



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 4 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

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Division swimming - Horsham



**PLEASE NOTE – HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON CODE RED DAYS. PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF CLOSURES AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE**

**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,

## **2015 School Council election**

Nominations for School Council open tomorrow (Wednesday) and will close next Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. We are looking to fill 5 parent member positions. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. You don't need any special experience to be on School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Nomination forms are available from the office. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal by next Wednesday. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. If you have any questions regarding nominations or you'd like to become a school council member please feel free to come and see me or have a chat with a current school council member.

The completion of our two week swimming program saw everyone come together for a bbq lunch and a fun afternoon of water activities. It was beautiful weather for a cool off and I was so proud to see and hear so much encouragement and enthusiastic participation. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for the activities, brought salads, helped cook the bbq and assisted with the clean up. It was a nice opportunity to host Pomonal PS students, staff and parents.

Our Division swimming squad have headed to Horsham today to compete in relays and individual events. We wish Kaylee, Keira, Dylan, Eugene and Tobie all the best and look forward to hearing about their day.

Thank you to those parents who attended our fundraising committee meeting yesterday. Great to see some new faces. If any other parents are interested in joining the committee or helping out in other ways please ask a current member: Poll, Dannie or Tracey R. about what is involved.

**Speaking of fundraising**..... Our next market is in a couple of weeks. You will find a roster attached to this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it back to school as soon as possible. Even if you are unable to help out please just write a quick note letting us know.

Ja-San Trimble  
Principal



**School Fees are now due – please make payment at the office or make direct payment with your BPAY details printed on your statement. Thank you.**

MORE DATES	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Regional Swimming (Warrnambool)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Market
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day public holiday
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council AGM
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Cluster cross country
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Working bee (10am) followed by bbq lunch



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Early Childhood Development

### **Every day counts – school attendance**

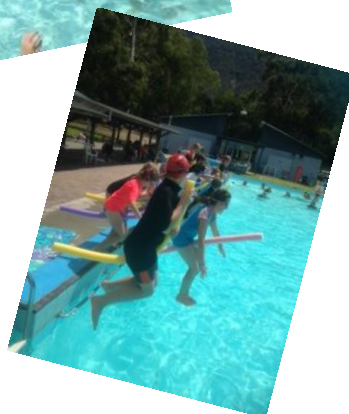
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- *Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.*



## Upcoming events:

**On March 11, 6.30pm. Glenorchy Memorial Hall are playing host to "Festival Of Small Halls".** A series of tours that takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing in tiny halls in communities all over Australia. Performing on the night will be two acts Gordie Mackeeman & His Rhythm Boys from Price Edward Island, Canada and Siskin River a duo from NSW, Australia.

International Women's Day  
**FREE EVENT**

**"THE TALK"  
LIVE  
WITH  
COMEDIAN  
NELLY THOMAS**



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COME ALONG AND ENJOY "THE TALK" WITH COMEDIAN NELLY THOMAS

All parents know that they need to talk to their kids about the "birds and the bees" but many are unsure how to go about it or outright dread it! This informative and humorous live show is based on Nelly's ground-breaking sexual health and ethics DVD of the same name, as well as her 12 years' experience delivering sexual health shows across Victoria.

The show is about supporting parents to have *The Talk* with their kids. It is a fun, educational and light-hearted presentation, followed by an interactive discussion where the audience can ask questions of Nelly and a panel of local health professionals.

There will also be opportunity to learn more about local services with the launch of the Grampians Pyrenees Sexual Health Services Guide.

**WHEN:** 11 MARCH 2015  
6.30 pm (for a 7 pm start) to 9 pm

**WHERE:** Alexandra Oval Community and Recreation Centre,  
Waratah Avenue, Ararat

**COST:** FREE - register at <https://eventbrite.com.au/event/15445997394/>

**AUDIENCE:** Parents of primary and secondary school students.  
*Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided*

**EVENT ENQUIRIES:** please contact Women's Health Grampians  
adminb@whg.org.au or 1800 013 432

ARE YOU NEW TO STAWELL?

DO YOU WANT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE?

Join us for the

## STAWELL RESIDENTS

### OLD AND NEW

# BLOCK PARTY



**WHEN:** Sunday 15 March, 2015

**WHERE:** Stawell Library

**TIME:** 11am until 2pm

**RSVP:** Tuesday 3 March, 2015 for catering purposes,  
Stawell Library 5358 1274

Casual barbecue, entertainment for all ages and meet and greets with representatives from local sport, social and community groups



# PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

**THEME:** What does living in the Northern Grampians mean to you?

Capture what it means to you to live in the Northern Grampians and be a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

#### ADULT COMPETITION

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: IPAD MINI  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: \$250 CASH  
3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: \$100 CASH

#### JUNIOR COMPETITION

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: \$100 CASH  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: \$50 CASH

CHALLENGE OPEN UNTIL MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Please visit the Council website to download an entry form and conditions of entry at [www.ngshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au) or visit our Customer Service centres in Stawell and St Arnaud.

Galleries of all entries will occur in December in Stawell, St Arnaud and Halls Gap.

For further information, please contact Community Partnerships Officer Carly Garonne on 5358 0507.

