



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 17 Wednesday 12th of June, 2013

TERM 2 2013	
Thursday 6 th June	Last session of Active After School Touch Rugby – 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 6 th June	MARC van – please ensure you have your library books to return/exchange
Thursday 13 th June	School Council Finance sub-committee 3.45pm School Council 4pm <i>Please let Poll Ripper or Ja-San Trimble know if you are unable to attend either meeting</i>
Thursday 27 th June	Miss Mac farewell - family dinner at Halls Gap pub from 6pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Choir at State School Spectacular rehearsal in Melbourne

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,

A big thank you to all of the families that supported the market over the weekend. It was a difficult roster to fill with so many families, understandably, heading away for the long weekend but those who were available pulled together and had a great day. Just under \$2,500 was raised for our school.

I would like to invite all families to our farewell for Miss Mac. It is being held on Thursday the 27th of June (in the last week of this term) and will give everyone an opportunity to say good-bye and thank-you. For those of you who are able to come for dinner, we will be there from 6pm but even if you can only call in for a short time, it would be very much appreciated.

Lastly, just some information about our reports. 2013 has seen the staggered introduction of our new curriculum – AusVELS. We have previously used VELS but, in an effort to develop an Australia-wide set of standards, some, quite substantial, changes have been introduced. We need you to be aware that, while we are still required to use the A,B,C,D,E grading scale, they mean different things. The new AusVELS curriculum is quite different, as are the expectations at each level. For example, your child may have been a B in Reading, but they may now be a C. This doesn't necessarily mean that they are not doing as well, it just reflects the different expectations of the new curriculum. Also, the new curriculum refers to the Prep year as Foundation. We will be having parent teacher interviews early in term 3, so you will have an opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns at this time.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble



Earn and Learn Has Closed!!



Please collect all your stickers and return them to school by the last week of term.
Thank you for your support!



The Department's Bully Stoppers initiative has been designed for principals, teachers, parents and students.

- *Bully Stoppers* aims to provide practical advice, information and strategies to support everyone to 'make a stand, lend a hand' and stop bullying.
- Two new online learning modules for parents have now been added to the *Bully Stoppers* online toolkit – both modules were developed in partnership with experts, and are linked to fact sheets.
- Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist and student wellbeing specialist) has designed a module to help parents understand, recognise and manage bullying and cyberbullying behaviours.
- The module by Susan McLean (cyber safety expert) has a focus on cyber safety, cyber bullying, and includes information on sexting, gaming addiction and online grooming. It aims to help parents address standards of behaviour in the context of cybersafety and social media.
- As an additional resource to assist schools in educating parents about cyber safety, Robyn Treyvaud has developed a *Bully Stoppers* cyber safety parent evening presentation package. The package consists of a set of power point slides with comprehensive speakers notes for schools to run a parent cyber safety night.

These modules can be accessed at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx>

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR UPDATE

The choir has commenced before school rehearsals. Frau Stoffel would like the choir to be at school at 8am each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning until further notice.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

Please ensure all of your child's school clothing is named. Particularly jumpers. We have had lots of nameless jumpers recently that we struggle to find owners for. If they are named, then there is no doubt. Thank you for your support with this.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences are recorded daily by teaching staff and are collected by Sue in the office at the end of each month. Please provide a verbal (in person or over the telephone) or written approval for any absences. If you have forgotten, a department generated absentee letter will be sent home at the end of term. Thank you for your support with this.

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Friday 28 th June	Term 2 ends Reports go home
Monday 15 th July	Term 3 begins

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

