



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 4 Tuesday 26th of February 2013

TERM 1 2013	
Tuesday 26th February	Active After School Sport Multigames session 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thursday 28th February	Active After School Sport Yoga session 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Monday 4 th March	School Council nominations close

ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder – we have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We ask that you do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

Dear Families,

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, teachers from the local small schools were meeting to discuss the future directions of Cluster Days. Our first Cluster Day of the year will be held on Friday the 22nd of March. Our Prep to Grade 2 students will be heading to Great Western Primary School and our Grade 3 to Grade 6 students will be going to Concongella Primary School for the day. There will be lots of 'getting to know you' activities and maybe even a mini running of the Stawell Gift. Something for us to look forward to.

In our classrooms Bellfield have been doing the integrated studies topic *Natural and Processed Materials*. Students look at the differences between the two and the best uses of them. Fyans have just finished their *Celebrations* unit. We all buddied up last Friday to make lanterns in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Nominations for School Council opened yesterday (Monday) and will close next Monday (4th of March.) Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. You don't need any special experience to be on School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. If you have any questions regarding nominations or you'd like to become a school council member please feel free to come and see me or have a chat with a current school council member.

School Council has approved a pupil free day on Thursday the 28th of March, which is officially the last day of Term 1. Halls Gap Primary School staff will be doing a first aid update on this day.

A roster has been sent home with students for our next Craft Market which is to be held on Sunday the 10th of March (over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.) Any assistance, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions please speak to any member of our Fundraising Committee: Kerry, Sue or Poll.

Participating students are enjoying the Active After School program. For accountability reasons we ask that, if your child is unable to participate in any of the sessions, please let a staff member know prior.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

 Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Please browse the following site and links for parents to find information about school closures in emergency situations:

www.education.vic.gov.au

Follow these links –

SCHOOL

For Parents

Child Health and Wellbeing

Emergencies and Natural Disasters

Closures – Schools, Services and Bus Routes

Stawell 13&U Football Assoc Inc

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2013
at 7pm at the Stawell Football Clubrooms Central Park.

Parents of new and existing players are urged to attend. Further information can be obtained by contacting the
Secretary: Toni Stewart Ph: 5358 5541 Mob: 0428869510

Student Information details: Please return your student/s details as soon as possible. Even if there is **no** changes please still return information to the office. Birth certificates & immunisation records are required with enrolment details by government schools, please return as soon as possible if requested. Thank you.

Asafa Powell will create history when he lines up at Central Park this Easter. He is the fastest man ever to run at Australia's richest and most famous footrace in pursuit of the \$40,000 first prize!

Come to Stawell on Easter Monday to cheer him on.

For tickets please visit www.stawellgift.com/event-guide/buy-tickets/



OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 12 th March	Regional Swimming
Thursday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Thursday 21 st March	School Council - AGM
Friday 22 nd March	Cluster Day
Wednesday 27 th March	State Swimming
Thursday 28 th March	Pupil Free Day and last day of Term 1

SCHOOL VALUES

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

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.

