



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 26 Wednesday 22nd August 2012

TERM 3 Week 6/10	
Monday 20 th August	Zone Golf (Charlie and Nathan)
Tuesday 21 st August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf – to be held at the Halls Gap Mini Golf Centre
Wednesday 22 nd August	State Schools Spectacular rehearsal (Melbourne)
Thursday 23 rd August	MARC
Thursday 23 rd August	Playgroup 9.30-11.00am
Thursday 23 rd August	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Yoga
WEEK 7/10	
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 27 th August	Newcombe Secondary College music performance (no Religious Instruction)
Tuesday 28 th August	Castle building day
Tuesday 28 th 3.15pm	Working Bee (all parents asked to come along and support by lending a hand to further tidy and organise our school following all the building and grounds work)
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

Dear Parents

It was great to have nearly all students and staff return to school on Monday following the various bouts. Hopefully we are through the worst of it and we will be able to return to normal with both classes full each day. To help us remember correct hygiene, the Junior class have made and laminated signs for the toilets and kitchen to remind us to wash our hands using the soap provided.

Next Tuesday School Council has called for a working bee at the school. The working bee has been scheduled for 3.15 in the hope that parents will come along and support the school while students are actively engaged in the Active After School Sport program. We have a list of tasks which include – cleaning out the fundraising store room, the outside small storage shed, gathering all unwanted furniture in the gym ready for sale or removal, removal of BER sign at the front of the school, refilling and sorting out any dangerous holes etc in the grounds following the building works. As you can see from the list bringing a shovel, rake, broom, hand trolley, etc might prove helpful.

As the school grounds are now wet and parts are quite water logged it is the time of year where students may need their gumboots – even to play in the sandpit! If students do bring gumboots they will still need their runners or a proper pair of shoes for walking and physical education lessons.

Today we welcomed Ms Tracey Groves to our school as a substitute teacher as Frau Stoffel was in Melbourne with the State Schools Spectacular team and I attended meetings held in Ballarat. Next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week, please check the calendar as we have a number of activities planned which involved bringing along boxes and dressing up.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

BLACK RANGE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations Charlie (1st) and Nathan (2nd). Both boys have qualified for the Regional Competition of the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championships. They now head off to Horsham on the 31.8.12 to compete against other students from across the region. Well done!

WRITING RESPONSES TO TASKS SET IN THE SENIOR ROOM AFTER LISTENING TO NEWS ITEMS FROM 'BEHIND THE NEWS'

MEDAL MISERY

Reporters, never said a true word in their lives, how dare they criticize our Olympians, when they are sitting on their backside writing lies about the pride of our nation! Things did not go wrong for our Olympians, they did their best, how dare you complain about them. I'd like to see you train every single day and have all the pressure on you, and win a medal.

This year's Olympics has been nothing like the 1976 Olympics where we did not win a single gold medal. We scored 7 gold medals and finished tenth on the medal tally out of 204 countries. That is an amazing achievement. After the 1976 Olympics the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) was built in Canberra to make sure we never had another bad performance.

If you are so angry about the way Australia has completed this year's Olympics, donate some money to local schools! That is where all athletes start out. Sally Pearson for example is a champion hurdler. She had to start doing sport in primary school, that is where all athletes start out. Whilst we agree that schools should get more funding for sports, we need to consider new athletes competing in the Olympics. Our Olympians cannot be expected to purchase all the equipment they need to become elite athletes.

Even Mitchel Watt, one of our Olympic silver medallists, felt the need to defend his medal. How horrible is that! One of our least publicised events won the most gold. The sport of sailing accumulated 3 gold medals, that is amazing! We finished the Olympics with 7 gold medals in Sailing, Swimming, Athletics, Track Cycling and Canoeing.

I hope you had a good think about what you have done to our Olympians. They are the pride and joy of the nation. We must not take our athletes for granted. Thank you for listening and I hope you have learnt something and considered our beliefs.

By Angus and Haylee



Mars Mission!

Thousands of years no discovery, but now there is.



