Dear Families,

A huge thank-you to Andrew and Leonie McGuckian and their wonderful staff at Norval Camp for, once again, hosting the Leadership Camp for the Stawell and Disctrict schools. Lots of leadership skills were focussed on; such as, resilience, persistence and teamwork. Eugene, Max, Charlie, Kaylee and Keira were able to push themselves beyond their own expectations. I was very proud of their willingness to get involved in everything that was on offer. Here are some of their comments:

Kaylee: The highlights of the camp for me were having a disco which was really awesome (but I got very hot,) meeting lots of new people and having a go at the high ropes.

Charlie: I had a great time at leadership camp. I met some friends, their names were Jarli and Layn. My favourite activity was high ropes.

Eugene: I really enjoyed leadership camp. The food was great. I made some new friends and my favourite activity was the high ropes course.

Keira: The leadership camp was great (except it was almost the same as last year.) The best activity was definitely the high ropes course. I made some awesome new friends.

We are collecting Woolworth’s Domino Stars. We don’t need any particular numbers we just need as many as possible so we can win a special prize. So – any that you don’t need for your personal collection, we are happy to take off your hands.

Please note that we are hoping to have our working bee this Sunday from 10.30am onwards with a BBQ lunch. There is a note attached to the newsletter to be filled out by all families and returned to school by this Thursday. This will assist us with catering and deciding whether to go ahead with the working bee or postponing it until we can have as many families available to help as possible.

The Easter Market roster and JSC Easter raffle roster are also in today’s newsletter. The fundraising committee would appreciate it back at school by next Monday so that they can organise the roster as soon as possible. This is a big market for us (including student raffle – see JSC news below for more information about donating goods and services)

Finally – the cluster cross country is to be held this Friday. The Grades 3-6 students will stay here at Halls Gap PS for the day while the Prep to 2 students will be conducting their cross country at Pomonal PS. Parents of P-2 students should drop their child at Pomonal at approximately 9.30am and pick them up at the end of the day at 3pm. All students will need drink bottles, snacks and lunch for the day. They are also welcome to bring another set of, more appropriate, clothes to run in. Should be a great day and hopefully the weather will be kind. Any parents who are available to help supervise the course at Halls Gap PS from 10.15 am to approximately 12.30 pm would be greatly appreciated.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal
Dear families,
It’s nearly that time of the year again …. EASTER!!! Before the end of this term we will need some Easter donations for the raffle. The tickets will be sold by the students that are willing to help out. All donations should have something to do with Easter and there will be a box in the front hall for all the donations to go in. We hope everyone will donate some awesome gifts.

Thank-you, Junior School Council 😊

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Please remember to provide a copy of birth certificate & immunisation details if you haven’t already done so.

ALSO
Please return student information details even if there are no changes. It is important to us to have the correct details.

**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!
SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 23rd of March from 10.30am

YES, the (insert surname) ______________________ ____________ family WILL be attending the working bee.

Number of adults for working bee ____________

NO, the ______________________ ____________ family will not be attending the working bee.

JSC Easter Raffle Roster

We have tried to limit times to 30 minutes but may need to make them longer depending on the amount of help we can get. Please circle a time or two that your child/ren will be available on the Easter Sunday. We hope to have younger students rostered with older ones.

9:30am - 10:00am
10:00am - 10:30am
10:30am - 11:00am
11:00am - 11.30am
11:30am -12:00pm

Easter Sunday Craft Market BBQ

Date; Sunday 5th April 2015
Venue: School

This Market BBQ is another huge fundraiser for our school. Easter is a busy time for everyone but it really would be fantastic if you could volunteer your time at our BBQ.

Please circle your time preference/s below & return ASAP so our roster is ready before school holidays...

6-9am    Directing Stallholders/ set up
8-11am    Set up BBQ area/cook/service
9-12pm    Cook/service/site fee collection
11-2pm    Cook/ service
12-3 pm   Cook/service/clean up

YOUR NAME:   ________________________