Dear Parents

While our swimming session on Friday was the last formal lesson for this year’s swimming program, we still have a team training each morning before school, they will travel to the zone swimming sports with Frau Stoffel as the supervising teacher in Ararat this coming Friday. We wish the team all the best and hope they have a great day. Students from Halls Gap and Pomonal will combine and enter several relay teams.

The following Monday (please note the change of dates due to a clash with zones) we will be hosting the cluster swimming carnival, hopefully the weather will hold. We have certainly had a great run throughout the school swimming program. All students made great progress with many students participating in the survival assessments which involved swimming in clothes. Thanks to Angela for supervising our program and to Blanche – she has once again helped train and prepare our students for competition swimming.

Progress is being made with fencing and gate entryway. Hopefully this work will be finished early next week. Architects, project manager and builders will be meeting at the school this coming Friday to discuss the plans for the refurbishment of the old school building.

During 2010 our school will undergo a full review. When the review is completed a Strategic Plan for the next four years will be developed. The current school councillors will meet to discuss the areas outlined for review within the guidelines. The process will continue across the next couple of months with the new council continuing the evaluation at meeting dates yet to be determined. Information is attached for councillors re the discussion areas.

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.

FORMS AND MONEY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL
To help us manage forms and payments Cathy will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9.00am until 1.00pm and Chris will be in the office on Wednesdays from 9.00am until 4.00pm. If you need to leave notes etc at other times we have a box on top of the stove in the small kitchen area between the classrooms.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
Information session tomorrow at 3.15pm.
If your child is interested in participating in the massed choir please come along.

13&U FOOTBALL
Stawell 13&U Football Assoc Inc
Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7pm at the North Park Football Clubrooms.
Parents of new and existing players are urged to attend.
For further information please contact Toni Stewart,Secretary 53585541

AUSKICK
WANTED URGENTLY
An AUSKICK co-ordinator is urgently being sought to ensure AUSKICK can again be run in the Halls Gap and Pomonal area during 2010.
Unfortunately due to work and other commitments, I no longer have the time to run this fantastic program every week and I am looking at handing over the co-ordinators role in 2010.
If you are able to assist please contact Paul Russell on 0419 523 292 urgently.
Without a new Co-ordinator, AUSKICK will not be able to be conducted in the 2010 year.

NETBALL
‘Net Set Go’
Netball is back for 2010
co-ordinated by Stawell Warriors Netball Club
Registration Night 5pm Wed 24th Feb at North Park
and will be held Wed nights at 5pm prior to twilight netball matches.
Queries to Debbie Bach 53584224

SWIMMING CARNIVAL DATE CHANGE
Please note the cluster swimming carnival will now be held on Monday 1st March. The zone carnival will be held in Ararat on Friday 26th February. Students involved in zone swimming will be notified and given the required permission forms which will need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible please.

STAWELL GYMNASTICS
Stawell Gymnastics club, Cheerleading Thursday 5 - 7pm (11 years & up), Recreational Thursday 4 - 5pm, Kindergym 2 years + Vacancies also available on Monday and Tuesdays. Call Elissa on 0417317431 or come along and have a go. 42 Sloane St.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SERVICE OF RECOGNITION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
A Service to recognise the beginning of the school year and to celebrate the gifts that make a School happen will be held at the Stawell Uniting Church at 10am on Sunday February 28th.
Students, teachers and their families as well as all who work in or with schools are invited to come along to this service.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Help needed – a couple of parents to cut up fruit at 3.05 so it is ready for students to eat in the short break between school finishing and sport starting.