Dear Families,

A big welcome to everyone!! We are very excited about the 2016 school year. It was wonderful to see so many new students, the eager faces of our “older” students and all the parents. I hope you can join us each Monday for assembly. Feel free to sing along with the National Anthem.

Welcome to Miss Wilkinson and Lisa!! It’s great to have some fresh, smiling faces join us. Not that Frau Stoffel and I aren’t smiling, of course!

Thank you to Joel and Mandy who laid the personalised pavers over the holidays. They look terrific and I’m sure there will be past and present students and families that will enjoy having a look at them.

Swimming commences next Monday the 8th of February. The arrangements are still not finalised but Ange should pop in early this week and we can get things organised. A note will go home with dates, times and requirements as soon as I have that information. Parents should feel free to drop in and have a look at the swimming sessions and we are also glad of any extra hands in the changerooms.

MARC van day will be every second Thursday, commencing this week. Mrs. Hilbig will continue in her role as MARC teacher until the middle of the year when Miss Ryan returns from leave.

The annual Jazz Festival will soon be upon us!! It is a huge fundraising opportunity for our school. Catering takes place on Friday and Saturday at the community hall and our craft market is on the Sunday. Rosters are included with this newsletter. We need as many hands on deck as we can get to lighten the load.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal
School Fees are now due
Please make payment at the office Thank you.

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FIRE DANGER PERIOD

Halls Gap Primary School is on the Dept of Education’s Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR.) This means that, on days that are declared CODE RED, our school will close. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible (generally by 1pm the day before.) Once the CODE RED has been called, the closure of the school will go ahead regardless in any change of status or weather conditions.

SUN SMART

As it gets warmer and the UV levels are rising please:

- Supply your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talk to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensure your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Be a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.
UNIFORM ORDERS

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Sizes available: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, M

**TOTAL: $**

Enclose payment with order please.

HALLS GAP CRAFT MARKET

Our outdoor market features home grown, home made arts, crafts, clothes and produce. School parents serve hot and cold refreshments along with a barbecue featuring delicious egg and bacon rolls. All proceeds go to our school.

The Market Dates for 2016 are:

- Jazz Festival – 14th February (Halls Gap School)
- Labour Day – 13th March (Halls Gap School)
- Easter Sunday – 27th March (Halls Gap School)
- Queen’s Birthday – 12th June (Halls Gap School)
- Melbourne Cup Weekend – 30th October (Halls Gap School)

Store Holder Information:


Additional information can be found on facebook, providing up to date information and answers to frequently asked questions. Like us to receive updates as they occur or ask questions for a prompt reply:


**Mail:** Fundraising Craft Market, Halls Gap Primary School, Halls Gap VIC 3381

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
This is our school’s **MAJOR FUDRAISER** for the year and we need a lot of volunteers to help with various activities over this very big weekend.

Any help at any time over this HUGE FUNDRAISING WEEKEND will be of great value to your child/ren and their schooling at Halls Gap Primary School.

A copy of the Volunteer Fundraising Roster for the Jazz Weekend has been attached to this newsletter, if you can please fill your family name into one or more of the gaps and **return to the school ASAP**, we will greatly appreciate it. Thanks for your support and looking forward to seeing you all there!!

A copy of our School lunch order list has been attached to this Newsletter. Lunch Orders are placed every WEDNESDAY. Please ensure you clearly write down either on an envelope or lunch order bag what you want to order for your child/ren and if you can ensure to **enclose correct money** to avoid any disappointments on the day.

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**Newsletter Preference**

If you would prefer to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail
Please complete the below slip and return to the office.

Yes, Please send my Newsletter via E-Mail once published.

Family Name: __________________________________________

E-Mail Address: __________________________________________
In cooperation with Halls Gap Jazz Festival 2016
WAMA proudly presents

**INSPIRATION WILD**
A musical celebration with background film of nature and art.

**SATURDAY**
13th FEB
SHAW MARQUEE
8pm
Featuring
BELLA FRISKY
‘Tarantella to Tango’

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**JAZZ FESTIVAL**
**HALLS GAP**
**12-14TH FEBRUARY**
1000 musicians performing against the spectacular backdrop of the Grampians on nine stages.
Also presenting Inspiration Wild –
A musical celebration of nature and art.
Sat. 13th Feb - Shaw Marquee 8pm featuring Bella Frisky

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**GRAMPIANS “RIDE TO REMEMBER” 2016**
**SUNDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY**
Ararat - Grampians Region - Western Victoria
Open to all Licensed Riders
**“PLUS SHOW N SHINE”**

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**MORNING TEA “STOPOVER”**
Halls Gap Cricket Oval
10.00am -10.30am
GENERAL PUBLIC MOST WELCOME
Proceeds supporting Halls Gap Cricket Club

**ENQUIRIES:**
Neil McIntosh - Tel: 0417 554 619
Ride information: www.remember.org.au/events