Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2013 school year. I hope this will be a happy and rewarding year for all our students and their families. A special welcome to all our Prep students, students new to the school and their families. We look forward to your involvement with Halls Gap Primary School. We are aware that a close and effective working relationship between the school and home is vital to ensure the continual educational development of all children.

It has been a smooth start to the year. Most testing is completed. The swimming program is in full swing. Students have voted to name their classrooms. The P-3 room will now be known as Fyans and the 4-6 room is now called Bellfield. We have also held elections for House Captains and Junior School Council (JSC) representatives. All candidates acquitted themselves confidently and with great thought. Their speeches were very impressive. I thank everyone for the time that they put into their preparation.

I wish the following elected representatives all the best for the year ahead and I hope they enjoy the opportunity to be leaders in the school.

Zumsteins House Captain: Haylee Hutchins
Mackenzie's House Captain: Sam Linke
JSC President: Bethany Farelch
JSC Secretary: Kate Boschen
Fyans JSC representative: Paddy McDonald
Zumsteins Vice House Captain: Angus Stoffel
Mackenzie's Vice House Captain: Kate Boschen
JSC Vice President: Angus Stoffel
JSC Treasurer: Spencer Faulkner
Bellfield JSC representative: Dylan Ryan

I thank everyone for the warm welcome to your beautiful school and truly look forward to working with students, staff, parents and the wider community to ensure the continued success and development of Halls Gap Primary School.

Acting Principal
Ja-san Trimble

Please browse the following site and links for parents to find information about school closures in emergency situations:

www.education.vic.gov.au
Follow these links –
SCHOOL
For Parents
Child Health and Wellbeing
Emergencies and Natural Disasters
Closures – Schools, Services and Bus Routes

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.
OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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Bethany

Charlie and Dylan

Haylee and Keira

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.

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Family Name: ____________________________________________________