Dear Families,

We had a wonderful time at the Ballarat Learning Exchange recording studio yesterday. All the staff were so helpful and happy to have us there. The students really enjoyed the experience and we look forward to hearing the final production. Frau Stoffel has worked very hard getting everyone well rehearsed and ready to go for both this and the concerts – she was not let down. Everyone really did their best and we know that there will be some wonderful tracks. Thank you to our volunteer helpers for the day – Angie, Betty and Frau Pace. Also thanks to Kate who got out of her sick bed for the day to be involved.

Please let Frau Stoffel know, or write your name on the big whiteboard in the Centre room, if you are available to be a part of the Halls Gap Primary School choir to sing at the Christmas Tree Light Up Festival to be held at the Stoney Creek outdoor area on Tuesday the 26th of November. Our students are singing at 8.15pm so please meet Frau Stoffel near the bakery by 8pm. Parents must also be available to supervise their own children at the event.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

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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.

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**GRELSE REHEARSALS**

The next two Mondays (25th Nov and 2nd Dec) will see us in Stawell at the entertainment centre for full days of GREASE rehearsals. Please have your child/ren at the front of the entertainment centre at 9am. Students will need to be picked up again at the end of the day at 3pm. We highly recommend carpooling but please come in and see us if you can’t find anybody to assist you with this. At this stage, these are the only Stawell rehearsals but watch this space.

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**PLANNING FOR 2014**

While 2014 may seem a long way away, we are already beginning to plan for transition, class structures and calculate staffing requirements. If you have information regarding possible enrolments of Prep and any other students we would appreciate being forewarned.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Photo day is approaching on Thursday 28th November. Please remember each child must have their own separate envelope with them, at the time that their photo is being taken. Please ensure students are wearing school uniform.

If anyone would like a family photograph, we have separate family envelopes that can be collected from the office.
OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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SCHOOL VALUES

- **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