Dear Parents and Students

Value this week – Humour: To enjoy and celebrate with others

Even though Friday was damp and overcast students completed the Cluster 2011 Cross Country. Prep-2 ran out of Pomonal while 3-6 ran out of Halls Gap. Teachers were very impressed with how all students participated enthusiastically. At the end of the run last year teachers were concerned with the number of students who didn’t participate or begrudgingly completed the course. This year the overall fitness of students seemed improved as did their keenness to complete the set track. Run times were recorded for students in years 3-6. Thanks to all the parents who came along and supported us on the day. A special thank you to Felecia who helped with track management each day throughout the weeks of training leading up to the run.

This Thursday is the Cluster Athletics Carnival. If the weather is inclement the Principal of the host school (Concongella) will notify the other schools. This decision is to be made before 7.30am. If they need to be postponed Halls Gap staff will contact each family. The follow up day for the sports is Friday. Students will need to be at the oval by 8.45am sharp. Students are timed and the fastest six are then entered into the finals which will be held during the afternoon. Students need to be at North Park at 8.45 please before country training and consolidate learning. The key component of the day is participation. Students are we

Thanks to all Jason’s great cooking on Friday, all who attended the community breakfast were well fed. Our next community breakfast will be held on the third Friday of term 3.

This week is Education Week, parents and friends were given the opportunity to visit the school yesterday afternoon. We hope those that did come along enjoyed their visit to the classrooms. The Junior class were engaged in an art activity involving paint, scissors and glue. A wonderful herd of dinosaurs resulted! The Senior class showcased SuperClubs and the Ultralnet. Following the ICT presentations parents and friends were able to experience firsthand how games enhance and consolidate learning. Game focus was equivalent fractions. Students from our school featured in the education supplement in the Stawell Times last Friday.

I would like to thank Cathy Tapscott for all her wonderful work with the P-3 students while Frau Stoffel was on leave. Cathy quickly settled into school life at Halls Gap and provided students with a sequential and well planned program. Thanks Cathy.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig
Parents have provided feedback that indicates we still have a head lice problem. Please check regularly and treat if required. We will not eradicate them from the school unless everyone is vigilant.

**HEAD LICE**

ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

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 nuts or products that contain nuts to school.

**CFA INTERVIEW REQUEST**

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF HALLS GAP

Wallis Consulting Group has been commissioned by the CFA to talk with members of the community about the information they have used to help them prepare for bushfire. We are speaking with a wide range of people across rural and regional Victoria. We are keen to include people of different ages and different walk of life. We would like to interview residents of Halls Gap and will be visiting your area on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd June. Interviewers are highly experienced and everything said to them will be kept in total confidence.

As a gesture of thanks all participants will receive $60.

Please find attached a letter of verification regarding this project from Jayne Van Souwe, Director, Wallis Consulting Group. This is an important project and we value your participation.

To register please call me on 03 95330588

Thank you.

Kaye Powell

**AUS KICK**

Monday 4.00pm
Halls Gap Oval

See Dan Magill for further information

**PEOPLE OF ALL AGES PROJECT**

To increase student awareness of the community in which they live we have launched the People of All Ages project –

**Background**

Our neighborhood is full of wonderful people of all ages. Some retired, some running businesses, others working in the various businesses and then there are those who live in Halls Gap and work in the surrounding district.

**Task**

To see if we can find a person of age in our community for every number between 0 and 100.

**Purpose**

To build links between the school and the broader community and to help students better understand their community.

To have students, parents and friends work collaboratively to complete a shared task.

To improve student use of various tools and technologies and to understand the protocols associated with information publication.

Students will be inviting people from our community to be involved. Students will have a consent form that must be signed by the person being photographed. If we have more than one person for each number we will create a collage page with the people photographed.

If you would like to be involved and you haven’t already been asked by a student please let us know.

We will colour the numbers as we collect –

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