**Halls Gap Primary School**  
**Newsletter No 6**  
**Tuesday the 12th of March, 2013**

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**ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL**

Just a reminder – we have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We ask that you do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

Dear Families,

The Labour Day long weekend meant that we held our second craft market for the year. It was another successful fundraising event, raising just over $1700 for the school. While our volunteer numbers were lower than we would have liked, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following parents for giving of their time to assist in making the craft market a success: Kerry and Darren Linke, Sue Boschen, Poll and Jason Ripper, Rod Spinks, Rohan McDonald, Tracey Roney and Courtney Pitcher.

**Please be aware that there is another craft market on Sunday of the Easter long weekend.** There is then quite a long break before the Queen’s Birthday weekend craft market.

Today our swimming team and their cheer squad have headed off to Aquazone in Warrnambool to compete in the regional swimming competition. We wish them well and you will hear more about their day in next week’s newsletter.

Sports practice has started for our students. As yet we have not been given a confirmed date for the cluster sports day but we have been told to expect that it will be held in late May in Moyston. As soon as temperatures start to drop we will also begin training for the cross country which is to be held on Friday 3rd of May.

Playgroup is visiting our school next Tuesday. While we only have one visit this term, it is likely that we will add future visits to the calendar.

Just a reminder that all Grade 1 – Grade 6 students have a Mathletics membership provided by the school. This is a great online resource that can be accessed from home at [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com). Students can work through set tasks relevant to work being done in class and can practice their times tables and automatic response skills. All students have access to their user names and passwords.

**Acting Principal**  
Ja-San Trimble

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and even cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Please discourage your child/ren from bringing unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
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

Student Information details: Please return your student’s details as soon as possible. Even if there is no changes please still return information to the office. Birth certificates & immunisation records are required with enrolment details by government schools, please return as soon as possible if requested. Thank you.
BPAY details have been activated by the school, if you wish to pay school fees via BPAY please contact Sue at the office for your biller code and reference number.

Junior School Council Easter Raffle Donations

Dear Family & Friends,
The Junior School Council would like to ask you for donations for the annual Easter raffle. Donations could include cakes, vouchers and Easter products, any Donations will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support.
The money from the raffle will help to pay for our sponsor child and provide equipment for the school.
From Halls Gap Primary School Junior School Council.

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SCHOOL VALUES
Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family

Honesty
Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers

Perseverance
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.