Halls Gap Primary School
Newsletter No 13
Wednesday 15th of May, 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,

It is Education Week from next Monday the 20th of May. I provided some clues last week as to what we might be up to. This week I will give you the full information. Prepare yourselves!!

- **Tuesday 21st of May** is the Black Ranges Division Cross Country in St Arnaud – good luck to our participants: Charlie Farrer, Paddy McDonald, Eugene Read-Spinks, Georgia Farlech, Keira McDonald, Kate Boschen, Jenna Boschen, Sam Linke and Henry Read-Spinks

- **Thursday 23rd of May** we are have a PYJAMAS AND PETS DAY! Yes, we all have permission to wear our Pyjamas and come to school with “bed hair.” We’re also offering everyone the opportunity of bringing along their pets to school. We will have a Pet Parade and there will be some prizes. Please ensure that pets are able to be taken home after the parade which we will have first thing in the morning.

- **Friday 24th of May** we will need to wear our warm clothes and walking shoes because we are going for a hike (weather permitting) in the morning. More details about the destination will be in next week’s newsletter but anyone who is available to walk with us is most welcome. Finally, we will have a shared picnic lunch from 12.30pm to 12.30pm. Bring your lunch, eat with the students, chat with the teachers, have a kick of the footy, a look through some workbooks or help us shoo a roo or two.

**PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING!** The meeting of current and interested members of the Halls Gap PS Fundraising Committee will be held at the school next Wednesday the 22nd of June at 2.45pm in the school’s library.

Acting Principal
Je-San Trimble

Don’t forget to collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths!

After the great success of Earn and Learn last year we are collecting stickers again. You can bring your stickers into Miss Mac or put them on the sticker sheets provided just outside the reception area at school. Thanks for your support!

Please see the below section from a letter by Rev. Susan Pearse. If you are able to, or are planning to attend, please let Mrs. Trimble know as soon as possible.

The Uniting Church in Australia. Stawell-Pomonal Congregations.

(Including Callawadda, Concongella, Glenorchy Landsborough, & Halls Gap)

May 29 2013 is the National Day of Thanksgiving. Members of the Uniting Church, Stawell want to recognise and give thanks for the work of Educational and Family Services on this day. We believe it is important to recognise and support facilities providing education and welfare for young people and families. We give thanks for you and the contributions schools and other educational settings make to the community. To celebrate and give thanks we are holding a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, the 26th of May, 2013, 10.00 am at St. Matthew's Uniting Church at 13 Scallen Street, Stawell.

The service is to recognise ALL who are involved, from teachers, cleaners, School Councillors and parent groups, volunteers, families, students, Chaplains, canteen staff, principals, educational support staff, office workers, business managers, out of school care, visiting services, student support officers, CRE teachers, and people retired from active involvement in schools and community members. We would love to see anyone interested in attending the Service. We also invite school captains or other representatives to represent your school. Feel free to bring along your school banner or another symbol of your school.
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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.