Dear Parents

Another busy week is well underway. The Yr5/6 students are off on the 'Out There Camp', the Prep-Yr4 students hosted the group day for this term and we officially began to use the refurbished building as an office and additional teaching space. The Yr4 students were wonderful leaders on the group day. They were supported by a few Yr5 students from across the cluster; these students will be joining the camp this evening when the group sets up for the night at Borough Huts. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to school on Wednesday. At this stage in the year, students have begun to make firm friends across the cluster schools. While they have their very close friends within their own school they now look forward to meeting with others for these days. It’s wonderful to see the various groups working and mixing so nicely.

Thank you to those parents who helped move office furniture and equipment last Thursday. We now have the major pieces set in place and are currently working towards moving and sorting the last few shelves of documents and books. We do now need some assistance to move the filing cabinets. We will need a trolley to move these, if you can help please let us know.

2010 is a year of review for Halls Gap Primary School. At this stage we have completed the School Self Evaluation and the School Review. Our next step is to complete the new School Strategic Plan. A School Strategic Plan sets out the school’s strategic direction for the next four years. This includes the school’s purpose, values and environmental context, as well as goals, targets and key improvement strategies in three student outcome areas:

- student learning
- student engagement and wellbeing
- and student pathways and transitions.

While the review process outlines possible improvement strategies we as a school community determine our School Profile and Values. To ensure we move forward with the review all parents are invited to provide input through an open meeting on Thursday 11th November at 7.00pm. Details regarding this meeting will be finalised at the school council meeting this Thursday.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2011. If you are aware of any prospective students within our community please contact us.

Have a wonderful week.

Judy Hilbig
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.

HEAD LICE
PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL FREE OF HEAD LICE
Even the cleanest and tidiest hair attracts lice – each time heads are checked it is a different group of students who present with visitors! Please be vigilant and check regularly.

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND MARKET
The monies have been counted and although there were a few outstanding bills at this stage the takings amounted to – $1,260.00 – a great effort and thank you to all who worked to make the day a success.

OGHAM SOUP CONCERT

Report by Henry:
Ogham Soup (which is the name for letter soup) visited Halls Gap school and performed using a violin, guitar, tin whistle and a very long tin whistle, bodram drum and a mandolin. All of the students loved the performance and they were well behaved. The performer’s names were Karen, Jason and Julian (2 boys and 1 lady). They introduced the world of Irish music to everyone, especially if they hadn’t done a lot of music before. For a bonus it was held in the new office. In the P-3 end we had been using their music and were adding beats and instruments to it during our music lessons. There was a hat song that was called ‘The Whistling Bog’. We had to wear very funny hats, jump up and sit down quickly, and when we got to the end of the song we had to do it very, very fast – all except Dylan who was wearing the flea hat. We listened to a jig which had three beats per bar and a reel which had four beats in a bar – that let us tell the difference. I really enjoyed it!