



Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 30 Wednesday 15th October, 2014

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 16 th October	Active After School – Fitness session 1
Friday 17 th October	Regional Aths – GOOD LUCK PADDY!!
Mon 20 th , Tues 21 st Oct	Mrs. Trimble at professional development
Wednesday 22 nd October	P-2 Goldilocks – Stawell Entertainment Centre



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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.

Last Thursday's Victorian Government information session was a huge hit with our Grades 5/6 students. They learnt so much (as you will see from their attached writing pieces) and really enjoyed the opportunity to role play the passing of a bill.

It's great to see so many notes returned for our Term 4 Active After School programme. Fitness with Zaiga commences this Thursday while our Tennis sessions, to be conducted by Stephanie, don't commence for another two weeks.

We are in the process of organising a uniform order which will arrive before the end of the year. Please let us know if you think your child/ren will be requiring any new uniform so that we can include them in the order.

Please note that there have been changes to the current arrangements for parents receiving EMA which will disadvantage some families at this school and a large number of schools right across the state. The Victorian Government has decided to pool all money and place it directly into the school budgets rather than asking Health Care card holders to apply. Whether a school receives any money at all depends on its Student Family Occupation (SFO) index which is determined by the occupation groups that were indicated by parents when enrolling their children or as their employment situations changed. A school must be above the state average to receive any money. Our school is not above the state average and has not been given any funding. There are a large number of schools in our area that are in the same situation. The matter will be discussed at the next School Council meeting and further information will be provided as it comes to hand.

Don't forget to check over the page for upcoming dates.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

It's that time of year again !

www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice



Please check and, if necessary, treat your child/family for head lice. If you find head lice in your family please remember to keep checking every 7 days for new lice, repeat treatments and hot wash all bedding, clothing, hats, beanies, headbands etc.

GHC nurses will come to do one last head lice inspection in November. Unfortunately, as of next year the service will not be provided to the schools in the area any more. We will be relying on the vigilance of parents.

GCH nurses are offering parents the opportunity to learn how to check their child's hair thoroughly when they come here on the 28th of November at 9am. Parents will only be checking the hair of their own child/ren.

SCHOOL VALUES

<u>Honesty</u>
<i>Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers</i>
<u>Persistence</u>
<i>Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges</i>
<u>Humour</u>
• <i>To enjoy and celebrate with others</i>
<u>Initiative</u>
• <i>To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership</i>
<u>Commitment</u>
• <i>Being dedicated to do your very best</i>
<u>Teamwork</u>
<i>Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone</i>
<u>Respect</u>
• <i>Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.</i>

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

TERM 4	
Friday 24 th October	Maths Olympics – Stawell Secondary College Grades 5/6
Thursday 30 th October	Big Day Out – Stawell Secondary College Grades 5/6
Friday 31 st October	Cluster Day at Pomonal all students
NOVEMBER	
Sunday 2 nd November	Market
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Tuesday 11 th November	Playgroup
Wednesday 12 th November	Questacon Excursion – Great Western PS all students
Thursday 13 th November	T20 Cricket Blast competition – Grades 3-6
Tuesday 18 th November	School photos
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 9 th December	Transition – 2015 Preps and Grade 6
Thursday 11 th December	SCHOOL CONCERT - EVENING

Please note the change of date -



North Park Athletics Track Opening

Northern Grampians Shire Council would like to invite you to the opening of the North Park Athletics Track in Stawell.

Thursday 18th December 2014
5pm – 8pm
North Park, Stawell

Please join us to commemorate the official opening of the restored track. Activities include a free BBQ, with entertainment including Santa Claus, jumping castle for the kids, athletics events and celebrity races and opportunities to have a go on the new track. A history of the track will be on display and the new plaque to commemorate the opening will be revealed.

Having replaced the entire surface of the track after extensive damage by the flood in December 2011, Stawell now boasts one of the best athletic facilities in Western Victoria.

This state-of-the-art facility is now open for use by athletic clubs, schools and the community, and we want to share this launch with these users.

For more information please contact:
Meg Newton on 5358 8732 or meg.newton@ngshire.vic.gov.au



North Park Athletics Track Opening

Stallholders wanted!

Northern Grampians Shire Council would like to invite you to hold a stall at the opening of the North Park Athletics Track.

This is a great opportunity for you to promote your products, business or organisation to the public at no charge and gain fantastic exposure in the community.

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We are expecting large crowds from Stawell and surrounding regions to commemorate the official opening of the restored track. The event will include a free BBQ, entertainment including Santa Claus, jumping castle for the kids, athletics events, celebrity races and opportunities to have a go on the new track. History of the track will be on display and the new plaque to commemorate the opening will be unveiled.

If you would like to run a stall please contact Meg Newton on 5358 8732 or meg.newton@ngshire.vic.gov.au by Tuesday 18th November