Dear Parents
A busy week was had last week with two cross country runs, a visit from The Governor and Mrs Chernov and on Thursday the Uniting Care people and bus. It was great to have parents come along and join with us throughout the week for the various special activities. We congratulate all our runners on their fantastic running (see their results below). Our speedy three – Nathan, Georgia and Eugene should be very pleased with their times and placings on the day as they are now able to move to the next level which will be run out of Dimboola. A number of our students ran in ‘Run the Gap’ on the weekend. I have had a number of people comment on their fitness and capacity to complete such a run with confidence and ease – well done runners!

The Junior Class enjoyed Mrs Chernov reading them a picture story book. It was a book all about wombats which was very special as The Governor and Mrs Chernov have wombats on their farm and she was able to add lots of little extra bits to the story. The Governor met with the Senior Class and answered a number of prepared questions. The last activity for The Governor was to help students plant a fern in the small garden bed beside the entrance to the school. We were very proud of our students, they behaved beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for our community.

This Friday we will run a BBQ (hamburgers) for lunch. The ‘Run the Gap’ committee had some left over meat which they have kindly donated to the school. Students will need to bring their morning tea, fruit and drinks. Hamburgers in bread/rolls will be provided.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Congratulations to the amazing group of students who travelled to St Arnaud last week to compete in the zone cross country event. Our students once again did themselves and our school proud, achieving some excellent results and a number of personal best times (known as PB’s.) It was quite daunting to compete in a race with up to 60 other competitors! Thanks also to the wonderful parents and grandparents who support our students. How lucky we are to have such an incredible and fun support crew accompanying us to sporting events! A very special congratulations to Nathan, Georgia S and Eugene who all made it on to the regional level which will be run out of Dimboola on June the 13th.

The results were as follows:
Nathan 1st – 12.20s, Keira 32nd – 13.32s, Bethany 19th – 12.18s, Georgia F 18th – 12.15s, Kate 34th – 13.40, Zali 37th – 14.05s, Kaylee 45th – 14.33s, Georgia S 4th – 10.23s, Dylan 45th – 12.58s, Eugene 8th – 9.31s, Angus 24th -15.39s, Sam 27th – 15.54s.

Student comments:
- Keira: It was fun, it was hard though and I had a great day.
- Kaylee: I was really, really nervous and I had lots of fun.
- Dylan: I was nervous but it was pretty good.
- Eugene: I was very nervous at the start but in the end I was relieved that I go a spot in Dimboola.
- Zali: I didn’t really like the track because it was punishing!
- Georgia F: I didn’t like the track because there was lots of hills.
- Nathan: I was pumped and it felt good to run fast.
- Georgia S: I was pretty excited and nervous at the same time.
- Bethany: I went pretty well considering I was last out of the oval!
- Angus: I thought I went well seeing that I had a broken arm!
- Sam: When I got there I was pretty nervous even though it was my second year doing zones. But after the race I felt really good.
- Kate: It was very, very hard! But I had a good day.

EARN AND LEARN

Remember when shopping at Woolworths please collect the Earn and Learn stickers. If you go through the self check out, take you receipts to the service desk to collect your stickers. You can either place the stickers in the Halls Gap Primary School box at the Stawell Woolworths or drop them into school. All stickers count. The more stickers the more fantastic items we can get for the school!

Thanks heaps for you support!
Miss Mac

CLEANER WANTED
Cleaner wanted to clean 2 villas in Halls Gap, if interested please call Tracey on 0418556360

BOTANICAL GARDENS CELEBRATION

Come and help us celebrate all the work that has gone into repairing our Grampians Flora Botanic Garden.

TUESDAY JUNE 19 2:30 TO 4:30

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.

JUMPERS – ARE DRIVING US CRAZY – PLEASE NAME!

There are a number of school jumpers being left around the school without names. Please ensure that all jumpers are clearly named and remember that this may need to be done on a regular basis as texta names tend to fade with washing.

HEAD LICE

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

If you are unsure about how to treat your child/ren please ask us at school.

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