



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 24 Wednesday 8th August 2012

TERM 3 WEEK 4/10	
Tuesday 7 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 9 th August	MARC
Thursday 9 th August	School Council Finance 3.45pm, School Council 4.00pm
Thursday 9 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 10 th August	Dress up as your favourite Olympian, sausage sizzle lunch provided
Week 5/10	
Tuesday 14 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 16 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga

Dear Parents

With tennis on Monday, weight lifting on Tuesday and rowing on Wednesday we should all be very fit and healthy at Halls Gap. Following the Olympics through the various media outlets, and with all the associated performances and activities, it has been all go go go for the 2012 Olympics for both students and teachers at Halls Gap Primary School. If you haven't had a chance to look at the photos from last weeks hockey match and our resident Olympic Hero, make sure you visit the foyer space adjoining the administration office.

Thankyou to those families that have returned their Parent Survey. Unfortunately one went home for every student and we really only need one per family. If you haven't completed yours could you please do so as soon as possible. The data is collated and evaluated by an independent team with the outcomes then sent back to school and presented as part of our 2012 School Level Report.

Last week we travelled to Concongella for a group day. We joined with Great Western, Pomonal, Concongella, Landsborough for a musical performance with Shrewd Brass. Students were introduced to a number of instruments from the brass family and generally enjoyed a very creative and fun performance. If you haven't had a chance to discuss the performance with your child/ren please ask them to explain the instruments and describe the performance. Following the performance students worked in year level groups with students from across the cluster.

It was great to have a number of our families come along last Friday and join with other community members for our term 3 community breakfast. A number of people stayed on and enjoyed our adults v students hockey match. We even had a very keen community member join the team – go Eric! You were a wonderful asset to the parents and staff team!

Tomorrow playgroup will visit as will the MARC van. Please make sure all books are returned so students can borrow. Students in years 4 and 6 will be sitting the University of NSW Mathematics assessment next week. Again this data is used to help further build teacher understandings about student progress.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



SIZZLING STORY STARTERS FROM THE JUNIOR ROOM

In the junior classroom we have been working on writing sizzling starts to our stories. Our aim is to capture the readers attention in the very first paragraph by starting our stories with action. We have been researching sizzling starts and even went on a sizzling start hunt searching through many books in our room, in an attempt to understand how good writers begin their stories. Last week we wrote a sizzling start based on the Olympics and thought that everyone might like to read those that have been completed. We hope you enjoy them!

"Go, go, go" yelled my coach as I powered through the last 10m on my bike. I thought I was a winner when Dylan V scooted past me I switched to turbo boost and won the race once and for all Dylan V was furious.
By Dylan

"GO AUSSIE, RUN!" The crowd was chanting over and over. I was running as fast as I could. New Zealand was right behind me. Finally the race was over. I'd WON!
By Georgia

I sprint as fast as I can go. Then the crowd was cheering for me, but why? Then the man told me. I was jumping in excitement!! I was in shock! How did I do it? It was the crowd said a little girl.
By Jenna

The crowd was screaming for me. I was two metres from the wall. I touched the wall. I stopped, looked around me. Second place was still coming. I was in shock that I actually won my swim! When I got out and got on that first place. I was so proud that my training paid off. I couldn't believe what I had done.

By Kaylee

"AHHHH" I screamed. I just won a gold medal! I've lost my patience to get on that dais. Now I'm punching walls because I'm that agitated! I want that medal. I'm going to bust! Bring it on!!

By Keira

Cheer everybody! Paddy's coming to win the sprint not to lose! Paddy's coming first he's excited. There's no way Bolt can come back from here. Paddy's won gold for Australia. The crowd is roaring!

By Paddy

'BANG' went the starting pistol. The crowd roared with excitement. I was as fast as the wind. I felt really fantastic. I was starting to fall behind. The crowd screamed for me. I felt like I could do anything right now. I got really pumped. I raced through the other people. I didn't think I could do it. I came first!

By Spencer

"BAM" I was off! The crowd was cheering my name. I was pushing myself very very hard. It felt like I was going to fall over. Noooo! BANG I tripped over my own feet! Silly of me. I got up! I didn't pay any attention to the blood on my knee. I ran faster and faster until I passed two people from Great Britain and Hong Kong.

By Zali

I won a gold medal in swimming!

By Brooke

The finals for BMX riding were starting. I was going very fast. I was coming first.

By Tobie

Wow! I won the Fastest Man on Earth race and got a world record! The crowd roared. I was trembling. I ran as fast as I could and I was very hot and sweaty, my brain was rolling and rolling in my head.

By Eugene

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The second installment of the Education Maintenance Allowance is now available to parents who hold one of the following cards, Health Care Card, Health Benefit Card or Pensioner Concession Card. To be entitled to the second payment, the parent's card must be valid on the first day of Term 3, Monday 16th July 2012. Application forms for the second installment of EMA are now available from the General Office - **these only need to be completed if you are applying for the first time this year, are a new family to the school or if there are any changes to your circumstances.** Applications must be submitted no later Friday 3rd August.

SWIFTS FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

Junior Disco

When : Friday 17th August

Where : North Park Clubrooms

Time : 6.30 – 9.30pm

Cost : \$5.00 entry

Age : 7 – 14 years

* Drinks, chips & lollies will be available for purchase

* Children will be fully supervised and no pass outs will be available

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.

STAWELL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

Junior Singing & Drama Group

* Ages 7 – 17 years

* Every Wednesday 4.00 – 5.00pm @ Stawell Secondary College Hall

The program will include voice production exercises, choral and harmony singing as well as opportunities to build individual singing abilities, movement, improvisation, speaking and general music and theatre knowledge.

Phone Dianne on 0427 850 278 for further information.

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

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Monday 20 th August	Zone Golf (Charlie and Nathan)
Tuesday 21 st August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Wednesday 22 nd August	State Schools Spectacular rehearsal (Melbourne)
Thursday 23 rd August	MARC
Thursday 23 rd August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 27 th August	Newcombe Secondary College music performance
Tuesday 28 th August	Castle building day
Tuesday 28 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 30 th August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 31 st August	Greek Olympics

Tuesday 4 th September	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Thursday 6 th – Saturday 8 th September	State Schools Spectacular rehearsals and performances (Melbourne)
Thursday 6 th September	MARC
Thursday 6 th September	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
Friday 7 th September	Junior School Council fundraising activity \$2.00 – Footy Colours Day Fight Cancer Foundation
Thursday 13 th September	School Council
Tuesday 18 th September	School Photos
Thursday 20 th September	MARC
Friday 21 st September	Last Day Term 3, school dismissal 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 th October – Thursday 17 th October	Somers Camp (6 students registered)
Friday 26 th October	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Monday 5 th November – Friday 9 th November	Canberra Camp years 5/6 students

STAWELL STINGRAYS – SWIMMING CLUB



Training begins-
Juniors and Seniors
Tuesday 4th Sept
6:30-7:30pm

New members welcome
 (Min requirement 4 laps of outdoor pool of 2 recognised strokes)

Enquires –Megan Warren - 5358 3569
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