



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 2

Wednesday 8th February 2012

FEBRUARY WEEK 2/9 TERM 1	
Monday 6 th	Swimming program begins (2week program, Halls Gap Pool)
Wednesday 8 th	Notice of school council election and call for nominations
Thursday 9 th	MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre)
Friday 10 th	Head lice checks (Northern Grampians Shire program to schools)
Friday 10 th	Book Club due
Friday 10 th	Tennis Australia visit and clinic (held at the school)
FEBRUARY WEEK 3/9 TERM 1	
Tuesday 14 th	Active After School Sport session 1 – Minor Games
Thursday 16 th	Active After School Sport session 1 – Yoga 3.15-4.15 (parents welcome)
Thursday 16 th	School Council 4.00pm (finance to be merged with meeting, major consideration – playground)
Friday 17 th	Community Breakfast, 8.00am (everyone welcome, school families and community members)
Friday 17 th	Final swimming session, BBQ lunch (park) followed by pool activities afternoon

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 17TH 8.00AM

ALL WELCOME - SCHOOL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

(Egg and bacon roll, juice, tea and coffee. Gold coin donation, costs only.)

Dear Parents and Students

With the weather turning colder our first few swimming sessions have been a little chilly! However all students are working to improve their swimming and water safety skills. We are hoping for some warmer weather next week. As part of the swimming program students are working through a water safety component during school time. We look forward to our day of activities with Pomonal PS on Friday 17th.

Active After School will begin next week. Minor games will run on Tuesdays with Neil McIntosh as the instructor and yoga sessions will be with Joyce Weight on Thursdays. All instructors are trained and qualified Active After School Sport providers. In addition to the instructor role the sports commission provides an allocation for a person to support the instructor. We are after a support person to help with the supervision on Tuesdays. This is a paid position and the person will need to have a Working With Children's Check. If you are interested in this role please see me. Attached to the newsletter are permission forms for term 1 activities. This is a different form to last year; all children from the one family can be registered on the one form. Sessions will run for a period of seven weeks, dates will be published in the newsletter.

Both classes are exploring the theme 'Rainforests'. In addition to theme studies all students are working towards setting goals. Clear statements of intent with action and a measure for assessment are established. We ask that parents listen to children read each day, even older children. Teachers have set expectations regarding the management of diaries. Students should be able to explain what is expected. If you need clarification please see the class teacher.

Thankyou to those who have added their name to the various rosters for the jazz festival. If you haven't added your name please see the attached slips for unfilled spaces. Thankfully we relocated the next three markets to the oval. For those of you who have had a chance to explore our yard you will have observed that the ground works just keep on happening. With stormwater pipes being placed this week, optic fibre cables replaced and internal painting almost completed, we get closer every day.

As part of our plan to ensure all staff are equipped to deal with an emergency, teachers will be travelling to Maroona following the school teaching day on Thursday to update their CPR training. If you need to speak with a teacher could you please do so before school, as we will be packing up and departing as soon as all students are collected.

Attached to the newsletter today is the schedule for the 2012 School Council elections. School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools; being a member of the school council is a rewarding experience. Acting as a team, council supports the principal to provide the best possible education outcomes for students. The Halls Gap PS council is made up of 7 parents and 2 DEECD members.

Current councillors –

Jill Faulkner	president
Dan Magill	vice president
Franz Stoffel	parent representative
Jill Read	parent representative
Poll Ripper	parent representative
KellieGehan	parent representative
Christine Nagy	parent representative
Samantha Stoffel	DEECD representative
Judy Hilbig	DEECDrepresentative

Retiring members are – Jill Faulkner, Dan Magill, Franz Stoffel and Christine Nagy. Hence 4 parent positions are advertised.

Two methods for nomination are available and a copy of each is attached to this newsletter -

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Members

Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category.

If you are keen to become a member of school council and would like further information please speak to a current councillor, they would be happy to share their experiences and outline the various roles and responsibilities.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

WHO'S NEW AT HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL...

KATE



JORDYNA



JENNA



MISS MCALOON



CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

School students attending a government school

To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:

- be of school age (between 5 and 18 years)
- reside 4.8 kms or more by the shortest practicable route from the school attended
- be enrolled at the nearest appropriate government primary, secondary or specialist school **ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME**

If you require further details please contact the school. If you need a form please contact the office.

EMA FORMS

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child's schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child's education up to the age of 16.

The allowance is paid in two installments throughout the year; the first installment from March onwards and the second installment from August onwards. Half of the payment is paid to the school and half to the parent or guardian.

You need to submit your EMA application to your child's school by **28 February 2011**, in time for the first installment, or by **5 August 2011** for the second installment.

If you are eligible forms are now available at the office. Please collect your form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

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.

HEAD LICE

Please note heads will be check this Friday through the Northern Grampians Shire program to school.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR	
Monday 20 th February	Closing date for nominations to School Council
Tuesday 21 st February	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 2, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 23 rd February	MARC
Thursday 23 rd February	Active After School Sport Yoga session 2, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 28 th February	Zone Swimming (nominated students only)
Tuesday 28 th February	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 3, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 1 st March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 3, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 6 th March	Close of School Council ballot
Tuesday 6 th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 4, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 8 th	MARC
Thursday 8 th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 4, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13 th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 5, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13 th March	Regional Swimming (nominated students only)
Thursday 15 th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 5, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 20 th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 6, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 22 nd March	MARC
Thursday 22 nd March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 6, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 27 th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 7, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 29 th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 7, 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 30 th March	Last Day term 1, school dismissal 2.30pm
TERM 2	
Friday 20 th April	Cluster Athletics Carnival, Great Western
Monday 23 rd April	Cluster Athletics Carnival backup day, Great Western

DAY 1 - THE CLASS OF 2012

