



# Halls Gap Primary School Newsletter No 14 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

## TERM 2 2015

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	School Council
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Division winter sports



**ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL**  
Just a reminder – we have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis).

Dear Families,

Thank you to Gjalt and Aat for moving the sand from the cricket oval to the school's sandpit – what an effort considering how heavy it must have been after some rain. We are now officially all “packed” after the aths sports. Also, thanks to Tracey E and Mandy who did some pruning, sweeping and weeding at the front area of the school. It looks nice and tidy now.

Next Tuesday is the Division Winter Sports being held at North Park. All of our Grades 4 – 6 students have agreed to be involved and will head off into Stawell with Frau Stoffel at approximately 9.15am. We are entering 3 Grampians Small Schools Cluster teams.

1. Grade 6 boys
2. Grade 5/6 Girls
3. Mixed

I will be there to meet everyone when they arrive in Stawell as I am coordinating the running of the event. Although we are taking a bus, any parents are welcome to either drop in or stay for the day and cheer us on. One of our teams made it to regional level last year - here's hoping for another successful day!

Please note that our staff are involved in a meeting each Tuesday morning until 8.40am. We are on-site but be aware that any children at school before this time will not be directly supervised by us. Of course we are available in an emergency but if interruptions could be kept to a minimum, it would be appreciated.

I will be on long service leave in the last two weeks of this term and Frau Stoffel will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Ja-San Trimble  
Principal

### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Please contact us (by dropping in or calling on 53564235) to make your 10 minute (per student) interview time with your child/ren's teacher – Frau Stoffel and Mrs. Trimble will conduct joint interviews – on either:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

## MORE DATES – TERM 2

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	P-2 to Stawell Library for National Simultaneous Storytime (travel by bus)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil free day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent teacher interviews



*For the month of May  
Happy Birthday to:*

*Barnaby Beckley – 28<sup>th</sup> May*



Department of Education and  
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.*
- *Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.*

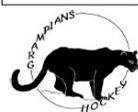
Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws have meant that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day

## Grampians Hockey Free Come & Try Day at the Ararat YMCA

*Indoor junior hockey continues to be played at the Ararat YMCA during the school term. Come & join us for the first time or restart your connection with hockey.*



**When:** Tuesday night 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015  
For free night or just come along.

**Age group:** Hockey Skills Training & games – Open to all student's currently attending primary school and year 7 or 8 students.

**Where:** Basketball courts, Ararat YMCA, 61-73 High Street, Ararat

**What time:** 5:15 to 6:15pm (each Tuesday night)

**Cost:** Normally \$5 per night per player



**What to wear:** Runners, Shorts, Tee shirt top.  
If you need more information, please contact Tony Hillier on 5352 5760 or send an email to [jillandcadedes@araratymca.com](mailto:jillandcadedes@araratymca.com)  
OR Just come along on any Tuesday night at 5:15 pm and either watch or join in. Club Hockey Sticks & Shin Pads are available for use by new players.

**Every Tuesday night at the YMCA basketball courts**



## PLEASE ENQUIRE!

Parkgate Resort are looking for casual  
cleaners during school hours.

Please phone Kathy or Catherine on  
**03 5356 4215**

### Upcoming Events in May:

**GREAT WESTERN:** 24th of May: Seppelts Wedding Expo  
**HALLS GAP:** 24th of May: Run the Gap