Dear Parents and Students

Our year 3 and 4 students joined with students from across the cluster to attend the ‘Out There Camp 2011’. Students hiked from Halls Gap via the fire track to the Halls Gap Zoo. We had a wonderful time at the zoo. Each time we visit the zoo new animals have arrived and new enclosures have been built. Crocodiles, lizards and snakes were the focus for the information session. Following the visit to the zoo students were transported to Pomonal Primary School. Due to the bad weather tents were set up in the shed. It was all very exciting – it looked like lots of little cubbies all packed into the one space. Students enjoyed pasta, fruit and ice-cream for tea. A range of activities were run throughout the evening and following morning. Students prepared aspects of their breakfast on trangiers (small fuel stoves). As with the 5/6 camp it was great to see the students building friendships - developing both their personal and interpersonal skills.

The year 3 and 4 cluster camp was the final cluster activity for our schools for 2011. Teachers from across the cluster met last night to review the 2011 program and set in place dates and programs for 2012. It was decided at our recent meeting that the ‘Out There’ program for years 3-6 will continue and the P-2 program will undergo a number of changes which will see days structured around a theme with a special full day excursion planned for the end of the year. It was decided that the Swimming Carnival will no longer run across the four schools. It was determined that the skill level of students did not warrant a competitive program and the small number of students from across the cluster who do have sound skills can compete at zone level. The Athletics Carnival date has been set for the 22nd April with Great Western hosting the day. The backup day will be Monday 24th April. At this stage the region has not published dates for the Zone Cross Country. The cluster run date will be set when this is known.

Please note the tree removal date has been pushed back – we are expecting it may happen next week. Please be aware of trucks etc working at the front of the school. Also please note Tuesday 6th December will be a pupil free day for all students as teachers will be preparing student report cards.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig

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**HEAD LICE – THEY ARE ALIVE AND JUMPING – PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDREN AND HELP US ERADICATE THEM FROM OUR SCHOOL**

Following our check yester day we do seem to have a large number of students with live lice, live eggs and dead eggs.

Please remember to check weekly.

**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.

**PLANNING FOR 2012**

2012 is rapidly approaching. If you have information regarding possible enrolments and any exiting students we would appreciate being forewarned. We have received a few enquiries regarding new enrolments for 2012 which will hopefully add to our expected enrolment of 24.
### ADDITIONAL DATES TO ADD TO THE HOME CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER 2011
- **Monday 28th**
  - School Camp years 3-6 Cape Bridgewater Coastal
- **Tuesday 29th**
  - Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15

#### DECEMBER 2011
- **Thursday 1st**
  - Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15
- **Tuesday 6th**
  - PUPIL FREE DAY – REPORT WRITING DAY FOR TEACHERS
- **Thursday 8th**
  - MARC
- **Tuesday 13th**
  - State Wide Transition Day – yr 6 students to Stawell Secondary School
- **Tuesday 13th**
  - Active After School Sport 3.15 – 4.15  
  - Last session for 2011
- **Thursday 22nd**
  - Last day of term, students dismiss 2.30

#### FEBRUARY 2012
- **Wednesday 1st**
  - Official return date for teachers (Planning and preparation, CPR and First Aide Update for teachers)
- **Friday 3rd**
  - Day 1 for students 2012