



# Halls Gap Primary School



★ **EXCELLENCE**  
STRIVE TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

★ **COMPASSION**  
GIVE CARE AND CONSIDERATION TOWARDS OTHERS

★ **RESILIENCE**  
HOW STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND A POSITIVE OUTLOOK

Just a reminder – we have a child at school  
with an allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis)



Halls Gap PS is a Child Safe School

If your child is absent  
please call 0353564235  
or text 0409 437 555  
to explain

## Newsletter - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Dear Halls Gap PS families,

And we're back! Don't the holidays fly?

Thank you to everyone who brought their children in to be tested last week. It will make for a much smoother start to the year and knowing where everyone is academically. It was also nice to get a chance to have a one to one chat and see what everyone was excited or wondering about.

While all areas of the curriculum are important, schools are expected to set at least two focus goals for improvement through their Annual Implementation Plans. Our focus, this year is on Writing and Well-being. Our aim is to try and counteract the 6 month regression that usually happens in writing over the holidays. We will also be embedding our School Wide Behaviours Program. Our theme for Term 1 is a Health, Well-being and Safety based one. Parents should be aware that our teachers will be teaching Topics 7 and 8 of the Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships (RRR) program. This is a program taught directly from teaching resources which you are welcome to come and have a look at, at any time. We are in our third year of teaching RRR and have found it provides timely information and strategies for students for a variety of social situations. Our aim is to help grow students who have healthy attitudes to all people and can make wise choices because they have the information they need to do so. Some more detailed information regarding Topics 7 AND 8 is included in the newsletter in the following pages.

Don't forget our arrangements for Extreme fire danger rating days. School will be offered from Stawell West Primary School. It is up to parents whether they choose to send their children on these days or choose to enact fire plans in other ways. It is the responsibility of parents to arrange for travel to and from Stawell West. Please also note that fire danger ratings are now done in local government areas so the rating that is on the sign at the entry to the town may not be the same as the LGA. Families will always be given notice by 2pm the day before so that arrangements can be made.

Once again, the Halls Gap Bakery and Coolas Ice-Cream are happy to help us out with our lunch orders each Wednesday. We really need parents to assist with dropping off in the morning and picking them up at 12.50pm. It is usually coordinated by parents via the school's private parent Facebook page so if you are able to help please let us know, even if it is only occasionally. Lunch orders should have the exact money enclosed and, if your child is late to school, you will need to drop the lunch order over to the bakery yourself. The canteen list is included.

A reminder for all parents that students should not be at school before 8.30am – there are times when teachers have meetings and cannot be at the school this early. Even arriving at 8.30am does not guarantee supervision as teachers do not technically start until 10 minutes before instruction time. This year, students will not be allowed inside the buildings before 8.50am (unless weather is extremely inclement) to allow teachers preparation time prior to school. This is plenty of time for students to get themselves organised for the day. If you wish to catch up with your child's teacher regarding your child's learning or well-being it would be wise to make an appointment as mornings can be a busy time. A teacher will be on duty out in the yard from 8.50am each morning. Please remember that they are on duty and responsible for supervision of students so interruptions to their ability to supervise should be kept to a minimum.

We will retain our alternating roster of assembly and newsletter (apart from this week.) Please check the attached calendar to see which one we are up to.

If your child is absent or late for any reason please call us on 53564235 or text 0409437555 as soon as you can to save our teachers some time. If your child arrives after 9am you will need to sign them in. You can also use these numbers to notify us if you will be late to pick up your child from school at the end of the day.

**Fiona is grateful to have good friends that care for her.**

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

**TERM 1**

*FEBRUARY 2020*

| Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday                      | Thursday               | Friday         |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 3<br>Assembly                                | 4<br>Student banking<br>Newsletter              | 5<br>Lunch Orders<br>No preps  | 6                      | 7              |
| 10<br>Swimming                               | 11<br>Student banking<br>Swimming<br>Newsletter | 12<br>Lunch Orders<br>No preps | 13<br>Swimming<br>MARC | 14<br>Swimming |
| 17<br>Swimming<br>Assembly<br>SCHOOL COUNCIL | 18<br>Student banking<br>Swimming               | 19<br>Lunch Orders<br>No preps | 20<br>Swimming         | 21<br>Swimming |
| 24   | 25<br>Student banking<br>Newsletter             | 26<br>Lunch Orders<br>No preps | 27<br>MARC             | 28             |

*MARCH*

| Monday                                    | Tuesday                             | Wednesday           | Thursday                   | Friday               |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2<br>Assembly                             | 3<br>Student banking                | 4<br>Lunch Orders   | 5<br>Division Swimming     | 6                    |
| 9<br>LABOUR DAY<br>HOLIDAY                | 10<br>Student banking<br>Newsletter | 11<br>Lunch Orders  | 12<br>MARC                 | 13<br>CLUSTER ATHS   |
| 15<br>Assembly<br>SCHOOL COUNCIL<br>(AGM) | 16<br>Student banking               | 17<br>Lunch Orders  | 18<br>Maths Olympics (5/6) | 19                   |
| 22  | 23<br>Student banking<br>Newsletter | 24<br>Cross Country | 25<br>MARC                 | 26<br>2.15 DISMISSAL |



- **SEVERE DAYS** – school continues as usual
- **EXTREME DAYS** – we re-locate to STAWELL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

# **RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

## **TOPIC 7: GENDER AND IDENTITY**

Learning activities within this topic assist students to challenge stereotypes and critique the influence of gender norms on attitudes and behaviour. They learn about key issues relating to human rights and gender identity, and focus on the importance of respect within relationships. The activities promote respect for diversity and difference.

## **TOPIC 8: POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONS**

Learning activities within this topic focus on building an understanding of the effects of gender based violence and focus on the standards associated with respectful relationships. Students develop the skills needed to solve problems, set boundaries within relationships, and play an active role within the prevention of gender-based violence. They develop peer support and help-seeking skills that can be applied in response to situations involving gender-based violence in family, peer, community or on-line relationships.



**Stawell Sport & Aquatic Centre Redevelopment**  
*Don't miss the opportunity to have your say about how you want to see the centre to look and feel in the future; for you and your family for generations to come.....*

Consultation is currently underway for the community provide their input on future program, service and infrastructure improvements at the Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre.

# HAVE YOUR SAY

**Complete the engagement survey**  
Survey is now live until **9th February 2020**  
**Online:** [www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say](http://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say)  
**In person:** Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre during centre opening hours

**Individual/group submissions**  
Written submissions are welcome from clubs, groups or individuals until **12th February 2020**  
**Email:** [ssac@ngshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:ssac@ngshire.vic.gov.au)  
**In person:** Stawell Town Hall Council Offices, Main Street Stawell

For more information on the Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre Redevelopment go to:  
<https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Stawell-Sports-Aquatic-Centre-Redevelopment>



NORTHERN  
**Grampians**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

### **Newsletter via Email**

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email or update your details please complete the slip below and return to the office. It's also worth remembering that the newsletter goes on the school Facebook page and the website. We rely on all families reading the newsletter each week to stay up to date.

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| <b>NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL</b>           |            |
| Oldest Child's Name .....              | Grade..... |
| Parent name to address email to: ..... |            |
| Email Address .....                    |            |