Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3, 2009. We hope everyone has had a wonderful break. A very special welcome to Mr Kennedy. We are enjoying the many stories about his travels and adventures since last at Halls Gap. When visiting the classroom yesterday I found all the students sitting in a tight little bundle engrossed in a discussion about weather, they were also examining a very interesting measuring device!

Today the senior students were off with the other Year 5 and 6 students from across the cluster revisiting their leadership understandings and working through a series of group challenges – we look forward to their feedback and input.

Next week is the first of our cluster days for term 3. Students will be working in sport age groups for this day learning correct technique for the various events. Students who are in age groups 6-8 will be based at Concongella. Age groups 9-12+ will be at Great Western Primary School. Please note this will be an early start. **The bus will leave Halls Gap at 8.40am**; we are sharing a bus with Pomonal Primary School. We are the host school for the sports this year. For those parents who are new to the school it is a great day. The day begins with the Marching, each school marches the length of the oval in formation and a judge judges the event. Throughout the morning, students work in their age groups competing against each in the various field events. The afternoon is full of fun and excitement as we have a series of team events where schools compete against each other. As the host school we have additional responsibilities – oval setup, scoring and food preparation and sales. We will also be looking for parents to accompany groups during the morning. More details will follow as we get closer to the day. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the day.

Have a great week,

Judy Hilbig
Principal
ALLERGIES
Just a reminder – we do have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We do ask that you refrain from sending products to school that contain nuts.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING
We will be having a meeting on Wednesday 29th July at 7 pm at the school. We are looking for new members and everyone is most welcome.

EMA APPLICATIONS
EMA applications for second instalment are due in at school by Monday 3rd August.
If you have completed an EMA for the first instalment, there is no need to complete another form.
If you did not complete a form previously and you hold a current pension card, forms are available from the office.
We need a copy of your pension card with your application.
Please return forms to the office by the 3rd August.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Conveyance forms are now available for second instalment.
Conveyance allowance is paid to those who travel more than 4.8 km to their nearest school.
If you have applied for the first instalment and your circumstances have not changed, then there is no need to reapply.
Forms are available from the office and should be returned by Monday 3rd August.