



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 15 Wednesday 23rd May 2012

APRIL WEEK 6/11 TERM 2	
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	Education Week
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)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Active After School Sport 4/7 3.15-4.15
Thursday 24 th May	Governor of Victoria visit to Halls Gap Primary School
Thursday 24 th May	Wimmera Uniting Care Mobile Resource Centre Bus visit and BBQ lunch
Thursday 24 th May	Active After School Sport 4/7 3.15-4.15
WEEK 7/11	
Tuesday 29 th May	Active After School Sport 5/7 3.15-4.15
Thursday 31 st May	MARC
Thursday 31 st May	Active After School Sport 5/7 3.15-4.15

Dear Parents

Monday morning saw our students heading off to run in the Grampians Small Schools Cluster Cross Country. All students whom attended and were well, completed the course with confidence. I was very pleased to observe our students organising aspects of the day and generally being wonderful hosts to the visiting year 3-6 students from across the cluster. Frau Soffel and the year 1/2 students travelled to Pomonal for their run. As is always the case without the help of parents these days would be impossible. Although the morning started out okay it did turn cold and by the time the races had finished we had some very cold parents and teachers. Thanks to all who came along to help and cheer our students along. We have quite a fit group of students at the moment. The youngest ran 1km and the oldest 3km. Distances that I know most of us couldn't run! Go Halls Gap!



As part of the next stage in running, a team of eleven along with Frau Stoffel and parents travelled to St Arnaud on Tuesday to compete at zone level. This is a very big event and can be a little overwhelming for students whom are attending for their first time. It does however allow our students the opportunity to meet with others, extend their experiences and build their confidence. Thankyou to Frau Stoffel and parents who helped transport students and assist with supervision. We look forward to receiving all the details of this event.

This Thursday we are looking forward to The Governor and Mrs Chernov visiting our school. They are scheduled to arrive at 9.30. They will be welcomed by the President (Izzy) and Vice President (Angus) of Junior School Council. The visit will last for 45mins. The Governor will be taken on a tour around the new school and then meet for a short question and answer time with the Senior Class. Mrs Chernov will spend the first part of her visit with the Junior Class and will read them a story. Following the classroom visits the Governor will help Sam (House Captain), Charlie and Henry (Vice House Captains) plant a fern in the the newly established garden bed near the entry into the new school buildings. The Junior School Council President (Izzy) will have a short speech to make and I'm sure the Governor will have something to share as well. This will conclude the visit. Senior Class students have prepared a short fact file on The Governor and Mrs Chernov to help us be prepared for their visit. If you have not seen your copy please ask your children – they came home today.

Halls Gap Primary School is registered with Earn & Learn. Please see the information below. Miss McAloon is our key organiser and tells me we have already collected enough stickers to collect prizes. So please have everyone you can collecting for us!

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

Earn & Learn

Remember when shopping at Woolworths please collect the Earn and Learn stickers. If you go through the self check out, take you receipts to the service desk to collect your stickers. You can either place the stickers in the Halls Gap Primary School box at the Stawell Woolworths or drop them into school. All stickers count. The more stickers the more fantastic items we can get for the school!

Thanks heaps for you support!
Miss Mac



EDUCATION WEEK AND FAMILIES WEEK – THIS THURSDAY

During Education Week Wimmera Uniting Care will be visiting our school to explain and provide information about the wide range of programs run within our region to support families. As part of the visit they will be bringing the Youth and Community Care bus for a visit. Students and families are invited to share in a BBQ lunch provided through the program. The bus is a fully equipped and fitted out with state-of-the-art music and audiovisual equipment, computers, TV/DVD/CD players, play stations, Xboxes, sporting equipment and a BBQ. It is designed as a multifunctional facility to provide services, programs and activities in rural and remote regions. The bus will be visiting our school on Thursday 24th May for a period of time across the lunch break. Families are invited to come along and learn more about services and programs running within our region for both schools and families.

SPELLING NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR ROOM

News in the junior room is that Frau Stoffel is trialing a new approach to spelling. She has combined the Single Word Spelling Program with Spelldrome to create a new program designed specifically for her class. Spelling lists will have increased dramatically for some students and Frau Stoffel would welcome any parent feedback over the coming weeks.

BOOKCLUB

Just a reminder that all bookclub orders provide points for our school which enable staff to add new books to our library on a regular basis. Bookclub books are usually priced below the recommended retail price and each issue includes a number of books priced under \$5. Please remember that we only accept orders paid for in cash or by a cheque made out to the school.

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.

JUMPERS

There are a number of school jumpers being left around the school without names. Please ensure that all jumpers are clearly named and remember that this may need to be done on a regular basis as texta names tend to fade with washing.

HEAD LICE

Please help us by checking heads weekly – we will only eradicate these pests if we are all vigilant!
If you are unsure about how to treat your child/ren please ask us at school.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR	
Tuesday 5 th June	Active After School Sport 6/7 3.15-4.15
Thursday 7 th June	Active After School Sport 6/7 3.15-4.15
Tuesday 12 th June	Active After School Sport 7/7 3.15-4.15
Thursday 14 th June	MARC
Thursday 14 th June	Playgroup visit
Thursday 14 th June	Active After School Sport 7/7 3.15-4.15
Thursday 14 th June	School Council
Thursday 28 th June	MARC
Friday 29 th June	Semester 2 reports distributed to families
Friday 29 th June	Last day term 2

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY 2012



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea including a special guest visitor – The Governor of Victoria Mr Alex Chernov and his wife Mrs Elizabeth Chernov



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SOMERS CAMP

In October this year schools in our network will have the opportunity to participate in a 'Somers Camp'. This camp is available to students in years 5 and 6 at a cost of \$160.00 per student, it is heavily subsidised by the DEECD. The aim of the camp is to develop students' confidence and independence, enhance their awareness of self, others and the environment. The camp promotes respect, cooperation, communication and tolerance and provides leadership in outdoor education. It is a nine day camp running from 9.10.12 to 17.10.12. At this stage we do not know how many places we will be allocated but we have been asked to submit numbers for students interested. If your child is keen to attend please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible. If we are required to select from those keen to attend we will use the selection criteria provided to schools for a selection process. We will also record the date the expression of interest form is returned signed and completed. Please note completing the slip below does not mean your child has been selected to attend.

My child: _____ is keen to attend the Somers Camp if allocated a place.

Signed: _____ Date: _____