Dear Families,

Thanks again to everyone who put their hand up and supported the school over the Jazz weekend. We raised approximately $6,000, which is amazing!! The money raised provides a wonderful support to all of our families and is spread equally to all children. It helps to keep school fees down and reduce the amount of times you have to dip into your pockets during the year. Just to give you an idea, some of the money from markets and other fundraising ventures goes to:

- Literacy resources
- ICT resources
- Full payment of major junior (P-2) excursion
- 20% payment of senior (3-6) camp
- Book presentation at end of year concert
- Grounds and maintenance – last year we installed blinds in the library. The shipping container and outdoor settings have all come from fundraising.

The organisation of such an event as the Jazz weekend catering and market is quite complicated and time consuming. I know she will hate me for singling her out but Poll does an amazing job of coordinating. Thanks Poll!

We will be looking to succession plan so if you’re interested in getting a little more involved, talk to Poll and spend some time with her learning the ropes. Please also remember that Dannie is looking to hand the market phone to someone and, as yet, we haven’t had any takers.

This Friday is our swimming fun day to celebrate the end of another successful swimming program. The plan is:

- Lessons begin at 10.30am and finish at 1pm
- Picnic lunch followed by fun in the pool
- 2pm we will hold time trials for those students trying out for division swimming
- Students picked up from the pool at usual pick up time

It was terrific to see so many Prep/Grade 1 parents here this morning to meet with Frau Stoffel and to get some more insight in how to support their children’s learning. Particularly as we are trialling the new SSP (Speech, Sounds, Pictures literacy program – get those “Duck Hands” out!!!) It is so important that we see education as a team effort! Working together we will accomplish so much more...

Ja-San Trimble
Principal
**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

5th Aleisha Harrip

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**Book Club Orders**

Book Club Orders are due on the: **17th February 2016**

Please ensure you have completed your order form and enclosed correct money. Cash or cheque made out to the Halls Gap Primary School only. Unfortunately we *cannot accept* credit card payments. Thank you

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**HALLS GAP CRAFT MARKET DATES 2016**

- 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)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**
# TERM 1 - 2016

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