



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 4 Wednesday 22nd February 2012

FEBRUARY WEEK 4/9 TERM 1	
Friday 17 th	Final swimming session, BBQ lunch (park) followed by pool activities afternoon
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
FEBRUARY WEEK 5/9 TERM1	
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

Dear Parents and Students

It was great to have parents, students and even grandparents come along last Friday and enjoy an egg and bacon roll (nicely cooked by Jason – thank you). It is particularly nice that we could relax and chat and were not frantically running around trying to raise money for the school. The day continued with students attending their last swimming lesson for the year and then lots of games and races during the afternoon. We had perfect weather and were able to enjoy swimming and celebrating together with our friends from Pomonal. Thank you to the parents who braved the water to guide canoes and help the less confident students.



It appears the building time frame may be extended by a couple of weeks. At this stage we are unsure if we will be moving before the holidays or after. It would be great to get it all over and done with before the holidays however this may not be possible. We will wait and see! There will be one day where we will need to vacate the school due to major works associated with power and possible water. At this stage Friday 2nd March has been booked, we will act as soon as this is confirmed and set a day of activities that takes us out and about into the National Park. An excursion is in the making!



This is the last call for EMA and Conveyance forms. If you are eligible and have not completed your form at this stage please do so asap. If you are still to collect one from the school please see Lynn this week. The fleecy top order has arrived; again if you require any new tops please see Lynn.

We have been contacted by Jeff Watts representing the Halls Gap Tourism Association and the Northern Grampians Shire regarding a series of activities for children which are currently under consideration for children in Halls Gap for Easter Saturday. As part of the program they are contemplating a parade. To gauge the interest, they are keen to know if students would be interested in participating - there may be a theme for the parade such as decorated bikes. If you are interested please indicate on the slip attached. Please remember this is the middle Saturday of the school holidays. It will be the responsibility of parents to supervise etc their children for the events on the day (it appears there could be several fun activities taking place from approximately 11.00am on).

Nominations for School Council closed on Monday. Thank you to those who have nominated.

Our new councillors are – Sue Boschen, Felica Lacey, Darren Linke and again, taking on another term with council is Jill Faulkner. As our nominations matched our vacant positions there will be no need for an election. I will be seeking feedback from councillors re meetings times etc for 2012.

We wish our Zone swimming team all the best as they head off to Horsham on Tuesday for the first round of the competition – Haylee, Angus, Charlie and Kaylee. Please note we have started our cross country training at the beginning of the day, if you are a little late in dropping children off please do not assume we are inside, we may be out on the running track (through the gardens and around the nature reserve).

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

Tennis with Rebecca – Tennis Australia



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 do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – IMPORTANT

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

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

EMA FORMS - IMPORTANT

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.

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HEAD LICE

Please help us by checking heads weekly.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 28th February	Zone Swimming (nominated students only)
Tuesday 28th February	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 3, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 1st March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 3, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 6th March	Close of School Council ballot
Tuesday 6th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 4, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 8th	MARC
Thursday 8th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 4, 3.15-4.15pm
Monday 12th March	Labour Day holiday, school closed
Tuesday 13th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 5, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13th March	Regional Swimming (nominated students only)
Thursday 15th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 5, 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 20th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 6, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 22nd March	MARC
Thursday 22nd March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 6, 3.15-4.15pm
Monday 26th March	Cluster Group Day – Great Western P-2, Concongella 3-6
Tuesday 27th March	Active After School Sport Minor Games session 7, 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 29th March	Active After School Sport Yoga session 7, 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 30th March	Last Day term 1, school dismissal 2.30pm
TERM 2	
Friday 20th April	Cluster Athletics Carnival, Great Western
Monday 23rd April	Cluster Athletics Carnival backup day, Great Western
Friday 4th May	Head lice checks – Northern Grampians Shire
Monday 21st May	Cluster Cross Country – Pomonal P-2/3, Halls Gap 3/4-6 (grouped on age not year level)

STAWELL 13&U FOOTBALL ASSOC INC

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 5th March 2012
at 7pm at the Stawell Football Clubrooms Central Park.

Parents of new and existing players are urged to attend. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Secretary.

Toni Stewart – Secretary – 53585541

BUDDIES 2012



EASTER SATURDAY

My child/ren would be interested in participating in a parade on Easter Saturday through the main street of Halls Gap.

Name: _____ Number of children participating: _____

Suggestions for a parade theme: _____