of the school camping/excursion program. We are expecting by our last three markets in the year the school grounds will be ready for the usual setup. Please see the section titled 'fundraising' in the handbook for the dates and additional information.

The school handbook has been updated and a copy provided to each family. Please keep it handy for future reference. At this stage the newsletter will be sent home on Wednesdays. If you have any notices for the newsletter please lodge them by 3.30 on the Monday prior to publication or email to [hilbig.judy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hilbig.judy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please provide your email address and we will add you to the list.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig, Samantha Stoffel, Kate McAloon, Lynn Newton

WELCOME



KATE



JORDYNA



JENNA



MISS MCALOON

## HEAD LICE

Now we are back at school 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.

## BOOKS

During the holidays students were provided with reading packs. Could you please help us by returning these as soon as possible. If you found any extras hiding on the shelves we would love to see them returned too. Most books will have a school label and some may even have a teachers name on the cover, if in doubt please ask.

## ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2012	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport – to be determined
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Active After School Sport – Yoga 3.15-4.15 (parents welcome)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Breakfast, 8.00am (everyone welcome, school families and community members)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Final swimming session, BBQ lunch (park) followed by pool activities afternoon
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

## STAWELL TENNIS CLUB



### JUNIOR POINTS TOURNAMENT

**ALL JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO ENTER**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

**(Play commences at 8:30 am with Doubles).**

**AGE GROUPS: (Age as at 31 December 2011)**

**10 & UNDER BOY & GIRLS**

**12 & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS**

**14 & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS**

**15 & OVER BOYS & GIRLS**

**COST: \$5 – SINGLES \$8 – DOUBLES**

**(To Be Paid On Arrival)**

**ENTER BY PHONING**

**MURRAY & DEBBIE HART – 5358 3132**

**MURRAY – 0408 588 318**

**DEBBIE – 0419 386 735**

**ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 5PM**

**FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES  
INCLUDING DELICIOUS HOT LUNCH FOODS**