Our students and at the end of second term reporting period

Curriculum essentials

A proud to see all the technology that was used.

Proud Charlie

Past technology is used throughout the year level, and teachers the flexibility to shape their classes around the curriculum content that all Australian students should be meeting, regardless of their circumstances, the type of school that they attend or the location of their school. It will also provide teachers and parents with a clear understanding of what needs to be covered in each subject at each year level, and teachers the flexibility to shape their classes around the curriculum essentials. The various States and Territories are to establish their own implementation time schedule. Victorian teachers will be implementing the above four areas from the beginning of 2013. A reporting process is to be developed for teachers to report against these areas during the implementation time schedule.

Throughout the next couple of years the States and Territories of Australia are working towards the implementation of a National Curriculum. It will begin in what will be known as Foundation (our current Prep) and be developed through to Year 12 (year 10 in the early stages). The initial areas that have been developed and agreed to by all States and Territories are English, mathematics, science and history. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is overseeing this work, and is also responsible for the management of assessment and reporting at a national level. The new curriculum will provide explicit advice on the achievement standards and agreement on the curriculum content that all Australian students should be meeting, regardless of their circumstances, the type of school that they attend or the location of their school. It will also provide teachers and parents with a clear understanding of what needs to be covered in each subject at each year level, and teachers the flexibility to shape their classes around the curriculum essentials. The various States and Territories are to establish their own implementation time schedule. Victorian teachers will be implementing the above four areas from the beginning of 2013. A reporting process is to be developed for teachers to report against these areas during the end of second term reporting period 2013. To support this introduction and teacher professional development Friday 30th November is a pupil free day for students at Halls Gap. Teachers will be working with the new curriculum and assessment processes in readiness for the implementation in 2013.

Our P-2 students are preparing for their big trip to the zoo. Please see attached permission forms for this activity.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig

PICTURES AND COMMENTS FROM CANBERRA YEARS 5&6

Angus- “My favourite place was the AIS because it was really interesting seeing how high the standards are for elite athletes.”

Sam- “I liked the War Memorial because of the planes and weaponry on display and it’s a place to remember all the people who have fought in the wars.”

Nathan- “My favourite place was Questacon because of the man who made 10 rockets, which was really cool and all the awesome games.”

Kira- “Government House was my favourite activity on camp because it had nice furniture and a cool jewellery box.”

Bethany- “My favourite place was the National Museum because I liked K-Zone and making my own house for the 3D movie.”

Henry- “The War Memorial was the best things on camp because of the restored planes on display and watching the changing on the Guard.”

Haylee- “The best things we went to on camp was the AIS because it was interesting learning what equipment the athletes use and how technology is used throughout the centre.”

Charlie- “My favourite part about Canberra Camp was the AIS because it was interesting to learn how the athletes train and the amount of technology that was used.”

Miss Mac- “The best thing about camp was seeing all the kids enjoying themselves and mixing with students from Stawell West. I was also very proud to see all the Halls Gap students answering the questions at Parliament House!”
SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday 27th November the Northern Grampians Shire are putting on a light up event with a 3metre Xmas tree, next to the information centre in Halls Gap.

They are looking for expressions of interest from children that may be interested in participating in singing Xmas carols. If you are interested please see Lynn.

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.

CALENDAR

OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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SCHOOL VALUES

- Honesty
  - Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers
- Persistence
  - Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges
- Humour
  - To enjoy and celebrate with others
- Initiative
  - To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership
- Commitment
  - Being dedicated to do your very best
- Teamwork
  - Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone
- Respect
  - Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.

Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family.

Summer Holidays Junior Sailing Program

In the last week of the summer school holidays (starting Monday the 21st Jan) the Horsham Yacht Club is offering an introductory sailing course for 7 to 12 year olds.

The “Tackers 1” program run by Yachting Victoria will bring staff and boats from Albert Park Lake. This is a five day program to be run from the Green Lake Yacht Club from 10 am to 3pm each day.

It is a Kids-Centric, fun, non-competitive, games-based program that includes tuition, on and off water games, Tackers merchandise and certificates.

Topics covered include Rules and Safety, Boat Handling and Sailing Theory.

Further information and registration is available on the Horsham Yacht Club website http://horshamyachtclub.com. Phone enquiries to 53847318 (see note on external noticeboard for further information)

I can undertake to manage the watering of the new lawns during the week/s indicated below. NAME: ____________________________

Please circle the dates available and place slip in the notes box.

- Dec 22 - Dec 28
- Dec 29 – Jan 4
- Jan 5 – Jan 11
- Jan 12 – Jan 18
- Jan 19 – Jan 25
- Jan 25 – Feb 1

Thank you for your support in helping us to manage and keep our grounds a safe and an enjoyable playspace for the children of our community.