



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 34 Wednesday 31st October 2012

TERM 4 Week 4/11	
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
TERM 4 WEEK 5/11	
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

Dear Parents

Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Stawell last week to attend the Primary School Maths Olympics which was held at Stawell Secondary College. Students worked in teams of four to complete a series of questions. The day was nonstop - problem after problem. With over one hundred and fifty students in the Stawell Secondary College hall it was all action. Students had to run a circuit gathering up one problem at a time and deliver back answers making sure they had completed all the requirements before selecting a new task. Lots of fun and a real test of skill, strategy and teamwork. Congratulations to the problem solving section winning team (Halls Gap PS) – Charlie, Bethany, Angus and Henry. A fantastic achievement. Thankyou to Miss McAloon for supporting students on the day and to Ja-San Trimble and Stawell Primary staff for facilitating the program for 2012.

To further support our transition and camping program students in years 5 and 6 met with the Stawell West Primary School students on Monday for a day of activities. All students agreed that they had met the goals for the day –

- To make new friends
- To build stronger friendships
- To know the teachers that will be on the Canberra camp
- Experience being a student in a large school

School Council met last week for the first of this terms meetings. For discussion were the following –

- Netbooks and notebooks – notebooks to be replaced and set up ready for 2013, 4 ipads to be introduced to the classrooms as part of our ICT program, the netbook program to continue under the current format for students in years 4-6.
- Cleaning contract to be advertised, panel established Sue, Jill F and Judy
- Curriculum and assessment – pupil free day, teachers to be working on curriculum and assessment, day now set Friday 30th November.
- Grounds – watering roster to be set up for the Christmas vacation, grounds maintenance work to be outsourced.
- Markets – revised guidelines approved and dates identified for the 2013 market period.

In the past we have showcased students who learn a musical instrument privately at our school concert. This year we have a large number of students who have extracurricular pursuits. As we will be unable to offer the opportunity to perform as part of our annual concert due to the large number, we are proposing an afternoon tea and performance opportunity for students on Tuesday 18th December starting at 5.00pm. Students will finish school at 3.15 as normal and will be invited back to the school at 5.00pm for a time of sharing and celebration. We would hope all students will attend, not just those performing. We have students attending dance, drama, learning the piano, guitar and violin lessons. It will not only be a time for celebration but an opportunity for students to perform in front of an audience and share their interests with others. Those students performing will be asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share with others at the end of the performances.

As we are working to determine staffing for 2013 we would ask that if you know you are leaving the school could you please notify us as soon as possible. Staffing schools is determined according to the number of students and it is important that we work with accurate figures. At this stage Miss McAloon will be continuing for a period of time into 2013, Frau Stoffel will be taking some leave during term 1 and an Acting Principal will be appointed by the Department. Additional staffing will be determined when enrolments are confirmed.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig



science day Stawell West PS



problem solving Maths Olympics



the winning problem solvers with Mrs Trimble (Stawell Primary School event organiser) and Mr Hilbig (Secondary School Principal)



running for the problem

WANTED

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

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.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR	
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	Prep transition day 1 9.00-11.00am
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	Prep transition day 2 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday 4 th December	Active After School Sport Cricket 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 11 th December	Statewide transition day Prep 9.00-1.00am, all other years 9.00-3.15am
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.

