



# Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE COMPASSION



## Newsletter

### Monday, 7 November 2016

Good morning everyone,

Thankfully the frogs from the P/1 room have found a new home and I believe they are all much happier with a larger dam to swim in. Can you believe there were 15 of them? 5 had turned into fully formed frogs and at least another 5 were froglets. Thanks to the Baker family for supplying the enormous tadpoles!

Our T20 cricket team are heading off to compete at North Park in Stawell on Tuesday with Miss Wilkinson. The students will be having some special coaching this morning by a representative from Milo cricket which will enable them to sharpen their skills before the big day. We love supporters so if you have any spare time, come and join the team at North Park from 10am.

Justine, Kayleen and Tammy, our creative team, have been very busy coming up with ideas for the Great Victorian Bike Ride. It would be fantastic if each family could help out in some way, so please add your name to the roster as I am sure spaces are going to fill up fast!

Next Friday is Little Big Day Out for the P-2 students. We are leaving at 8am sharp and travelling to Geelong where we will visit Eastern Beach, have fish and chips for lunch and then attend Moore Grace Acting Studios for an acting class and a session in their film studio. The studios were established by Studio Director Sarah Grace who has twenty years experience in the film and television industry. She has played numerous roles on top Australian dramas including *Winners and Losers*, *Canal Road*, *Blue Heelers*, and *Neighbours* as well as working on various commercials and theatre productions. Sarah is looking forward to spending time with the children from Halls Gap as she is a frequent visitor to our town. Boy! What an exciting day! We are hoping to arrive home at some time around 6pm with some very tired children.

Have a great week everyone.

Frau Stoffel



## Parent Notification

We have been made aware that gastroenteritis is currently prevalent in our local and surrounding community and as you are no doubt aware children are at high risk of being affected.

Please find below information relating to the control and management of outbreaks generally and if you are experiencing an outbreak I would suggest that you follow the advice provided in the **Guide for the management and control of gastroenteritis** booklet that has been included with this newsletter.

This guide does not specifically relate to schools however it does provide specific information covering a number of different areas including

- Cleaning requirements, Hand washing, Infection control, and Faecal specimen collection (Section 2) and
- Chlorine concentration instructions (Appendix 6)

**Students and staff who are or have been ill should remain away from school until they have fully recovered to reduce the risk of continuing to spread the infection.**

A copy of the exclusion guidelines can be found

here: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/Minimum%20Period%20of%20Exclusion%20from%20Primary%20Schools%20and%20Childrens%20Services%20Centres%20for%20Infectious%20Diseases%20Cases%20and%20Contacts>

Effective hand hygiene is the most important measure in preventing the spread of infection. Alcohol wipes or antibacterial gels are not recommended for use during an outbreak, as they are *less effective* against viruses. Washing with soap and running water reduces the numbers of viruses on the hands to a safer level. Ensuring that staff are and encouraging students to be, vigilant with their personal hygiene is an effective way of minimising infection spread.

For further information please go to the IDEAS website <http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/> and the Better Health Channel: [www.betterhealthchannel.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealthchannel.vic.gov.au)

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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### Photo Envelopes have been sent home 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 sent 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**



### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you looking for something to do in your spare time or wanting contribute back to our wonderful community? Then Meals on Wheels volunteering is perfect for you. It is such a rewarding job that only requires 20-30 minutes of your time. You can volunteer as much or as little as you like. We have volunteers who volunteer on school holidays, once a month, public holidays, days off, or in lunch-breaks.

Meals are delivered at 11.30am Monday-Friday, from Stawell Regional Health. We currently have four different rounds, which are broken up into different sections of Stawell to make navigating easy.

Meals on Wheels volunteering is much more than just delivering a meal, it provides our clients with social connectedness and also serves as a health and wellbeing check for those clients who live alone and don't have regular visitors.

To get involved or to find more information regarding volunteering, please call myself on 5358 8700.

Kind Regards,

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# dates to Remember

## NOVEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
12	13	14	15 CONCERT	16
12-14 CONCERT PRACTICE				
19	20			