Newsletter #15 October 8th 2025

# Halls Gap Primary School

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Dear students, parents and families,

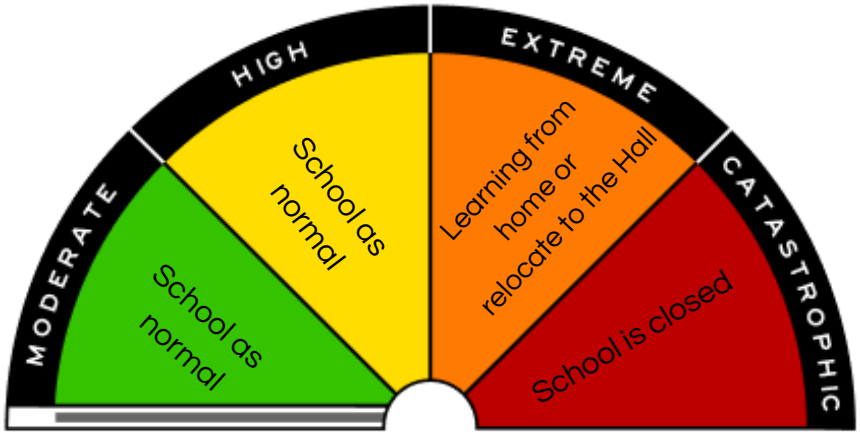
We're excited to kick off Term 4 with a renewed commitment to home reading and a strong focus on practising high-frequency words to support every child's reading fluency and confidence.
This term is all about consolidating learning, celebrating progress, and enjoying plenty of fun as we prepare for our end-of-year school concert. We'll also be placing a spotlight on our school values, making sure they shine through in everything we do, both in the classroom and in the playground.

Term 4 is hat term! A reminder that all students must wear a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named and at school each day.

<u>Bushfire Preparedness and Upcoming Events</u>
As we move into the warmer months, it's important that our school community is aware of our procedures in relation to fire danger ratings. You'll notice the new Fire Danger Rating Scale displayed in our newsletter each fortnight, which helps everyone understand what actions we need to take on higher-risk days.

- High Days – School continues as usual.
- Extreme Days – Students will learn from home or we will relocate to the Hall if conditions allow.
- Catastrophic Days –School will be closed.

We'll continue to communicate clearly with families if any of these circumstances arise.
We're also planning a Bushfire Safety Information Session after school in the coming weeks. Families are encouraged to come along to learn more about how to prepare at home and understand local emergency procedures. We're hoping to have our local CFA join us to share their expertise! Dates will be confirmed soon.

- 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Smile Squad Visit

The Smile Squad Dental Program will be visiting Halls Gap Primary soon! This is a free program that provides dental checks and treatment for students right here at school. Families are encouraged to sign up using the QR code or the link below so your child doesn't miss out.

Consent forms can be filled out using the link or QR code: https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic

Please ensure consent forms are submitted by October 31st.

Got Sound or Lighting Skills? We Need You!

Calling all tech-savvy legends, musicians, tradies, and anyone who loves a good show!
We're on the lookout for anyone with sound or lighting expertise to help us make this year's school concert shine (literally!).
If you can lend a hand (or know someone who can) please let us know.
We'd love to involve our school community in bringing some extra sparkle and stage magic to the event.
Come and join the fun, share your skills, and help make this concert one to remember!

Pick-Up Safety Reminder

We're asking all parents and carers to please come inside the school gate to collect your children at the end of the day.
We've noticed a few safety concerns with students crossing the road or playing close to the roadside while waiting to be picked up.
By coming inside the gate, you help us keep everyone safe and make sure students leave the grounds with an adult. Thank you for your support in keeping our pick-up time calm and safe for all!

Student Free Day

A quick reminder that Monday 3 November 2025 is a Curriculum Day (student-free). There will be no classes on Monday.
Tuesday 4 November 2025 is the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday, the school is closed.

Take care,

Jess and Sam

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# Term 4 Calendar

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 | 6th Oct | 7th Oct | 8th Oct<br>MARC Van<br>Lunch Order Day | 9th Oct | 10th Oct |
| Week 2 | 13th Oct | 14th Oct | 15th Oct<br>Lunch Order Day | 16th Oct | 17th Oct |
| Week 3 | 20th Oct | 21st Oct | 22ndOct<br>MARC Van<br>Lunch Order Day | 23rd Oct | 24th Oct |
| Week 4 | 27th Oct | 27th Oct | 29thOct<br>LunchOrder Day | 30th Oct | 31st Oct |
| Week 5 | 3rd Nov<br>Curriculum Day | 4th Nov<br>Melbourne Cup Day | 5th Nov<br>MARC Van<br>Lunch Order Day | 6th Nov | 7th Nov |
| Week 6 | 10th Nov<br>Smile Squad | 11th Nov<br>Smile Squad | 12th Nov<br>Lunch Order Day | 13thNov | 14th Nov |
| Week 7 | 17th Nov | 18th Nov | 19th Nov<br>MARC Van<br>Lunch Order Day | 20th Nov | 21st Nov |
| Week 8 | 24th Nov | 25th Nov | 26th Nov<br>Lunch Order Day | 27th Nov | 28th Nov |
| Week 9 | 1st Dec | 2nd Dec | 3rd Dec<br>MARC Van<br>Lunch Order Day | 4th Dec | 5th Dec |
| Week 10 | 8th Dec | 9th Dec | 10th Dec<br>Lunch Order Day | 11th Dec<br>School Concert! | 12th Dec |
| Week 11 | 15th Dec<br>Prep/1/2 Sleepover! | 16th Dec | 17th Dec<br>Lunch Order Day | 18th Dec | 19th Dec<br>Last Day of Term! |