



Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE COMPASSION



Newsletter – Monday 8th October, 2018

Dear Halls Gap PS families,

- ❖ Nothing like some warm weather to get everyone rejuvenated and ready to start school. I woke up this morning and was very excited! I'm so happy to be back. Frau Stoffel has been an amazing Principal in my absence and I thank her very much for taking on the role. She has had wonderful support from all of the teachers and the school community. Thank you to all of those people who have offered their condolences to me on the passing of my mum.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who filled out the Parent Opinion Survey. The report is available and we will be looking at it very closely over the next week or so.
- ❖ Mr. Edge is offering some lawn bowls lessons after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm on the following Mondays:

15th October
22nd October
29th October
5th November



If there are large numbers we may need a couple of extra pairs of hands to assist so please let us know if you are happy to help out.

- ❖ This month is Walk To School month. Our school is registered again this year. We encourage everyone to walk, ride or scoot to school as many days a week as you can. We will record this information each day of the month. Last year we had some parents who kindly did the walking school bus from either end of Halls Gap. Perhaps there might be some parents who are happy to do that again this year? It is quite easily coordinated through the Facebook parents page or by speaking to a teacher or another parent.

- ❖ The school has been given a copy of *Literacy and Numeracy Tips to Help Your Child Every Day: A Guide for Parents of Children Aged 0-12*. This resource has been developed as part of the Education Department's Literacy and Numeracy Strategy. Research shows that parents are a very significant influence on a child's learning and development. This resource helps parents with some fun, inexpensive, accessible and practical activities that you can do to develop your child's literacy and numeracy skills. Some great ideas to supplement the 5 nights of home reading that we ask for. We do only have one of these books, that you are welcome to come in and have a look at, but you can also access the tips from the Department of Education and Training website. I have put a copy of this link on the school's Facebook page and web site.
- ❖ The road works are nearly finished ... we do still ask that parents maintain vigilance at pick up time. Of course, staff will always be supervising at the end of the day but until footpaths and clear markings and signage are installed and complete we ask all parents to come inside the gate and collect children (all ages.) I am sorry for any inconvenience but I am sure you appreciate that the safety of your children is our priority. Thank you for your support with this.
- ❖ We seem to be accumulating school jumpers – I have discovered quite the collection. Without names on them! If your child is missing a jumper, please send them to me or one of the teachers.

**Have a lovely week,
Ja-San Trimble – Principal**



Walk, ride or scoot this October!



Important Dates

OCTOBER 2018 - WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Student Banking	9	10 Lunch orders	11 MARC VAN	12 Cluster day – Pomonal PS
15 Student Banking BIG WRITE LAWN BOWLS	16	17 Lunch orders	18	19
22 Student Banking LAWN OWLS	23	24	25 MARC VAN SCHOOL COUNCIL	26 Golf Tournament
29 Student Banking BIG WRITE LAWN BOWLS	30	31 Lunch orders		

NOVEMBER 2018



HALLS GAP MELBOURNE CUP MARKET SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Lunch orders	1	2
5 Student Banking Stawell Race Course Day LAWN BOWLS	6 MELBOURNE CUP DAY – NO SCHOOL!	7 Lunch orders Gr 5/6 Cricket - Stawell	8 MARC VAN	9
12 Student Banking COLD WRITE	13	14	15	16
19 Student Banking	20 2019 Prep Transition 9-11am	21 Lunch orders	22 MARC VAN	23
26 BIG WRITE Student Banking Gr 3/4 Cricket - Ararat	27	28 Lunch orders 2019 Prep Transition 9-11,30	29 SCHOOL COUNCIL	30

DECEMBER 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 2019 Prep Transition 9-1pm	4	6 Lunch orders	6 MARC VAN	7
10 Student Banking	11 2019 Prep Transition 9-1.45pm Grade 6 Transition @ SSC all day	12 Lunch orders	13 CONCERT	14
17 Student Banking	18	19 SCHOOL OF ROCK	20	21