Dear Families,

I can’t say it enough times …… I thoroughly enjoyed the State Schools Spectacular! So much talent in our Victorian schools. I sat close enough to watch the Halls Gap PS Choir and had to remind myself to keep looking at everything else that was going on. The whole performance definitely lived up to its name. I was so proud that our little school was involved in such a special event and that everyone remembered their dance moves and words to songs – even Frau Stoffel. Thank you so much to our parents for transporting, supervising and supporting their children for the 3 days of rehearsals and performances. It is a big undertaking but everyone did it happily. Thank you to Frau Stoffel, Haylee, Angus, Bethany, Kaylee, Georgia and Spencer for all of the hard work and commitment that was required. Well worth it, I believe!

Notes should be going home very soon with regards to the Grades 3 – 6 camp to Little Desert on 19th – 21st August. Arrangements have been confirmed with the camp so all that remains is to finalise the small cost.

Please note that there is a School Council approved Pupil Free Day next Wednesday, August the 7th:

- Staff will not be at the school as we are attending a professional development activity in Ararat.
- Next week’s newsletter will go home on Thursday the 8th of August.

Principal
Ja-San Trimble

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR - BY SPENCER

On Thursday the 25th of July I woke up at 5.30am to go to Melbourne. The bus was too full, so we went on the train. We got there at quarter to 10. I went with my Mum. We took a taxi and found everyone else. When we went inside, my heart pumped with excitement. Some of the stuff they did was really cool. There was two acts. Act one had a song that was in Latin (I think) called Misere. I think that act two was better. At 12pm we had lunch. After our first rehearsal we went to our hotel and went to dinner in China Town. On Friday we did a dress rehearsal but only had time for Act one and two performances from Act two. My sister, Emily came to Hisense Arena. At 8pm my dad and brother, Charlie arrived. On Saturday it was the big day. We were supposed to start at 11am but started at 11.15am. My favourite performance was the Neon Rollerskaters. At lunch time we ran around getting lead singers’ autographs. Then, at 7pm, we did the whole performance again. After that I was tired and we went straight home.
Training begins - Thursday the 1st of August
Juniors (Primary school age) 6:00-7:00pm
Seniors (Secondary school age and above) 7:00-8:00pm
INTERESTED SWIMMERS WELCOME TO ATTEND 3 COME AND TRY SESSIONS
("Swimming club is not swimming lessons")
Min requirement for new members is 4 laps of outdoor pool of 2 recognised strokes
Enquires - Megan Warren (President) - 5358 3569
Ben Hughes (Head Coach) - 0438 510 240

BOOKCLUB - There are some great books in the Bookclub catalogues - please have your orders back to school by this Friday the 2nd of August

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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.