



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 38 Wednesday 11th December, 2013

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| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December | GREASE and Grade 6 Graduation at Halls Gap Hall |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | 10am Start to the school day                    |



**EARLY DISMISSAL (2.15PM) - NEXT FRIDAY**  
**THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### 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,

This Thursday will see our students putting in their final performance of *Grease* for those parents, family members and interested community members who are yet to see it. They are in for a treat if last Wednesday's production is anything to go by.

Please don't forget to contribute something with a Christmas theme (eg, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, etc) to the hamper for tomorrow night's concert. We are also hoping that some parents will be able to head over to the Halls Gap hall on Thursday (from about 9.10am after school drop off) to assist with setting up for the concert. Also, everyone has been asked to bring along 2 plates of supper – one for the adults and one for the kids. Thank you for your support with this.

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, Frau Stoffel and I will be out of the school participating in a cyber bullying professional development at the Stawell Secondary College. It is not an ideal time of year to be heading off to PD but it is an important topic.

Due to our lengthy production we will be having a special school assembly on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> December at the school to make our presentations from 1.30pm. Unfortunately, the length of *Grease*, along with Graduation has meant that we have had to make some alterations to our usual program. We hope you can all come along on the last day of school and join our assembly.

In the last week of school, on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December I would like to invite students who have lessons in the performing arts external to school; for example, guitar, violin, dance, etc to perform an item for us at school. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and enjoy the informal concert from 9.30am. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are going to perform so that I can arrange a short program. There are other activities happening during that last week which we will update you on a little bit closer.

### **A reminder about the school day starting at 10am this Friday (the 13<sup>th</sup> December)**

Some news for 2014. We will have 2 class groups –

Prep to Grade Three

Grade Four – Grade Six

Frau Stoffel will be teaching English right across the whole school and I will be teaching Maths right across the whole school. Our daily structure will look something like:

| 9.00am – 9.30am               | 9.30 – 11.00am        | 11.30 – 1.00pm           | 1.45 – 3.15pm                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Whole school reading/literacy | Prep-Grade 2 Literacy | Grade 3-Grade 5 Literacy | Humanities, Science, Art, Music, etc |
|                               | Grade 3-Grade 5 Maths | Prep-Grade 2 Maths       |                                      |

Ja-San Trimble  
Principal

PAYMENTS DUE:

\$25.00 GREASE contribution – to assist with costs associated with the concert and the travel to the recording studio. Students who pay this will be able to keep their T-Birds or Pink Ladies jackets

School Photos: Have returned and will be distributed today. Photos of House Captains and Junior School Council are on display at the office . Order forms are available if you wish to order these, orders must be complete by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec or you can phone MSP Photography direct. Ph: 03 5333 5577

| OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR        |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| DECEMBER                            |  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | Concert at school from 9.30am - TBC  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | Whole school trip to swimming pool – to be confirmed   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas baking   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | Last day of school<br>1.45pm – Special assembly for awards and presentations – all parents welcome!<br>Reports go home<br>2.15pm dismissal |

Halls Gap students and their families are invited to attend the “wall” at Lake Bellfield this Saturday morning from 7.40am to congratulate and support local man, Ned Leithhead, on his acceptance as a participant in a television show. The show’s presenter will also be there to surprise him so the organisers would love it if the school students could make signs in support. If you have any further questions please see me, Frau Stoffel or Neill McIntosh.



Nathan Brocken



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**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

**All student laptops** should be handed to the school by this Friday (the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.) Grade 6 leased laptops will need to be re-imaged for next year and we would also like to ensure that all virus protection is up to date for everyone. All laptops will also need to be looked over and assessed for their suitability for re-leasing in 2014.

