



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 29 Wednesday 12th September 2012

TERM 3 Week 9/10	
Wednesday 12 th September	Rural Schools Transition Day 2 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending in 2013
Thursday 13 th September	School Council Finance 3.20pm, Council 3.45pm
WEEK 10/10	
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

Dear Parents

Even though the day was very wet and windy we all enjoyed Footy Colours Day last Friday. Students dressed in the colours of their favourite football team and enjoyed an afternoon of games organised and run by Miss McAloon. Junior School Council raised \$61.50 which will be donated to support the wonderful work the Fight Against Cancer Foundation do, they would like to thank everyone for supporting this worthy cause.

A number of families travelled to Melbourne to view the 2012 Victorian State Schools Spectacular performance which was held at the Hisence Arena in Melbourne on the weekend. The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest recurring performances in Australia. It is a dazzling song and dance extravaganza, showcasing the outstanding talent of government school students in Victoria. The Spectacular featured an 80 piece orchestra, 1500 voice choir, 1400 mass dancers, 23 lead vocalists, 40 principal dancers, 40 ensemble dancers, 18 backing vocalists and 30 circus performers. A wonderful event for our very own Halls Gap spectacular group to be a part of. Congratulations to the team – Haylee, Angus, Kate and Bethany. A very big thankyou to Frau Stoffel for training and supporting the group at the various rehearsals and performances – we loved your performance!!

This week we have had a very busy team of people working with Rohan to seed and plant grass pieces across the school. Monday was the day for raking the grounds and seeding. Then the watering followed and with the grass squares arriving on Tuesday it is hoped that all grass will be planted by the end of today. It will be great to have this in and growing before the holidays and then with the two week holiday break we should hopefully return to grounds with lots of green cover. If you are keen to support the school with this project please see Rohan or Darren for the jobs that still need to be done and monitored throughout the next few weeks. Thankyou to all the parents who quickly responded when the materials arrived and the weather turned just that little bit warmer. We will need to water the areas regularly throughout the next few weeks. To do this we will need to establish a list and times that people can assist. Please see the slip attached – if you can help please indicate and we can discuss with Rohan how often and when best to water. If you can help by arriving 15-20min before the end of the school day and watering some of the new spaces it would be appreciated. The students are looking forward to having green, cool places to play throughout summer – will be a nice contrast to the hot, dirty, dusty spaces we had last summer.

This coming Friday we will again be working with artist Mary French. Mary comes from Dimboola and has been engaged to work with several schools on projects associated with the Wildflower Festival. Last Friday students created cane frames for correa bells which they will paint this coming Friday. We are also making pompoms for the wattle tree which will be a focus of the festival. The wattle tree, correa bells and purple pincushion flowers will come together as a major installation for the festival which will be held across the last weekend of the school holidays. If you are around in the holidays it always great to visit the show and view the extensive array of flowers found in the Grampians.

I mentioned last week in the newsletter that we had a number of items in the gym which the school no longer required. These will remain available until the end of this week and then the items remaining will be taken to the transfer station on the Wednesday in the last week of term. Please see a teacher if you need to know which items are available. We have asked that a small donation for goods taken be made to the school, we are hoping to replace one of our BBQs with the money raised.

Tomorrow is the last meeting for this term for School Council. Please note the starting time in the list above. Attached to the newsletter for this week are various excursion forms. If you are down to attend any of these activities please complete the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. Last week the envelopes outlining school photos were sent home. Please note the date advertised on these said Monday the 18th – it should have read Tuesday the 18th. These envelopes must be back and ready for the photography company to collect on the day. No late orders are taken.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig

WATERING ASSISTANCE –

I am available to assist with watering at the school - _____

Times I can help (eg weekend, holidays, before school, etc. _____

WANTED

OLD SHIRTS FOR ART SMOCKS – OUR SUPPLY OF SMOCKS HAS DIMINISHED – ALL SIZES REQUIRED

We are in desperate need of shirts for this Friday – students will need their clothing protected!!

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 STINGRAYS – SWIMMING CLUB



DISCO

Friday the 14th of Sept

6:30 - 8:00pm

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE ONLY

(PREP–GRADE SIX)

Where: Stawell Community Health Building -Patrick St Stawell.

Enter :Stawell Library end of building.

Entry = \$5:00 pp

Glow sticks, drinks and snacks available to purchase.

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

Stawell Stingrays Swimming Club

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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
Thursday 25 th October	Maths Olympics years 5&6 Stawell Secondary College
Friday 26 th October	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Friday 26 th October	Northern Grampians Headlice checks
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

Honesty

Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers

Persistence

Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges

Humour

To enjoy and celebrate with others

Initiative

To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership

Commitment

Being dedicated to do your very best

Teamwork

Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone

Respect

Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.