



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 36 Wednesday 14th November 2012

TERM 4 Week 6/11	
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
TERM 4 WEEK 7/11	
Tuesday 20 th November	Kanga 8 Cricket Victoria Competition years 4-6 (interested students only)
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

WANTED – 2L AND 1L PLASTIC SOFT DRINK BOTTLES FOR MARC TOMORROW (YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS IF YOU HAVE ANY COULD YOU PLEASE BRING THEM IN IN THE MORNING TOO)

Dear Parents

We welcomed back our Canberra travellers this week. A very busy and tiring week but an enjoyable one. Students were able to explain and discuss their experiences with students and staff on returning to school. I would like to thank Miss McAloon for working with our students and taking them on camp. It is a big week and a huge commitment to be away for the week ensuring our students are actively engaged in learning and kept safe. I would also like to thank Stawell West Primary School for allowing us to join their camp and for working with our students and Miss McAloon to help our children build friendships which will support their transition to secondary school.

Throughout the next couple of years the States and Territories of Australia are working towards the implementation of a National Curriculum. It will begin in what will be known as Foundation (our current Prep) and be developed through to Year 12 (year 10 in the early stages). The initial areas that have been developed and agreed to by all States and Territories are English, mathematics, science and history. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is overseeing this work, and is also responsible for the management of assessment and reporting at a national level. The new curriculum will provide explicit advice on the achievement standards and agreement on the curriculum content that all Australian students should be meeting, regardless of their circumstances, the type of school that they attend or the location of their school. It will also provide teachers and parents with a clear understanding of what needs to be covered in each subject at each year level, and teachers the flexibility to shape their classes around the curriculum essentials. The various States and Territories are to establish their own implementation time schedule. Victorian teachers will be implementing the above four areas from the beginning of 2013. A reporting process is to be developed for teachers to report against these areas during the end of second term reporting period 2013. To support this introduction and teacher professional development Friday 30th November is a pupil free day for students at Halls Gap. Teachers will be working with the new curriculum and assessment processes in readiness for the implementation in 2013.

Our P-2 students are preparing for their big trip to the zoo. Please see attached permission forms for this activity.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

PICTURES AND COMMENTS FROM CANBERRA YEARS 5&6



Angus- "My favourite place was the AIS because it was really interesting seeing how high the standards are for elite athletes."

Sam- "I liked the War Memorial because of the planes and weaponry on display and it's a place to remember all the people who have fought in the wars."

Nathan- "My favourite place was Questacon because of the man who made 10 rockets, which was really cool and all the awesome games."

Kira- "Government House was my favourite activity on camp because it had nice furniture and a cool jewellery box."

Bethany- "My favourite place was the National Museum because I liked K-Zone and making my own house for the 3D movie."

Henry- "The War Memorial was the best things on camp because of the restored planes on display and watching the changing on the Guard."

Haylee- "The best things we went to on camp was the AIS because it was interesting learning what equipment the athletes use and how technology is used throughout the centre."

Charlie- "My favourite part about Canberra Camp was the AIS because it was interesting to learn how the athletes train and the amount of technology that was used."

Miss Mac- "The best thing about camp was seeing all the kids enjoying themselves and mixing with students from Stawell West. I was also very proud to see all the Halls Gap students answering the questions at Parliament House!"

SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday 27th November the Northern Grampians Shire are putting on a light up event with a 3metre Xmas tree, next to the information centre in Halls Gap.

They are looking for expressions of interest from children that may be interested in participating in singing Xmas carols. If you are interested please see Lynn.

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	
Thursday 22 nd November	School Council
Friday 23 rd November	P-2 Melbourne Zoo trip, a Grampians Small Schools activity
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
Friday 30 th November	Curriculum/assessment teacher professional development day – no school for students
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.

Summer Holidays Junior Sailing Program

In the last week of the summer school holidays (starting Monday the 21st Jan) the Horsham Yacht Club is offering an introductory sailing course for 7 to 12 year olds.

The "Tackers 1st" program run by Yachting Victoria will bring staff and boats from Albert Park Lake. This is a five day program to be run from the Green Lake Yacht Club from 10 am to 3pm each day.

It is a Kids-Centric, fun, non-competitive, games-based program that includes tuition, on and off water games, Tackers merchandise and certificates.

Topics covered include Rules and Safety, Boat Handling and Sailing Theory.

Further information and registration is available on the Horsham Yacht Club website <http://horshamyachtclub.com>. Phone enquiries to 53847318 (see note on external noticeboard for further information)

I can undertake to manage the watering of the new lawns during the week/s indicated below. NAME: _____

Please circle the dates available and place slip in the notes box.

Dec 22 - Dec 28

Dec 29 – Jan 4

Jan 5 – Jan 11

Jan 12 – Jan 18

Jan 19 – Jan 25

Jan 25 – Feb 1

Thank you for your support in helping us to manage and keep our grounds a safe and an enjoyable playspace for the children of our community.