



Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE COMPASSION



Newsletter

Monday, 31 October 2016

Good morning everyone,

Cannot believe that we have had another wild and windy weekend! This certainly had an impact on our market as the number of stall holders was well down on previous years. But many, many thanks to the parent volunteers who soldiered on in the kitchen and still managed to raise approximately \$1500. A mighty effort.

Today our students were off on a rather exciting adventure – lawn bowling and horse racing! How lucky are they? Thank you to Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Sharp and Fiona who have organised the day. Those jockeys looked amazing and we hope they looked after their horses post race! A special thank you to Andrew Sharp and the Stawell Lawn Bowls Club who taught us how to play bowls. Also to Chris Grayham and the Stawell Racing Club for hosting the first ever Halls Gap Primary School Cup and they also showered our students with goodies! What a day! Now that our markets are done and dusted for the year our focus moves to the Great Victorian Bike Ride which will be in Halls Gap from the 24th to the 26th of November. Justine and Kayleen are taking the lead on this one and they have some amazing ideas, which range from pop up stalls, a fruit stand to a competition for the best decorated bike! We urge everyone to get involved and have some fun as 4,500 people come to town! Stay tuned for more information.

As our numbers continue to grow, so do the number of cars at the beginning and end of each school day. We are concerned that some parents are parking too close to the school gate which impedes vision in both directions. Please make sure that you park a safe distance from the gate and then walk into the school yard to collect your child. Please also note that this is a 40km zone and that there are a lot of small children entering and exiting our school. Enjoy the Melbourne Cup holiday tomorrow and let's hope the weather is on the improve and we can all get out and enjoy the park.

Samantha Stoffel



Parental controls

Parental controls are available for most devices, either through pre-installed settings that can be activated yourself on a device, or via the installation of free or commercial software.

What are parental controls?

Parental control tools help parents monitor and limit what their children do online. There are many tools available and they all offer different functions, with some even allowing parents to limit the time children spend on specific websites or games.

No tool is 100 per cent effective at blocking access to inappropriate content. They are a good tool to encourage communication with children about their online activities. Currently there are more effective tools for use with PCs and Macs than with mobile, tablet devices and game consoles. Additional parental supervision is required with these.



What do parental controls do?

Every parental control tool is different. Most tools:

- can block children from accessing specific websites, protocols or applications
- filter different kinds of content, like sexual content
- allow parents to monitor use with reports on sites accessed, the length of time and frequency of access
- can be used to set time limits, blocking access after a set time—handy if you are not home and want to limit the time your child spends on a game or social media
- allow parents to change the tool settings to reflect each child's age and skills.

Do parental controls block all bad stuff?

It is essential to note that no parental control tool is 100 per cent effective. It is important to understand the nature of devices that children are using, and also talk to them about staying safe online and being aware of the behaviours of themselves and others.

Parental control tools tend to be better at blocking 'adult' or sexual content than other types of harmful content, such as content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism. Parental control tools have difficulty filtering content within social media sites and messaging services, including video messaging services like Skype.



PHOTO DAY: Thursday 17th November 2016

**Photo Envelopes went home last week
with each student**

- Each Student **must have their own separate envelope** with them, **at the time that their photo is being taken**
- *Each envelope needs to be fully completed with the **correct money enclosed** for your chosen order*
- All Students must wear their **full school uniform** for Photo day
- Family Photographs are available but you will require a **separate family envelope** for these orders, you can collect a **Family Photo Envelope** from the office if you are interested
- Spare Envelopes are available if you have misplaced your original printed envelope that was send home last week
- **All orders have to be submitted on the day** your child/re's photos are being taken and **cannot be accepted afterwards**

Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons Needed Please

If you can drop any unwanted plastic shopping bags and egg cartons into the office
this will be used for the Stawell Food Connect

Thank you.







dates to Remember


OCTOBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Student Banking  Bowling & Racecourse Excursion				

NOVEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	2 Tae Kwon Do	3	4
7 Student Banking 	8 Music T20 Cricket	9 Tae Kwon Do	10 Marc Van	11
14 Student Banking  Playgroup	15	16 Tae Kwon Do Prep Transition	17 School Photographs  Capturing School Moments	18 Little Big Day Out
21 Pupil Free Day	22 Music	23 Prep Transition	24 Marc Van	25
28 Student Banking  Prep Transition	29	30		

DECEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 School Council Meeting	2
5 Student Banking 	6 Music Prep Transition	7	8 Marc Van	9