



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 22 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012

TERM 3 Week 2/10	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Winter Sports years 5&6 netball and soccer, Stawell
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal (Melbourne – Bethany, Kate, Haylee and Angus)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	MARC
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
WEEK 3/10	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Grampians Small Schools Cluster Day – Musica Viva, Concongella PS
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Community Breakfast 8.00am

Dear Parents

It is always great to have new students enrol at school. Last week we welcomed Heath and Mum Courtney to our school community. Heath is in Prep and has been buddied with Haylee. Already Heath has settled into school life and playing with the other students.

Please note the extra curricular activities for Active After School Sport started this week and students must have a signed permission note returned to the school prior to the first session if they are intending to participate. Active After School Sport is a privilege and parents are asked to remind and discuss with students correct behaviour. Accessing trained staff for this program isn't always easy and we must ensure we make our visiting providers feel welcome and appreciated. Our first session of golf with Neil was yesterday and our first session of yoga is with Jocye tomorrow.

Last week Nathan travelled to Bundoora Park to compete at state level in the School Sport Victoria 2012 Cross Country. Nathan came in 73<sup>rd</sup> out of the 95 runners competing on the day in his age group. Nathan completed the 3km run in a time of 11min 14sec. The fastest time for the race was 9min 37sec. Nathan is to be congratulated for his fantastic work in training and preparing for the run. Nathan had to be successful at local, then district and finally regional level before qualifying for state. Congratulations Nathan, we look forward to watching you continue your running and further improving your time – a goal of yours. You are now officially the 73<sup>rd</sup> fastest 3km runner in the State of Victoria for your age group! Nathan enjoyed the support of his family whom travelled with him to Bundoora for the day to watch him run. Nathan did make the comment that it was a hard and hilly track, more so than the others he had run.



Yesterday our year 5 and 6 students travelled to Stawell to compete in the Black Range Soccer and Netball Winter Sports program. Students joined with students from our cluster to compete against other schools. Thanks to Miss McAloon and Kellie for travelling with and supporting the team on the day.

Today our State Schools Spectacular team head off to Melbourne for the first of their rehearsals. We hope they had a great day and thank Frau Stoffel for again undertaking this activity. Whilst it is a lot of fun and enjoyable, it is a huge time commitment.

Next week is our community breakfast for term 3. Please help us to make this a community event by reminding interested people within our community that this is not only for school families but for all members of our community.

As our grounds are now well equipped with play areas and oval space we are again starting to see our yard used on weekends for families visiting the area. Young people often wander across from the caravan park to use our oval, use the basketball ring and play on the play equipment. We often have tourists walk through the school grounds before realising where they actually are. At times they will actually ask for directions to various walks etc. As part of our school program we do remind and revise correct behaviours and responses to strangers. Please help us by discussing with your children that they know how to respond and understand about personal safety. The following website provides detailed information if you are looking for further guidance -

<http://www.kidslife.com.au/Page.aspx?ID=1409>

These are the rules we discuss with students –

- Never accept anything from strangers.
- Never get in a car with a stranger.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger (parents would need to discuss who it is okay to go with).
- Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult (parents would need to discuss who this might be for your family).
- A special school one – If there is someone in your school we don't know tell a teacher.

Attached to our newsletter today is the Parent Opinion Survey. The use of the data obtained through this survey provides a measure of school performance. It is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. Each year we conduct annual surveys for staff, students and parents. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement. Many parents over the years will have completed this survey. We would ask that you take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us. Seal your completed survey in the envelope included and please write your child's name on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record the fact that you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened at the school. All sealed envelopes are posted and analysed by a team independent of the school. If you have any questions or queries please contact me at school.

Have a wonderful week  
Judy Hilbig

EARN AND LEARN

**We are on a roll – please help us to keep collecting!**

### 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.

### STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Please note next week is the first rehearsal for the State Schools Spectacular team. Please see Frau Stoffel if you are concerned or unsure or any of the arrangements for the day. Students will be travelling with the Pomonal students along with a teacher from Pomonal.

### HOT LUNCHES

Just a reminder to parents that noodles in styrofoam cups are not allowed as students do not have access to boiling water. If you would like your child to have noodles for lunch please prepare them in the morning and send them in a thermos.

### CALENDAR

#### OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	MARC
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	School Council
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	State Schools Spectacular rehearsal (Melbourne)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	MARC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Newcombe Secondary College music performance
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Castle building day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Greek Olympics
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	State Schools Spectacular rehearsals and performances (Melbourne)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	MARC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Junior School Council fundraising activity \$2.00 – Footy Colours Day Fight Cancer Foundation
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	MARC
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Last Day Term 3, school dismissal 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Somers Camp (6 students registered)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Canberra Camp years 5/6 students