



Halls Gap Primary School

Newsletter No 10

Wednesday 18th April 2012

APRIL WEEK 1/11 TERM 2	
Friday 20 th April	Cluster Athletics Carnival, North Park Stawell students will need to be assembling at 8.45
WEEK 2/11	
Monday 23 rd April	Cluster Athletics Carnival backup day, North Park
Wednesday 25 th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday – school closed
Friday 27 th April	Rescheduled old classrooms removal

Dear Parents

Monday was an exciting day – starting the term in our new buildings. A very big thankyou to those who helped move all the bits and pieces with students last term and to the staff for all their work during the holidays to ensure classrooms were ready for classes as normal first thing Monday morning. With music and bell blaring out we are in no doubt about the starting times and break times throughout the day (not so sure about the poor campers who think they have set up on the quiet side of the caravan park – we might need to find the volume switch). The music presently being used is the marching music for the sports. This is what our Junior Class students think –

Eugene: Best school ever! I like that it's very organised and the pinboard is very good. I like the colours.

Jenna: The new school looks awesome. I like the colour in the boards. I like the toilets.

Jasper: I love the big green wall. I love the pinboards.

Keira: The best school in the whole world. I love the flushers and the purple and blue pinboards.

Brooke: I like my new school, it is awesome.

Paddy: This is the best school because it has a football oval and the green wall.

Aleisha: I think the new school it is fantastic.

Dylan: I think the new school is awesome. I like everything, the windows, carpet and the layout.

Tobie: The new school is cool and I like the pinboard.

Ethan: This is the best new school because of our oval.

Kaylee: The number one new school in the world. I love the blue and purple pinboards. I also like the big green wall and the cool colours.

Jaala: The new school is brilliant at Halls Gap.

Lila: The new school looks bright. I like the pinboard.

Jordyna: I like the colours of the toilets.

Georgina F: The best school every made. I love all the floor colours, the cupboard colours, even the pinboard colours. There are lots of windows which is good. I especially like the windows on the roof. It is very nice. I love the new school.

Spencer: Absolutely fantastic! I love the classrooms and the carpet because the patterns are cool.

Zali: I like the new school, it is a bit like my old school. I love the circle in the carpet in the middle.

(We look forward to reading comments from senior class students next week.)

One of the concerns that parents have expressed is the noise flow through the building. Teachers are very pleased to report it isn't noticeable and the students are not distracted by being able to see the other class. Teachers have found it is a lovely atmosphere, calm and peaceful and a lovely space in which to teach. We are looking forward to showing off our new spaces to members of our community at our breakfast which will again be held on the third Friday of the term – Friday 4th May. A huge added bonus to the building program has been the additional concrete play areas created around the structure. Already the play has changed as students explore the possibilities.

This Friday is our athletics carnival. Please note the sports will be held at North Park not Great Western. The information sent home on Tuesday with the permission note indicated Great Western. This was the initial plan but due to football starting the oval is not available and the sports were moved. I missed changing the venue in the cluster information sent home. If you are unsure where North Park is please ask other parents or teachers. Miss McAloon will be starting the long distance races, Frau Stoffel will be timing (parent helpers will be needed for this part) and I will be running the bean bag race with Lynne. If you can help with timing please see Frau Stoffel. Betty (Grandmother of Angus) will be organising the year 11 boys and Kellie and Felicia the open boys. See menu on the next page for foods available on the day which will be provided by the Great Western parents.

Thank you to all who supported both the fundraising committee and the students at the market during the Easter period. Once again it was a very successful market with the students raising \$610.30. Students use this money to purchase items for the school and to help support their world vision child Thomas. During the last couple of years students have purchased sporting equipment and sandpit toys. The students were very appreciative of the donations made by families and friends to ensure their raffle was successful. \$6 124.10 was the figure raised from the stall holders and BBQ. A very busy weekend but a very worthwhile one. Monies raised from last years fundraising are spent this year and the targeted items include – playground, computers, reading materials, furniture and camps. Council will target this years monies for expenditure in 2013.

The itinerary and dates have been set for the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp. Joining with Stawell West Primary School makes this important option for a camp a reality for our students. The camp and associated unit of study will introduce students to a broader understanding of Australian democracy, including the establishment of the Australian nation and the origins of our political and legal systems. They will become increasingly aware of the complexity and diversity of Australian society and the groups that make up our society. They will reflect on the values that are important to a democratic, multicultural society. Highlights will include visiting the Ned Kelly Museum, Government House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Aquarium, Parliament House, National Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, Electoral Education Centre, and the Science and Technology Centre. Information and costs are attached for the relevant students. If you would like to set up a payment schedule to meet the costs please contact the school.

Planning for the Year 3/4 camp to Melbourne is underway. Students will study the differences between country and city and when at camp see and further develop understandings. Costs, dates and full agenda are still to be finalised.

Please note staff are attending a professional development program on 'Protecting the Safety and Wellbeing of Young People' this afternoon. As the program starts at 3.40 we will be running out the door after the students. If you have any pressing business please catch up with us later in the week. We look forward to cheering our students on this Friday at the Aths Carnival. There are three sections to the day – Marching, Individual Track and Field and the Teams events. I would like to wish all students the very best on the day, you have worked hard with your teachers to improve your skills for not only the individual section but as a group for both the marching and team events.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

Great Western Primary School 2012 School Sports Day Canteen Menu

Pies: \$3.00
Hot dogs: \$2.50
Sausage Rolls: \$2.50
Steamed Dim Sims: 50 cents
Pizza: \$2.00
Party Pies: \$1.00

Bag of Mixed Lollies: \$1.00
Cakes / Slices: \$2.50
Bottled Water: \$2.00
Fruit Boxes: \$1.00
Soft Drink: \$2.00
Chocolate Bars: \$2.00
Killer Pythons: \$1.00

Tea / Coffee / Milo: gold coin donation

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the students who helped on the day – a very successful raffle.

MONEY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL AND LUNCH ORDERS

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.

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.

CELLO AND VIOLIN LESSONS

Interested in learning the cello or violin?
Contacty 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!

EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let us know at school and we can add you to the list.

CALENDAR

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Friday 4 th May	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Friday 4 th May	Head lice checks – Northern Grampians Shire
Thursday 10 th May	School Council
Monday 21 st May	Cluster Cross Country – Pomonal P-2/3, Halls Gap 3/4-6 (grouped on age not year level)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Zone Cross Country St Arnaud (students will need to run a qualifying time to enter)
Thursday 14 th June	School Council
Friday 29 th June	Last day term 2

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

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