Upcoming Events
February 2015

March
9th Labour Day Holiday
10th Swimming PK & 1/2D
12th Swimming P/O & 1/2K
12th Book Club Issue 2 due back
13th Parent Coffee Morning in the ELC 9.10am
13th Swimming Grades 3-4
13th School Council 2.30pm
18th Llanberris District Athletics
26th Live Show Her Majesty's Grades 3-6
27th Whole school Walkathon Haddon Lions Park.

27th Casual dress day
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.

School Newsletter

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Principal’s Report March 6th 2015

Our Twilight Athletic Sports was clearly a community event as well as a sports carnival. In 2014 our Parent Forum talked of building a sense of community and Monday was a spectacular opportunity for this to be celebrated. Parents and family members came along and not only supported the children but mixed and enjoyed the picnic tea. We have already received positive feedback and look forward to improving on the event in 2016. We may wind back and finish at 7 which has been a sensible suggestion.

Events of this nature don’t just happen; I would like to thank our catering team and all the families who generously donated slices and cakes for sale that evening. Our raffle and catering has raised $2000 for the school. A great start to our local fundraising.

Next Friday we will have our March Coffee Morning for Prep parents and any other ELC parent members who would like to come along. We will have a chat about reading with your child and Louise will be available to mingle and seek out some ideas for the centre to support the environment. We will be meeting in the ELC at 9.15ish.

Information is included in our newsletter about our “Run to Gallipoli” we are hoping that by Anzac Day our community will have logged up the 14,796 Kilometres as an awareness of how far our troops had to go 100 years ago to arrive on the shores of Gallipoli. There will be other activities which we will be hosting that will be part of the 100 year remembrance of this campaign. We hope all families can support us as a mark of respect for this significant historical marker in Australian History.

On our last day of term we will hold our annual walkathon. Families are welcome to participate and we will finish the day with an Assembly at 1.00 o’clock. Term 1 is short and in term 2 there are 11 weeks.

Haddon Primary School

Run to Gallipoli2015
Melbourne to Gallipoli (14,796 km)
HPS Current Kilometres :0

Education is important, “It’s not ok to be away”, or to be late!!
Please phone student absences in by 9am 5342 4487

Haddon goes to Japan
See page 4
Haddon Primary School
Sports Day 2015
Thank you to the whole school community for making the sports so successful.
Japan Tour 2015

Our learning partners, Urquhart Park Primary School, are planning a school tour to Japan. They conducted their first tour in 2014 and are now hoping to extend their numbers to include some students from Haddon Primary School. As a smaller school we would not be in a position to offer this opportunity as we would not be in a position yet to furnish the minimum numbers.

The tour will include places of interest such as: Tokyo Disneyland, A visit to a Japanese school, Goin in Kyoto and Mount Fuji. It is an excellent opportunity however places will be limited. The cost is around $2650 which is all inclusive, plus spending money ($200 - 300 p.p.) It is a 9 day tour.

We are looking for expressions of interest only at this stage. The tour will be available for students in Grades 5 & 6 and we will be sending our own staff with the students. There will be a ratio of: 1 staff member to 2 students. As you could imagine we have many willing teachers happy to participate.

If you think you may be in a position to send your children please register their name at the office so we can gauge interest and then forward our numbers to our Urquhart Park colleagues. This early indication is in no way binding and may result in a lottery if we have more students than places available.

Opportunities like this don’t come often so we are fortunate to be in such a position.

Community Service Awards
Looking after our school environment
James & Austin

Principal’s Award
Excellent effort in reading
Summer & Baxter
To commemorate the one hundred year anniversary of the landing of Australian troops at Gallipoli, Haddon PS community will be **commencing a campaign to run the distance from Melbourne to Gallipoli (14,796 km)** to arrive on or before Anzac Day.

All students and families will be involved in this event which will be managed by our House Captains, Junior School Council and School Captains.

The Haddon PS running group will re commence each morning before school and all laps of the oval will be recorded on our Run to Gallipoli tally sheet.

Students will be encouraged to participate in running activities organised by the school leaders during recess and lunchtimes.

We are also encouraging families to take part by tallying up any bike rides walks or runs they may do as a family, outside school hours. Simply return the tear off slip to your child’s class each week.

Our Walkathon on the last day of term will also go towards or ‘Run to Gallipoli’ campaign.

An Anzac display will be made outside the library and a map will indicate progress we are making in our journey.

Year 5/6 students will be conducting an Anzac Day service on Friday, April 24 at the memorial Park in Haddon. The whole school will attend this service and all parents and members of our school community are invited to attend. Each class will make a wreath which will be placed at the memorial during the ceremony.

If you would like to know more please see the classroom teacher or Ms Carrigan.

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**Run to Gallipoli 2015**

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You may have heard your child mention Bounce Back. Bounce Back is a program that we are introducing to our students. There will be regular information in the newsletter about the Bounce Back program.

What is It?

The BOUNCE BACK! Wellbeing & Resilience Program addresses the environmental building blocks and the personal skills for fostering resilience in children and young people. The program focuses mainly on the teaching of coping skills to help children and young people respond positively to the complexity of their everyday lives. In other words, children are taught how to ‘bounce back’ after experiencing sadness, difficulties, frustrations and hard times.

The core of the program is the BOUNCE BACK acronym. This acronym helps children and young people to memorise and recall 10 basic coping statements based around positive self-talk.

**B**ad times don’t last. Things get better. Stay optimistic

**O**ther people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check

**U**nhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again

**N**obody’s perfect. Not you and not others.

**C**oncentrate on the positives, no matter how small and use laughter

**E**verybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

**B**lame fairly. How much of what happened was because of YOU, OTHERS or BAD LUCK

**A**ccept what you can’t change and try and change what you can

**C**atastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture

**K**eep things in perspective. It’s one part of your life.

**NAPLAN 2014 – Courier Report**

Today in the Courier our school was highlighted as achieving in the top 300 in the country for Learning Growth in our students from Year 3 – 5.

Most educators are of the belief that growing students learning is far more important than outright performance scores. This is a sentiment we share at Haddon.

Could I acknowledge our dedicated staff for their constancy in supporting the learning of our students.