N.A.S.A has created a new kind of robot about the size of a car that is supposed to rove around Mars for the next 30 to 40 years. (N.A.S.A stands for National Aeronautics Space Administration).

Curiosity is a robot that the scientists have named for the journey across Mars. The Curiosity landed on Mars on about the 6th of August 2012. The Curiosity cost N.A.S.A. over \$2.5billion; which is a lot of money.

Curiosity had to travel though temperatures as high as 1 600 degrees as it slammed through the atmosphere surrounding Mars. The shield had to survive through a lot of slamming, and then had to slowly lower its speed from 20 000km/hr to 0km/hr after travelling through the atmosphere.

It took 8 months for the Curiosity to travel from Earth to Mars.

We definitely think that people should explore further into the galaxy to find out more about life on different planets. Exploration to hopefully support people living on different planets should continue as soon the whole earth will have too many people on it!!

It is important that we continue to support projects that further explore other planets and living things.

By Sam, Nathan and Kate.

Medal Misery

Gold... gold... gold... WHHHAAAA TTTT!!!!!!???

Now the Olympics have finished, people in Australia have begun questioning why after many victories, have our athletes start moving down the medal tally ladder. We clearly did not fail, but there is still the question why we got a lower rank then usual.

We disagree that it was our not necessarily our fault as we discovered that other countries have been buying off our best trainers and coaches. The Government is suggesting that we put more effort to teaching kids sport at school. We agree that it is a grand idea, but we think that it may cause some difficulty in some of the other learning areas of schooling. Not all future jobs involve sport. Such as teaching, this is not all around sport, as you would not see a maths teacher playing table tennis against your science teacher. Some people want to become a doctor, a baker, a nurse or even a monkey trainer, these do not involve sport in their job. We believe it is ok to have a reasonable measure of sport, but we shouldn't overdo it.

In 1976 Australia did not receive any gold medals. This was a shock and an outrage to Australia as we had trained just as hard as the rest to move on to the Olympic stage. After this the Government decided on a special gym to train the Athletes for the Olympics. Even now Mitchell Watt (2012 Olympic swimmer) feels everyone is proud of him except the media. Lots of smiles have vanished in the essence of questioning by the media about what went wrong.

But we are all proud of our athletes who compete for Australia and know they will pay for their own training to make them a successful person. Especially we are proud of our gold medallists which are Cate Campbell, Alicia Coutts, Melanie Schlanger and Brittany Elmslie who were in a great swimming team. Our individuals are Tom Slingsby who did sailing. Sally Pearson who did 110m hurdles. Anna Meares who did cycling and beat a great champion - Queen Victoria. We finished with 7 gold medals in cycling, sailing, hurdles and swimming.

All though we did not come first, we are privilege to be able to participate in the magnificent event known as the Olympics. So how dare you be upset with our Australian athletes after all their hard work and many hours of training.

By Georgia and Bee.

Humans Always Overrate

Ladybug, ladybug, ladybug,
Leaf is a dinner for one,
The tree is a home of fun,
Stuck in the tree with its family.
It does not puzzle me; it needs to stay in there to be seen.

Seahorse, seahorse, seahorse,
Simple life, feeling unfree,
Stuck in the tank not in the sea,
It has no reason to thank the aquarium that is trapping it,
It makes me want to have a fit.

Dandelion, dandelion, dandelion,
Rooted to the ground,
A simple weed,
Everybody hates it,
For its species.

Think about nature,
Think then link,
The pieces together,
To understand,
That man doesn't always have to overrate.
By Izzy

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.

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

Monday 3 rd September	Rural Schools Transition Day 1 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending in 2013
Tuesday 4 th September	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15 Golf
Wednesday 5 th September	Proposed teacher stopwork – Australian Education Union
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
Wednesday 12 th September	Rural Schools Transition Day 2 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending in 2013
Thursday 13 th September	School Council
Monday 17 th September	Rural Schools Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending 2013
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 – Thursday 17 th October	Somers Camp (6 students registered)
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th October	Out There Camp years 3&4
Friday 26 th October	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th November	Canberra Camp years 5/6 students
Thursday 15 th – Friday 16 th November	Out There Camp years 5&6