



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 32 Wednesday 17th October 2012

TERM 4 Week 1/11	
Tuesday 16 th October	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 18 th October	MARC
Thursday 18 th October	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15pm
TERM 4 WEEK 2/11	
Tuesday 23 rd October	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 25 th October	Playgroup
Thursday 25 th October	Maths Olympics years 5&6 Stawell Secondary College
Thursday 25 th October	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 25 th October	School Council Meeting
Friday 26 th October	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Friday 26 th October	Northern Grampians Headlice checks

Dear Parents

Students in years 3 and 4 attended the 'Out There Camp' last Thursday and Friday. Even though the weather wasn't the best we soldiered on. We even completed a hike (modified from the original plan) and only managed to be caught in the rain for the last 15mins. Mind you we were soaked through. Water was running down necks and into shoes. Students set goals and worked with others to learn more about themselves and each other. A big questions that evolved throughout the camp was how do you make sure everyone has a voice and how do you put across a point of view or a thought without a teacher controlling the discussion. Students prepared their meals in small groups, organised their sleeping set up, participated in a range of both large group and small group challenges. As a teacher attending the camp it was fantastic to watch the students build friendships and further develop their confidence, problem solving strategies, teamwork and organisational skills. It was wonderful to be able to tell our students on Monday following camp how great they had been and how proud I was to be at camp with them and observe them in action. Well done years 3 and 4 students! Our Somers team return today and we look forward to hearing all the stories tomorrow when they return to school.

Next week is the Maths Olympics for our year 5 and 6 students. Students will travel on the secondary school bus, they will be met by teachers from the cluster, will join with other students for a day of maths challenges and then travel home again by school bus to Halls Gap. If you are not sure where your closest bus pick up spot is please ask at school and if you haven't returned your permission notes please do so as soon as possible.

It is the time of the year to begin gathering intentions of families with students in year 4 in relation to netbooks for 2013. We have offered two options in the past. The first is a lease program with computers then returning to the school at the end of student use. The other is a purchase program where the computer remains the property of the school until the student leaves but is then reconfigured to base set up and becomes the property of the student. If a student does not wish to participate in the program they will not be disadvantaged while at school. They will have access to a school computer during school hours. The major difference is they will not be able to take home a device after hours and during holidays. When considering which option to choose please be aware that most secondary schools do not allow for computers from primary school to be used at year 7. Most schools now have a purchase/lease program that begins in year 7. If you would like to discuss the options with me contact the school.

Lease costs for 2012 were \$130 per year and purchase costs were \$600. Please note these costings may change depending on the devices selected. Please indicate your intention on the slip attached if you have a student moving into year 4 for 2013.

We are currently trying to establish student numbers for 2013. If you are aware of any new families in the Gap please let us know or ask them to visit the school to collect enrolment forms.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

OUT THERE CAMP 3/4 2012 STUDENT GOALS

Keira – My goals were to make some new friends and also to be able to set up and pack up without any help.

Kaylee - To get better at working with different school students (teamwork) and be better at my cooking skill. To have fun, not have a spelling test and meet new people.

Zali – My goals were to do-operate with others from the cluster and also to work together in a team.

Eugene – To make new friends, make better friends and get out of school.

Spencer – To get along with other people from the cluster and learn more about them. I wanted to achieve to not argue with people from other schools.

Georgia F – I wanted to achieve as a goal more co-operation. At camp I wanted to get out of the spelling test and school work.

Dylan – I wanted to be independent at camp.

Kate – Build on my friendships so no-one is ever lonely. Listen to everyone not always listen to myself. Listen to everyones ideas and let everyone have a voice.

Georgia S – I want to make better friendships. Be better at working with people I don't really know. Be a good listener and make sure everyone has a voice.



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 INTERCHURCH NETBALL

Stawell Inter-Church Twilight Comp, will commence on Wednesday 24th October until 27th March 2013 with a break for school holidays, 12th December till 6th February, 2013. Registration forms for under 12's, 15's, 21's and open age are available from Sportspower in Stawell.

Michelle Jess

Secretary

Stawell Inter-Church Netball Assoc.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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Thursday 25 th October	School Council Meeting
Friday 26 th October	Community Breakfast 8.00am
Friday 26 th October	Northern Grampians Headlice checks
Tuesday 30 th October	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 1 st November	MARC
Thursday 1 st November	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th November	Canberra Camp years 5/6 students
Tuesday 6 th November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 8 th November	Playgroup
Thursday 8 th November	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15
Tuesday 13 th November	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15
Thursday 15 th – Friday 16 th November	Out There Camp years 5&6
Thursday 15 th November	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 20 th November	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 22 nd November	Active After School Sport Zumba 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 22 nd November	School Council
Tuesday 27 th November	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 29 th November	MARC
Thursday 29 th November	Active After School Sport 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th December	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 13 th December	MARC
Thursday 13 th December	School Concert 7.00pm Centenary Hall Halls Gap
Monday 17 th December	Religious Instruction Christmas Service – everyone welcome 2.30 at the Chapel in Halls Gap
Thursday 20 th December	School Council (if required)
Friday 21 st December	Last Day of School 2012, school dismissed 2.30pm

SCHOOL VALUES

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.

Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family.