Dear Parents,

Throughout this week students will be allocated their access codes for the Ultranet – referred to as ‘A classroom without walls’. It is a space where learning journeys are visible as students move from class to class, year to year, and school to school. Students will be allocated a username and password that will allow them to log into the Ultranet - www.ultranet.vic.edu.au

Even though the site doesn’t contain a lot of information at this point in time, students are encouraged to log on and begin to familiarise themselves with the structure. A student guide can be accessed online by following the link - http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/ultranet/Ultranet-student-guide.pdf

This document will not only provide information for students but parents and teachers. Teachers will work with students throughout the remainder of the year to build their knowledge and understandings re usage. In a couple of weeks parents will be provided with an access code that will allow parents to log into aspects of the site. The booklet for parents outlines who can see what and who has access to student information. There is a place for each child to have a photo embedded in their pages. Our current authorisations allows for us to upload a photo. If you don’t wish your child to have their photo on their pages please contact a teacher.

At this stage this is very much a new tool not only for students but teachers. At this point in time there is virtually no data entered regarding student progress or learning tasks. This will evolve over the next few months. It is anticipated that we will hold several information sessions early in 2011 to we maximise the opportunities that will be made available.

Tomorrow we welcome our four 2011 Prep students to the school. They will visit the classroom until recess. This will also be a MARC day and with only a couple of visits remaining it is time to search out those library books and return them to Mr Hinchcliffe before the dreaded ‘overdue’ lists are sent home!

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.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS CHOIR
All the students who participated in the Shine On choir from years 5 and up are eligible to audition for the State Schools Choir which you heard in its own special numbers at the Spectacular. This choir rehearses on Saturday afternoons throughout the year during school terms and performs in various venues. The auditions for Choir 2011 will take place on Saturday, November 27 at the Joining the Chorus studios, 102 Rupert Street, Collingwood. If you would like to consider this opportunity you would need to make an appointment to audition by calling 9415 1700. This is an opportunity provided by the DEECD for individual students and their families to consider, this is not something that schools are involved in any way. It is a large commitment for country students but a wonderful opportunity if this is something that you would like to pursue.

THAT MAD PROFESSOR!!!
A message from Frau Stoffel - The Mad Professor is still weaving his magic through film festivals and competitions around Victoria. The latest competition he has been entered into is the FutureShots Sustainability Film Challenge. This is a very large and extensive competition that boasts over $10,000 in prize money, in a variety of categories. So, let’s keep our fingers crossed and stay tuned for further information as it comes to hand!

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INFORMATION SESSIONS
HALLS GAP SUSTAINABLE MULTI USE RECREATIONAL FACILITY

HAVE YOU HEARD COMMUNITY MEMBERS TALKING ABOUT A PROPOSAL FOR A SKATE PARK, SUSTAINABLE MULTI USE RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR HALLS GAP?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS PROPOSAL?
DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE YOUR SAY?
DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WELL, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO COME ALONG, HEAR ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, DISCUSS A NUMBER OF OPTIONS AND PROPOSALS, HAVE YOUR SAY, HEAR HOW IT WILL BE FUNDED AND GET INVOLVED IN A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR HALLS GAP.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 2010.
HALLS GAP RECREATION RESERVE ROOMS
TIME: 2.00 PM AND AGAIN AT 7:30 PM.

Any questions, queries, comments or advice can be provided to Paul Russell at the Police Station on 5356-4411 or email: paul.russell@police.vic.gov.au

PREP – 2 SLEEPOVER
Please find attached the Prep-2 Sleepover permission form. Mrs Hilbig will be the attending teacher. We may require a parent overnight. If you can help please let us know.