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.

Last Thursday’s Victorian Government information session was a huge hit with our Grades 5/6 students. They learnt so much (as you will see from their attached writing pieces) and really enjoyed the opportunity to role play the passing of a bill.

It’s great to see so many notes returned for our Term 4 Active After School programme. Fitness with Zaiga commences this Thursday while our Tennis sessions, to be conducted by Stephanie, don’t commence for another two weeks.

We are in the process of organising a uniform order which will arrive before the end of the year. Please let us know if you think your child/ren will be requiring any new uniform so that we can include them in the order.

Please note that there have been changes to the current arrangements for parents receiving EMA which will disadvantage some families at this school and a large number of schools right across the state. The Victorian Government has decided to pool all money and place it directly into the school budgets rather than asking Health Care card holders to apply. Whether a school receives any money at all depends on its Student Family Occupation (SFO) index which is determined by the occupation groups that were indicated by parents when enrolling their children or as their employment situations changed. A school must be above the state average to receive any money. Our school is not above the state average and has not been given any funding. There are a large number of schools in our area that are in the same situation. The matter will be discussed at the next School Council meeting and further information will be provided as it comes to hand.

Don’t forget to check over the page for upcoming dates.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

It’s that time of year again!

Please check and, if necessary, treat your child/family for head lice. If you find head lice in your family please remember to keep checking every 7 days for new lice, repeat treatments and hot wash all bedding, clothing, hats, beanies, headbands etc.

GHC nurses will come to do one last head lice inspection in November. Unfortunately, as of next year the service will not be provided to the schools in the area any more. We will be relying on the vigilance of parents.

GCH nurses are offering parents the opportunity to learn how to check their child’s hair thoroughly when they come here on the 28th of November at 9am. Parents will only be checking the hair of their own child/ren.

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Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family.

TERM 4

Friday 24th October  
Maths Olympics – Stawell Secondary College Grades 5/6

Thursday 30th October  
Big Day Out – Stawell Secondary College Grades 5/6

Friday 31st October  
Cluster Day at Pomonal all students

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd November  
Market

Tuesday 4th November  
Melbourne Cup public holiday

Tuesday 11th November  
Playgroup

Wednesday 12th November  
Questacon Excursion – Great Western PS all students

Thursday 13th November  
T20 Cricket Blast competition – Grades 3-6

Tuesday 18th November  
School photos

DECEMBER

Tuesday 9th December  
Transition – 2015 Preps and Grade 6

Thursday 11th December  
SCHOOL CONCERT - EVENING

Please note the change of date -

North Park Athletics Track Opening

Northern Grampians Shire Council would like to invite you to the opening of the North Park Athletics Track in Stawell.

Thursday 18th December 2014  
5pm – 8pm  
North Park, Stawell

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Stallholders wanted!

If you would like to register please contact Mary McLean on 5399 8732 or mary.mclean@grampians.vc.vc.gov.au for further information.

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