Halls Gap Primary School
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Dear Parents

With only a couple of weeks to go teachers are busy preparing end of semester report cards for each student. As part of this process students are also asked to reflect on and make comment regarding their own progress. These comments also appear in the report card. These comments are a culmination of the goal setting and goal evaluation each student does throughout terms one and two.

This Sunday is the ABC Open Learning What’s Your Story session. The session begins at 1.00pm and is for any interested community people. If students attend they must be accompanied by a parent as this is a session run and organised by an external organisation.

ABC Open invite you to open a window to the past and tell a story about how times have changed. Simply rephotograph an old photo in the spot where it was taken then share it online through ABC Open. ABC Open's Now and Then will feature at the Museum of Sydney in 2012. So get involved – your photo and story could be part of a national exhibition. For detailed instructions and tip sheets, visit www.abc.net.au/open and click projects and then on Now and Then: Series 2.

Please note you do need to check the requirements before attending as you may need to source a photograph. If you are attending with your child and your child has a netbook they use at school please make sure you bring it along as we are using the school notebooks and we will need as many as we can gather together.

Last week students in year 5 and 6 who indicated they were keen to attend Somers Camp were excited to receive the news that every child that expressed an interest in going was allocated a place. We only get the opportunity to attend this camp every second year and sometimes we only get one or two places. This year we were allocated six! A number of our parents can remember attending camp and in the past I have attended as a teacher. It is a wonderful experience and one students never forget.

Next week is the Botanical Gardens Celebrations re the restoration work following the floods. Students and staff will head off into the gardens at 2.30. These celebrations are timed to go beyond the school finishing time. There will be activities and afternoon tea (some of which have been included specifically for our students). We would encourage parents to come along and celebrate with members of the community, lots of hard work has gone into the development of the gardens and they are looking particularly spectacular at the moment. Students who do not have parents at the celebrations will be brought back to school for the normal 3.15 pickup. There will be no Active After School Sport next Tuesday.

Miss McAloon is organising a group of our keen footballers to attend an AFL Clinic next Wednesday. Those students whom indicated they would like to attend have been supplied with a note. Please return these to school as soon as possible so we can finalise transportation for the event. Thankyou to Miss Mc and to Neil for being prepared to drive the bus.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

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**EARN AND LEARN**

**DOUBLE POINTS!!!**

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This week when shopping at Woolworths you can earn double the amount of stickers! Just include any items from these brands in your shopping and the amount of stickers for all your shopping will be doubled! Keep collecting! We currently have 2500 stickers, thanks you very much for your support.
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 children please ask us at school.

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