Dear Families,

Nominations for School Council close tomorrow!!!! Please call in at the front office and fill out your nomination form (or have someone nominate you) by 4pm tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Division swimming squad. All 5 of them are heading to the Regional competition in Ballarat on the 13th March. Once again, well done to both Halls Gap and Pomonal PS students for their commitment to morning trainings.

You will find a market roster attached to this newsletter. If you have not filled it out and returned it please do so as soon as possible. As you can see, there are still a few spots to fill.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

“I WANT TO BE” — FUNDRAISER

This Friday the 6th of March, students are invited to dress up as what they want to be when they grow up such as a teacher, policeman or a doctor. It will be a gold coin donation going towards the Kids Cancer Project. We can’t wait to see what everyone dresses up as!

Thank you, Junior School Council
School Fees are now due – please make payment at the office or make direct payment with your BPAY details printed on your statement. If a payment plan would assist you to pay weekly or fortnightly, please call in to see Sue at the office. Thank you.

**MORE DATES**

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**Invitation to help with reading**

Each morning the students head into the library for Read To Self and Read To Someone. Parents are invited to assist with listening to students read. Please ask us if you are not sure about what would be involved but it is a great opportunity. We read from 9am to 9.30am every day and would not necessarily require any prior notice or consistent commitment. Just come in when you can – we would love to see you!

**Every day counts – school attendance**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.