



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 9th June, 2020

Dear Halls Gap PS families,

Life has seemed somewhat strange since the end of March. But ... finally! There is a little bit of a sign that things are heading in the direction of “normal.” It was lovely to have all of our students arriving this morning. Although they are arriving through different entrances, they all appeared keen and happy to see each other. Thank you to all families who have assisted their children with learning from home. There have been lots of comments this morning from our students that indicate the experience has, on the whole, been quite positive. Learning from home looks very different to learning at school, that’s for sure. It’s also very different planning a curriculum to be taught when you’re not going to be teaching it. The weeks leading up to the school holidays will be a gradual build-up of our students’ abilities to work for longer periods of time. We understand that their work load has been reduced while at home and we don’t want to put them into shock straight away! We also want to see where they are at so there will definitely be some testing being done in all classrooms. This will help us with our planning and the setting of learning goals moving forward.

While our students were remote learning I have been so impressed with some the student, teacher, family relationships that have been developed. We didn’t expect parents (particularly those who were working) to be able to do it all on their own so it was great that they made the most of any offers of support from teachers. It was wonderful to see some of our students develop greater independence whilst working from home too. Frau Stoffel, Mrs. Henderson and Ms. Fiscalini have been amazing! It was unknown territory and they did so much professional learning to pick up new skills in technology and well-being. I am very thankful for the hard work that they put into making sure the learning packs were done each week and that they supported each other. Not every pack in every classroom was the same and that is the most amazing thing. They were still able to allow for differentiation in learning. What a team!

At this stage it is unclear whether things like camps, excursions, State Schools Spectacular, sports activities, cluster days, concert etc. will be able to happen. It is generally felt that most of our usual activities won’t be allowed in their usual formats. We know this is sad for

some of our students, particularly those who are in their last year but, rest assured, we will do our best to try and make the rest of the year a special one and one you’ll never forget (although I imagine it is probably already a year you won’t forget.)

Just some important reminders for parents – :

- **Please do not enter the school grounds and buildings unless it is an emergency or urgent.** Call us on 5356 4235 if you need us to meet you at the gate for some reason. We are happy to do this
- Please do not stop to chat (congregate) at the school gates or while – drop off and pick up quickly
- Drop off time is 8.50am at which time students will be supervised. Parents who walk or ride bikes should wait away from entrances and other adults
- Everyone was sent instructions for drop off and pick up locations – it was terrific to see most following that this morning. Students will be taken to their end of day pick up location by their teachers for the first little while until everyone is used to the routine
- Lunch orders will not be available for the rest of this term. Once parents are allowed on site we will resume
- Students should have their own drink bottles from home
- **Keep unwell children at home! Staff will also not be at school if they are unwell.**

This week Brett (our ICT technician) is grateful for technology.

Have a lovely week,
Ja-San Trimble - Principal

A REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Applications for Year 7 placement into government schools are due back at school by Monday the 15th of June. They were sent out early this term. If you child will be attending a private school, this is not applicable to you. It is a DET requirement that the principal reports secondary school destinations before the end of the year so we will require an indication at some point from everyone.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If your child requires any new uniform items please contact Helen in the office via Halls.Gap.PS@education.vic.gov.au or by calling her on the school number – 0353 564235 on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

MAD HATTER'S VIRTUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Our Junior School Council will be hosting a virtual Biggest Morning Tea this Friday the 12th of June at 10:30am. Please don't send in cash or food to share. Students are only required to bring their own morning tea.



Students can come dressed as their favourite book character (can be as simple or as complicated as you wish)

I've also set up a webex invite for parents, extended family and community members to join at 10:30am.

We can't physically share our morning tea but we can still enjoy your company virtually. Please join us!

Webex site: eduvic.webex.com

Meeting number - 1653235266

Password - cJ3eRvcpa22

Link to donate (please don't send cash)

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/Ja-SanTrimble>



TERM 2

JUNE 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10	11	12 Virtual Biggest Morning Tea
15	16	17	18 MARC VAN	19
22 School Council 5.30pm	23	24	25	26 Last day of term. 2.15pm dismissal

TERM 3

JULY 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	16	18 MARC VAN	17
20	21	22	23	24
27 School Council 5.30pm	28	29	30 MARC VAN	31

AUGUST 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
12	11	12	13 MARC VAN	14
17 School Council 5.30pm	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27 MARC VAN	28
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SEPTEMBER 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	1	2	3	4
7	8 School Photos	10	10 MARC VAN	11
14	15	16	17	18 Last day of term. 2.15pm dismissal