Upcoming Events

February 2015

17th Swimming P/K & 1/2D
18th Western Bulldogs Clinic
19th Swimming P/O & 1/2K
20th Swimming Grades 3-4
24th Swimming P/K & 1/2D
24th Photo Day
26th Swimming P/O & 1/2K
27th Swimming Grades 3-4
27th Casual dress day
“School Captains Call”

March

2nd School Athletics
3rd Swimming P/K & 1/2D
5th Swimming P/O & 1/2K
9th Labour Day Holiday
18th Llanberris District Athletics
26th Live Show Her Majesty’s Grades 3-6
27th Casual dress day
“School Captains Call”
27th Last day of term 1.
Students dismissed at 1.30pm

Term dates 2015

Term 1
February 3rd to March 27
Term 2
April 13 to June 26
Term 3
July 13 to September 18
Term 4
October 5 to December 18

Our vision at Haddon Primary School is to provide a positive, safe learning community which motivates and supports students to become active learners for the 21st Century.

Principal’s Report February 13th 2015

It is with great delight that I can announce the school captains for 2015 are Stephanie Grant and Saxon Brown.

Our house captains will be appointed early next week and we will also present our Junior School Council for the year.

Student leadership is a critical feature of life at Haddon. All students prepare speeches and present them to their peers. This can be confronting at first with lots of nerves. However by the end of the year our grade 6 students shine in their public speaking. I need to personally congratulate by Steph and Saxon and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Today we hosted our first coffee morning for the new prep families. As a response to our parent forum last year we are endeavouring to build a sense of belonging and community. Those most vulnerable are new families. Please look for these events and come along to some of our parent forums and or coffee mornings.

Last week we sent home the netbook order forms. Regrettably the note to go with them was not attached. Please note that the netbooks are voluntary. All students throughout the school can purchase them however we recommend more for years 3-6. An alternative is the purchase of an Ipad. Many students have these and prove to be a cheaper alternative. The netbooks are used extensively in class and at home and come with department of education software installed worth around $2000. In some of our neighbouring school they have restricted the purchase of devices however we believe the netbook or Ipad are both of value. If you wish to purchase a netbook please contact the office for an additional form. Ipad can be purchased at a cheaper rate at Big W or Tania Daniels. They then can be attached to our wireless network. I hope this may clarify our computer Initiative for families.

Our swimming program is one session less them first booked. As such there will be a credit of $10.50 that will be placed on your accounts representing the refund. Apologies for the error.

On February 13 2008 the Australian Government made a formal apology to members of the Stolen Generations. To recognise the anniversary, our flag will be flown at half mast today.

Education is important, “It’s not ok to be away”, or to be late!!

Please phone student absences in by 9am 5342 4487
WESTERN BULLDOGS SCHOOL VISIT

Wednesday, 18th of February

Get excited!

Next week our very own Haddon Primary School will host AFL footballers from the almighty Western Bulldogs Football Club.

Students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to learn from the best and pick up a few tips while participating in football clinics run by AFL stars!

The program communicates the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle in a respectful and inclusive setting, demonstrated through fun and interactive activities that are designed to engage young people from all backgrounds.

Twilight Sports Weather Alert

Our sports will be held on March the second. As this is a Monday we will have to use weather predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology to assist us. If there will be inclement weather on the Monday, we will have a notice in the newsletter on FRIDAY 27th of February if we need to cancel the sports.

If the sports are cancelled we will host a normal school day on the Monday. Students will attend at our regular time, the bus will operate as normal and school will be dismissed at 3.30.

Please look for this alert as it will be on the front page of the newsletter it will also come home as a separate slip as well as on the website. We will inform all students on the Friday in an effort to get the message out there!!!

We are hoping that the day will be great weather and we will be seeking some feedback as to the merits of changing to the twilight model for future planning.

Community Service Awards

Demonstrating excellent citizenship and honesty.

Fynn Anderson & Darcy Button

Principals Award

Excellent effort in class activities.

Molly Richardson & Joshua Hardy
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Axton Morris
Lachlan Dunn
Terry Cottier
Summer Devine
Dusty Young Rosenhart
Liam Brame
Liam Weidemann
Ella Hetherington
Darcy Button
School Photo Day

- A reminder that school photo day will be held on Tuesday 24th February.
- Each student must have their own separate envelope with them at the time their photo is being taken.
- Students must be in full school uniform.
- If anyone would like a family photograph, family envelopes are available from the school office.

School Council

The vacancies for school council were opened last week and we still have one remaining vacancy. If you are interested please phone Gaye or myself for further information.

School council provides support and information that assists with the smooth running of the school. They also review policies as they come along. In 2014 we held our school review and all policies were screened by the external reviewer to ensure they met the standards, which they did. We were commended for the comprehensive nature of the policies. Some of these policies are on the Website with more to come. We are currently working on our spelling policy and provision.

Swimming Credit

Due to the swimming program commencing in the second week of term there will only be 7 weeks of swimming for Prep-Year 4 and not 8 weeks which was budgeted for. A $10.50 credit will be placed in each families account. Year ¾ swimming in the last week of term will take place on Wednesday due to school dismissal at 1:30 on that day.

HADDON COMMUNITY PLAN
SEED FUNDING

The Haddon Community Plan 2014 includes projects and issues that address social, infrastructure, environmental, health and wellbeing needs and opportunities for our community. Community coordinators oversee the implementation of the community plan with support from community members and Golden Plains Shire.

Golden Plains Shire has seed funding available, up to $5,000 to be spent on achieving priorities in the community plan.

The community planning group proposes the funding be allocated to, the construction of an outdoor basketball court. To be located the Haddon Recreation Reserve on one of the existing netball courts.

For further information or concerns regarding this proposal please call or contact:

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