What a busy week we have had!

Our students were very excited to see the MARC van on Thursday and they spent the day getting to know the new MARC van teacher, Megan Ryan. Miss Ryan really enjoyed her day at Halls Gap Primary School and we look forward to having her come each fortnight.

The swimming program has continued and we have been very lucky with the weather. All students have been grouped and Miss Mac, Mrs. McCann, Maddi Tapscott and their parent helpers are doing a wonderful job teaching water safety and awareness and also improving the swimming styles of some of our stronger swimmers. We will be finishing the program this Friday the 15th of February with a Fun Day. Swimming will start at 10.30am and we will have a BBQ lunch and activities in the afternoon.

Finally, the weekend brought the Jazz Festival and a very busy time for our Craft Market organisers and their volunteers. It was very impressive, as a new Principal to Halls Gap PS, to see how everyone pulled together for the benefit of the students and the school. On behalf of myself and the students, I would sincerely like to thank the fundraising team (Sue, Kerry and Poll) for their wonderful organisation of the event. They have spent many hours behind the scenes ensuring that everything ran as smoothly as possible. It was a big weekend with catering Friday night and all day Saturday, as well as the Craft Market on Sunday and it went without a hitch.

A huge thank you also goes to the parents, family and friends who volunteered their time to assist throughout the weekend. Without your assistance we simply would not be able to have a fundraising event such as this one.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

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**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.

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**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING (current members)** -
**THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 3.30PM**

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**EMA:** The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students. If you are a holder of a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Centrecard pension, please collect an application form from the school office to complete. Provide your card to be copied and all applications close 26th February 2013.
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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.

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