



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 11 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2013

TERM 2 2013	
Thursday 2nd May	Active After School Touch Rugby session 1 – 3.15 – 4.15pm School Council meeting – 4pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cluster Cross Country (9-13 year olds at Halls Gap PS, 5 – 8 year olds at Pomonal PS)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Stawell Secondary College visit to Bellfield students
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Active After School Circus session 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm

## 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,

On Monday we conducted our first round of Parent/Teacher interviews for the year. It was great to have so many parents coming in to discuss their children's progress and it seems that the new arrangement of providing interview times during the day was also helpful to some parents.

Miss Ryan and the MARC van WILL NOT be visiting us this week. There are other small schools in the area that need an extra visit to make up for missed sessions due to public holidays and pupil free days. She will be back in two weeks so if students need to get a new home reading book they are welcome to use our school library which is very well stocked with books.

Just a reminder about the Cluster Cross Country which is to be held this Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Notes have been sent home for the 5 to 8 year olds (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December this year) because they will be heading to Pomonal PS. The 9 to 13 year olds have not received a note as they will be staying at Halls Gap. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and plenty of food and drink for the day. If you are available to assist us with supervision either at Halls Gap PS or at Pomonal PS, please let me know or just turn up on Friday and we will place you around the running track.

Thank you to all of our Parent Reading Volunteers – the Fyans students are benefiting from the time you spend listening to their reading. Bellfield students would love to have some reading helpers too so if ever you have a spare 15-20 minutes in the morning just drop in and join us. It doesn't need to be pre-arranged or a permanent commitment.

This Thursday is School Council. Councillors are asked to forward agenda items by 9am Thursday morning. If you are not on council and have something you would like to be discussed please see a councillor.

If anyone is available to act as an assistant coach in term 2 for Active After School Program on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, please come and see me if you are interested.

Acting Principal  
Ja-San Trimble



**Earn and Learn is Back!**



**Don't forget to collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths!**

After the great success of Earn and Learn last year we are collecting stickers again. You can bring your stickers into Miss Mac or put them on the sticker sheets provided just outside the reception area at school. Thanks for your support!

The Halls Gap PS Fundraising Committee is seeking membership from its school community. Dannielle Hutchins is the School Council representative on the committee but we are also looking for some enthusiastic members to support her with recommendations to School Council. We are aware that our school is committed to the fundraising activities of the craft markets but we'd love to hear from anyone if you have any further fundraising ideas.

**Payment Reminders: Please remember school fees are now due, if not already paid** (detailed as subject contributions on statements). **Computer Lease payments are also due for all grades 4 – 6. Thanks very much.** BPAY details have been activated by the school, if you wish to pay school fees via BPAY please contact Sue at the office for your biller code and reference number.

Each month Halls Gap Primary School writes an article for the local publication "Fill The Gap & Pomonal Too." The organiser of the newsletter is wanting to wind down her involvement so if anyone is interested in taking over or helping out please come and ask at the school about how to contact Carolyn.

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Responsible Pet Ownership incursion
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN testing for Grade 3 students
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Education week begins
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Black Ranges Division Cross Country
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Cluster athletics

### 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.

Part of the Bellfield Daily Five program was the comparison of 'Good Fit' books to 'Good fit' shoes. This should help to explain some of the interesting footwear in our photos this week.

