



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 18 Wednesday 19th of June, 2013

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Wednesday 26 th June	Choir at State School Spectacular rehearsal in Melbourne
Thursday 27 th June	MARC van – please remember to bring your books! Miss Mac farewell at Halls Gap hotel – from 6pm

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,

The students who participated in our Active After School Program had a fantastic time with both Allan Clarke (circus) and Neil McIntosh (touch footy.) We have applied for a grant to continue the program in Terms 3 and 4 and have been successful. The continuation of our grant requires that we have at least 12 students committed to each session over the 7 weeks. It's a great opportunity for our students to try lots of different activities and we would love to see as many families as possible signing up to participate. We will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please give it some thought. I will send home permission notes on the first Monday back after the term 2 break.

Just a reminder to all families about our farewell for Miss Mac which is being held on Thursday the 27th of June from 6pm at the Halls Gap hotel. I have attached a note to this newsletter for you to return to the school by next Tuesday (the 25th of June) indicating whether your family will be attending and numbers. It will be our last opportunity to wish Miss Mac the best so I'm hoping that all families will be represented, even if it's just for a drink or some dessert.

Please remember, when dropping off and picking up your children, you should park appropriately on either side of the road and ensure they are supervised if they need to cross the road. Although our road is generally a quiet one, it can be quite busy at this time of the day so we need to be vigilant in looking out for cars and pedestrians.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

NEW CURRICULUM - AusVELS.

In an effort to develop an Australia-wide set of standards, a new curriculum is being developed and being reported against from June this year. We need you to be aware that, while we are still required to use the A,B,C,D and 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.

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.



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!

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Friday 28 th June	Term 2 ends Reports go home
Monday 15 th July	Term 3 begins
Tuesday 23 rd of July	Winter Sports competition - Stawell

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

