



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 7 Wednesday 14th March 2012

MARCH WEEK 8/10 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
MARCH WEEK 9/10 TERM 1	
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
Thursday 22 nd March	School Council – Meeting 1 Co-option Meeting 4.00pm Meeting 2 Election of Office Bearers 4.10pm Meeting 3 Regular Council Meeting 4.20pm

Dear Parents and Students

At Halls Gap Primary School we have two sporting houses – MacKenzie and Zumstein. Walter Zumstein came to the Grampians in 1906 where he managed a bee-site for a honey firm. Four years later he was granted his own bee-site and, with the aid of a wheelbarrow, moved his 20 hives through the untracked scrub and set them up in the bush near what is now known as the Zumstein Picnic Ground. He built himself a little cottage and settled down to make a living from his bees and by renting the cottage to holidaymakers. The Sporting House MacKenzie takes the name from MacKenzie River/Falls which was named by Major Mitchell for his friend from the Peninsular War, Captain Mackenzie. The Aboriginal name for the Falls is Mee Conory Werap – where the blackfish can no longer swim upstream. Each year we elect a House Captain and a House Vice Captain. Students were invited to present to staff and students prior to the elections. The captains for our 2012 year are as follows –

MacKenzie Captain – Angus Stoffel
MacKenzie Vice Captain – Charlie McIntosh
Zumstein Captain – Sam Linke
Zumstein Vice Captain – Henry Read-Spinks

In addition to our elections for house representatives students were invited to nominate and present for the various positions of Junior School Council. The Junior School Council for 2012 is –

President – Izzy Tepper
Vice President – Angus Stoffel
Secretary – Georgia Stoate
Treasurer – Charlie McIntosh
Senior Class Representative – Haylee Hutchins
Junior Class Representative – Georgia Farlech

All students who presented, regardless of the outcome, are to be congratulated. The presentations were varied and prepared by each nominee. It was particularly pleasing to see the energy and effort students put into their preparation.

Our market on Sunday was again a great success. We couldn't have asked for better weather and with many cooperative stall holders we were able to fill the space around the information centre and run a sellout BBQ. Thank you to those who came along and generously gave of their time to help with the set up, market fee collection, site organisation, food preparation and packup. Our next market is Easter Sunday – one of our biggest. We then go into recess until the Queen's Birthday weekend. Money collected on Sunday totalled \$2 891.50 (expenses to be subtracted).

Final dates have been set for exiting old buildings and moving into new buildings. The dates have been extended and the following dates put forward by the builder as recently as yesterday are as follows –

Thursday 22nd - final inspection and certificate of occupancy determined
Week beginning Monday 26th - small items to be progressively moved as spaces become available
Thursday 29th - mass moving of small items (parents, students and staff to work together)
Friday 30th - furniture to be moved by removalists (please note this is a pupil free day, staff only onsite)

We would appreciate help on Thursday 29th by parents to help move small items. This is a MARC day and students will work with parents and staff to help move armloads of books etc when not blocked for their regular MARC session. It is hoped we will be able to manage most of the move throughout these two days. Staff will then work to set up learning spaces during the holidays ready for day 1 term 2. A very exciting time!

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig

(historical information taken from - The Grampians A Noble Range, by Jane Calder)

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – EASTER RAFFLE

Hello Parents & Friends

I am Izzy, the new President of the Junior School Council. I am writing to you about the Easter Raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if you could contribute to the prizes for the raffle. Some of the money we raise will go towards our sponsor child Thomas which includes paying for his education, food and clothing. The contributions could include chocolate Easter eggs, toys - especially Easter related and anything else! Any little contribution would be gratefully appreciated. Last year we had accommodation, decorated cake, lots of chocolate, specialist beauty products, etc as prizes. In addition to supporting Thomas, monies raised last year were put towards purchasing sporting equipment and sandpit toys. We have already had an offer of a decorated cake for the raffle from Dylan's Grandmother. We often have several prizes which makes our raffle even more exciting. We will be asking for student help to manage the raffle on market day. Thank you

Izzy

Junior School Council President

MONEY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Please help us by making sure all money payments to the school are in an envelope and correctly labelled – name, payment amount and what the payment is for. To help with this we have attached labelled envelopes with this newsletter. If at any time you need more please see Lynn.

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!

EXPOSITIONS BY 4-6 STUDENTS

Students were required to present an argument re the removal of, or non removal of rainforests.

Kate wrote –

Don't Cut Down – Save The Rainforest!

Rainforest should not be cut down, they are special places for animals and people.

First of all if people cut down the rainforests it would take a very long time to grow back and the animals would not have anywhere to live.

Secondly if people cut down the rainforest people can not go on holidays in rainforests.

Last of all if we cut down rainforests the plants will not give us medicines.

The world should start thinking about not cutting down the rainforests.

Henry wrote –

Every Country Needs A Rainforest!!

Firstly, trees give off air and if we were to take out a whole rainforest it would decrease air movement and create more breathing difficulties.

Secondly, there might be species that we have not discovered yet and if a tree was to fall down we might be killing that specimen.

Finally, cutting down trees makes the ozone layer more likely to collapse. If we continue we could speed up this process from 60 years down to 50-20 years!

SO STOP DEFORESTING!!!

Izzy wrote –

Are We Risking Lives?

Rainforests are beautiful landscapes, full of unique animals. Did you know that we all might be helping or buying into cruelty of animals- dying and destroying fifty thousand species per year?

Getting started, a lot of animals rely on rainforests, and if their home leaves they may be forced to go to habitats that are already occupied; this is sure to disturb the animals.

Moving around to my second reason, I do understand that getting rid of rainforests might help to feed people, but are people being put in danger? Angry, homeless animals with no food may just be desperate enough to take an arm or a leg.

Thirdly, for all we know, a rainbow bat was born yesterday. But as many species are undiscovered and many become extinct every day, we are all missing out on perhaps amazing animals.

Last of all, rainforests are beautiful to read about and look at. Imagine if fifty years from now no one would be lucky enough to see them for real; only in books and on the internet.

I do believe we should be more careful with the beautiful landscapes we are lucky enough to have on planet Earth. So I hope now you're thinking.

Georgia S wrote –

Stop cutting Down Rainforests!

Our rainforests are special places and should be protected. They should not be chopped down for money.

I believe people should stop cutting down trees because they take millions of years to grow back.

People cut down trees for money, everybody knows that. Well I think that it is making animals angry. Workers could also get injured.

Taking away animal homes is not good. Like I told you, animals will get angry. Then they will hurt whoever cut down the trees.

They are my reasons why trees should not be cut down in the rainforests.

What do you think?

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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 Last day for students
Friday 30 th March	Furniture to be moved into new buildings
Friday 30 th March	Pupil free day. Last Day term 1
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)

If you haven't returned your permission forms for the group day please help us by doing so as soon as possible.

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: _____

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR FORMS