Dear Parents and Students

At Halls Gap Primary School we have two sporting houses – MacKenzie and Zumstein. Walter Zumstein came to the Grampians in 1906 where he managed a bee-site for a honey firm. Four years later he was granted his own bee-site and, with the aid of a wheelbarrow, moved his 20 hives through the untracked scrub and set them up in the bush near what is now known as the Zumstein Picnic Ground. He built himself a little cottage and settled down to make a living from his bees and by renting the cottage to holidaymakers. The Sporting House MacKenzie takes the name from MacKenzie River/Falls which was named by Major Mitchell for his friend from the Peninsula War, Captain Mackenzie. The Aboriginal name for the Falls is Mee Conory Werap – where the blackfish can no longer swim upstream. Each year we elect a House Captain and a House Vice Captain. Students were invited to present to staff and students prior to the elections. The captains for our 2012 year are as follows –

MacKenzie Captain – Angus Stoffel
MacKenzie Vice Captain – Charlie McIntosh
Zumstein Captain – Sam Linke
Zumstein Vice Captain – Henry Read-Spinks

In addition to our elections for house representatives students were invited to nominate and present for the various positions of Junior School Council. The Junior School Council for 2012 is –

President – Izzy Tepper
Vice President – Angus Stoffel
Secretary – Georgia Stoate
Treasurer – Charlie McIntosh
Senior Class Representative – Haylee Hutchins
Junior Class Representative – Georgia Farah

All students who presented, regardless of the outcome, are to be congratulated. The presentations were varied and prepared by each nominee. It was particularly pleasing to see the energy and effort students put into their preparation.

Our market on Sunday was again a great success. We couldn’t have asked for better weather and with many cooperative stall holders we were able to fill the space around the information centre and run a sellout BBQ. Thank you to those who came along and generously gave of their time to help with the set up, market fee collection, site organisation, food preparation and pack up. Our next market is Easter Sunday – one of our biggest. We then go into recess until the Queen’s Birthday weekend. Money collected on Sunday totalled $2891.50 (expenses to be subtracted).

Final dates have been set for exiting old buildings and moving into new buildings. The dates have been extended and the following dates put forward by the builder as recently as yesterday are as follows –

Thursday 22nd - final inspection and certificate of occupancy determined
Week beginning Monday 26th - small items to be progressively moved as spaces become available
Thursday 29th - mass moving of small items (parents, students and staff to work together)
Friday 30th - furniture to be moved by removalists (please note this is a pupil free day, staff only onsite)

We would appreciate help on Thursday 29th by parents to help move small items. This is a MARC day and students will work with parents and staff to help move armloads of books etc when not blocked for their regular MARC session. It is hoped we will be able to manage most of the move throughout these two days. Staff will then work to set up learning spaces during the holidays ready for day 1 term 2. A very exciting time!

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hillbig

(historical information taken from - The Grampians A Noble Range, by Jane Calder)

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – EASTER RAFFLE

Hello Parents & Friends

I am Izzy, the new President of the Junior School Council. I am writing to you about the Easter Raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if you could contribute to the prizes for the raffle. Some of the money we raise will go towards our sponsor child Thomas which includes paying for his education, food and clothing. The contributions could include chocolate Easter eggs, toys - especially Easter related and anything else! Any little contribution would be gratefully appreciated. Last year we had accommodation, decorated cake, lots of chocolate, specialist beauty products, etc as prizes. In addition to supporting Thomas, monies raised last year were put towards purchasing sporting equipment and sandpit toys. We have already had an offer of a decorated cake for the raffle from Dylan’s Grandmother. We often have several prizes which makes our raffle even more exciting. We will be asking for student help to manage the raffle on market day.

Thank you
Izzy
Junior School Council President

MONEY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Please help us by making sure all money payments to the school are in an envelope and correctly labelled – name, payment amount and what the payment is for. To help with this we have attached labelled envelopes with this newsletter. If at any time you need more please see Lynn.

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Name: ___________________________________

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My child/ren would be interested in participating in a parade on Easter Saturday through the main street of Halls Gap. What do you think?

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Georgia S wrote

Stop cutting down rainforests!

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Izzy wrote

Are We Risking Lives?

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Izzy wrote –

Stop cutting down rainforests!

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Kate wrote –

Don't Cut Down – Save The Rainforest!

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Henry wrote –

Every country needs a rainforest!

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EXPOSITIONS BY 4-6 STUDENTS

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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 do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

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AUSKICK

Auskick time again.

This year Pomonal will be running the Auskick program for our area. Contact Adam Atchison on 53566153 for further details. Free tickets are available to families who register online before 31st March 2012.

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CELLO AND VIOLIN LESSONS

Interested in learning the cello or violin?

Contact AJ at the YHA on 5356 4544

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HEAD LICE

Please help us by checking heads weekly – we will only eradicate these pests if we are all vigilant!

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CALENDAR

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If you haven’t returned your permission forms for the group day please help us by doing so as soon as possible.

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EASTER SATURDAY

My children would be interested in participating in a parade on Easter Saturday through the main street of Halls Gap.

Name: ________________________________ Number of children participating: __________________

Suggestions for a parade theme: ________________________________

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Cluster Group Day – Pomonal P-2/3, Concongella 3-6 depart school 8.45am sharp

Cluster Athletics Carnival, Great Western

Head lice checks – Northern Grampians Shire

Cluster Athletics Carnival backup day, Great Western

Cluster Cross Country – Pomonal P-2/3, Halls Gap 3/4/5 (grouped on age not year level)