Dear Families,

This Friday, the 22nd of March, the whole school is heading off to Concongella PS and Great Western PS for our first Cluster Day of the year. Please note that we are being picked up by the bus at school at 8.45am so we require all students at the school before then. Both Halls Gap PS and Pomonal PS have students with severe nut allergies so please ensure that you send your child/ren with a nut free lunch and snacks.

Next Wednesday, the 27th of March, we will have a family get together to celebrate the end of term. Parents and students are invited from 5pm where we can take the time to catch up, have a chat and watch the students play for a while before we have a BBQ tea at about 6pm. I hope to see as many families as possible at this informal event. The school will supply BBQ food and drinks but please see Jill Read if you are wondering if there is anything you can bring.

6 of our students headed to Warrnambool last Tuesday for the regional swimming competition. Haylee, Charlie and Dylan were competitors while Kaylee, Georgia and Keira went along as the cheer squad. It was extremely hot and Miss Mac did a great job of ensuring everyone came back sunburn free. We are very proud of all 3 students but, notably, Charlie brought home a medal for a third in the breaststroke. Thank you to the parents (and grandparents) who transported the students and, once again, a huge thank you to Blanche Leithhead for taking the time to train them each morning.

A special thanks and congratulations to our Junior School Council president, Bethany, who has been taking her role as president very seriously and collected donations for our Easter raffle. Lots of Stawell businesses have been very generous.

Please be aware that there is a craft market on Sunday of the Easter long weekend. Rosters have been sent home for parents to add their names to. Shifts have been shortened to 2 hours so that business owners are not away from their businesses for too long at this demanding time. This is a large fundraising weekend for the school so any support is greatly appreciated. The money from fundraising goes towards the English budget, Grounds and Maintenance, ICT and funding towards camps and excursions over the course of the year. We are very lucky that we have access to such a successful fundraising event and the dedicated team of parents who keep it running so smoothly.

School Council nominations have closed and there was no need for elections. I would like to thank our retiring School Councillors: Jill Read, Felicia Lacey and Kelly Gehan for their contribution and dedication to School Council. A big congratulations and warm welcome to our new School Councillors:

- Parent members - Dannielle Hutchins, Rod Spinks and Simon Farrer
- DEECD member - Kate McAloon

And a big welcome back to:

- Our re-nominated parent members - Catherina Ripper and Jill Faulkner
- Our mid-term parent members - Darren Linke and Sue Boschen

I look forward to working with School Council towards our common goals of ensuring that Halls Gap PS students have the best possible chances at improving their learning outcomes.
We have a confirmed date for the cluster athletics sports – Monday 27th of May. Let the marching practice begin!

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

**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.

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**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

- **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.