Dear Parents

Big excitement – the PLAYGROUND IS BEING INSTALLED!!!!!

Yes we are all very excited, we might even get to play on it before the holidays. Dodging the trees, rocks and pipes has proven tricky but it looks like it will fit and nestle into the space nicely. The softfall will be put down tomorrow and the edging will be completed when the additional concrete and path work is finished. Students will be able to access the equipment once the softfall is down as the fall zones will be covered. Hopefully the path work etc will follow fairly quickly and it will all be finished by the start of next term.

Today a group of students headed out with Miss McAloon and Neil to the AFL Carlton Football clinic in Stawell. Thank you to Miss Mc (and Happy Birthday Miss Mc) for organising this extra curricular activity and to Neil for supporting the group and driving the bus.

The other big exciting extra curricular activity for this week is the year3/4 camp to Melbourne. We have a very enthusiastic group of year 3 students heading off to camp for the first time. Again thank you to Miss Mc and Frau Stoffel for their organisation and to Mel and Frau Stoffel for taking the time out from their families etc to go to camp and provide this opportunity for our students.

Six students were selected to attend the Somers Camp. If you have not returned your forms please do so tomorrow. I will be finalising the placements and must submit the forms, otherwise the places are reallocated to other schools.

School Council News – council discussed the various grounds issues associated with the building works. The asphalt is to be replaced, extended concrete and turf areas are to be installed, retaining wall/seat to be built along front edge of new building, tank to be enclosed, rocks to be spread re safety until further playground plans can be developed/determined. Whilst in the longer term the small shed is to be removed it was agreed that it needs to remain to assist with storage until all spaces are cleaned and sorted. The named bricks currently installed are to be pulled up and stored, council has agreed to lay these along with the new ones when all pathwork is completed. If there are any community questions re where these bricks have gone please help us by explaining they are currently stored and will be reworked into the grounds in the near future.

I would like to congratulate both Miss McAloon and Lynn on their continued placement at Halls Gap Primary School. Miss McAloon’s position is for the remainder of 2012 and as Lynn’s position is attached to certain student programs her tenure matches various enrolments. Teachers completed interviews and the recommendations have been forwarded to the Department. As with all positions filled with the Department they are subject to appeal for a period of two weeks. We look forward to having Kate and Lynn as members of our team.

Next Tuesday all teachers are required to complete their anaphylaxis training. This is a three hour training program and must be completed every three years. While our teachers have an update component as part of their Level 2 First Aid we are now required to do the full training program. Teachers will complete this training as part of a program run at Stawell Secondary College next Tuesday, 26th June. As all teachers will be attending students will be dismissed at 3.00. We are asking parents to collect students promptly at 3.00 so staff can travel to Stawell and commence the training program. We will be asking a School Councillor to supervise students at the gate following the 3.00 dismissal so teachers can travel safely into Stawell and be organised for the training program.

Yesterday all students and staff attended the Flood Recovery Celebrations in the Botanical Gardens. Even though we access the gardens fairly regularly we were very impressed with the work the small team of dedicated community members had done. Thank you to those parents who came along and helped with groups of students.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

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**EARN AND LEARN**

3 500 points

Please help us by continuing to collect stickers.
The program has been extended until mid August.
Thank you to everyone for continuing to collect!

**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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