



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 6 Wednesday 7th March 2012

FEBRUARY WEEK 6/10 TERM 1	
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
FEBRUARY WEEK 7/10 TERM 1	
Sunday 11 th	Labour Day Market – held at the recreation reserve oval
Monday 12 th March	Labour Day holiday, school closed
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

Dear Parents and Students

With only the remainder of this week and two more to go we are rapidly heading towards the end of term. The builders are expecting to meet the finishing date for the buildings which is Friday 16th March (the fantastic carpet design is almost completed). They will of course have lots of grounds work still to do. We are expecting to begin moving small items across the following week. Lynn has already begun packing books into boxes. Following discussions with the region we will be identifying a day where parents are asked to keep students home. On this day the large pieces of furniture will be moved by a removal company. The school will be unsafe for students as while the buildings will be finished, there will still be considerable obstacles outside and around the buildings. We as a school will then be in a position to organise the spaces ready for students. At this stage this day is still to be confirmed but we are working towards one of either – Friday 23rd or a day early in the following week. We will notify families as soon as possible.

The staff and students would like to thank Kerrie and Darren for having us at Tandara last Friday. We enjoyed the walk and low ropes course and of course eating our lunch in the beautiful grounds of the camp. Darren and Kerrie worked with the students to meet the challenges of the low ropes course. Even though we did get a little damp on the return walk we enjoyed our day, it was great to be out and about enjoying the wonderful environment in which we live. It was certainly a great day to be away from the school as not only did we not have power but water pipes were damaged and the school was without water for significant parts of the day.



We still have a number of slots unfilled on our market roster for this weekend. If you haven't had a chance to add your name please do so and return it to school tomorrow. The market will be held in the hall and in the area between the hall and the information centre. There may be some confusion regarding the location so please pass the word around.

Please remember Monday is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

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.

AUSKICK

Auskick time again.

This year Pomonal will be running the Auskick program for our area. Contact Adam Atchison on 53566153 for further details. Free tickets are available to families who register online before 31st March 2012.

CELLO AND VIOLIN LESSONS

Interested in learning the cello or violin?

Contact AJ@ the YHA on 5356 4544

HEAD LICE

Please help us by checking heads weekly – we will only eradicate these pests if we are all vigilant!

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR	
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
Monday 26 th March	Cluster Group Day – Great Western P-2, Concongella 3-6 depart school 8.45am sharp
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
Friday 4 th May	Head lice checks – Northern Grampians Shire
Monday 21 st May	Cluster Cross Country – Pomonal P-2/3, Halls Gap 3/4-6 (grouped on age not year level)

NEWS FROM PARKS

Grampians National Park – Planned Burn Program 2012

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria will be commencing its autumn planned burning program in the Grampians National Park during April and May. Planned burns have been scheduled a little later this year because of the dryer weather conditions we have experienced locally.

In line with the Wimmera Fire Operations Plan released last September; DSE and Parks Victoria intend to conduct seven separate burns in the Grampians area. Planned burning is part of an integrated plan to reduce the bushfire risk to people, property and communities. Please see the attached map of the Grampians that provides all planned burns for this autumn.

Favourable weather conditions largely influence when particular planned burns go ahead. The final decision around planned burning will be made on the day of the burn and this will be based on the results from the monitoring of the ground and weather conditions. Where possible, DSE and Parks Victoria will provide notification prior to each burn, but it is your responsibility to check the DSE website regularly for planned burns information.

During the burning program, there will be some short term closures of roads, visitor sites and walking tracks for public safety. The burn areas will stay closed until they are classified as safe. This may be up to a week after a burn. If you are planning a camping or walking trip, it is important that you plan an alternative route in case you need to change your trip at short notice.

Some of the areas that will be impacted by closures this planned burning season include:

- All walking tracks and access within the Victoria Range (including Manja Shelter, the Fortress, Mt Thackeray, Goat Track and

Victoria Range Track)

- Access to the Red Rock area including all climbing sites
- The walking track from Plantation to Mt Difficult, Boronia Walking Track
- Terraces Track to Tandara Road and the Griffin Picnic ground

To find out where and when planned burns are happening visit www.dse.vic.gov.au, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or listen to your local radio station.

Information is also available at www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires and for information about fire restrictions, fire bans and fires on private land at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Wimmera Planned Burns program contact the Horsham DSE Fire Operations Room on 5362 0720 or visit www.dse.vic.gov.au.

For park information regarding current track and site closures, call in to Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap or call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.



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: _____