Welcome back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and a special welcome to our Foundation students. We have 34 bright eyed enthusiastic learners who are all adapting to school life and routines. New friendships are being formed and class activities are exciting and fun.

This will be our final hard copy of the newsletter that is distributed through classrooms to families. Commencing next week we will use Tiqbiz (School App) and the website for distribution. There will be limited hard copies available from the main office for those who are unable to access these digital devices. In addition we will not be posting any newsletters to extended families as they also can down load Tiqbiz. Alerts to events such as the senior adventure park excursion will be sent to assist parents in remembering events. Student absences can also be entered via Tiqbiz and we currently have many families using this service. Most schools are now using digital platforms as its main tool for school communication. The directions for downloading the App are included in this newsletter and are available from the office.

Our Netbook (student laptops) program is now open. We have 2 rounds per year and our first round is closing at the end of February. Netbooks are an important tool for school. The Victorian government has launched a new curriculum this year which has a strong focus on digital learning. Programming and coding will be introduced for primary school students. The school continues to provide a modest contribution to the netbooks ($50) which enables the raft of software available from the Department to be installed. We are very aware that some families are on limited means, but strongly encourage parents to purchase a device where possible. Students from F-6 are welcome to purchase a computer as they are used throughout the school. However the longest warranty available is 4 years, which is considered the life of a computer for speed and processing. Please collect order forms from the office.

Could I please remind parents that school is dismissed at 3.25. We would appreciate that parents refrain from entering the buildings any earlier as we aim to keep the school precinct quiet for learning. In addition there can be too much congestion in the main building if parents endeavour to come into the school prior to this. There is seating at the front of the school for those families who have their children in the main building. Once students have been dismissed and vacated the passages please do not hesitate to enter to look for the lost jumper or lunch box. Staff are on duty after school for 15 minutes.

The senior playground is for children in grades 3-6. Please refrain from permitting your younger children to use the senior playground as it can give our students mixed messages.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Charlie

Cooper

Rose

Gemma

Cody

Zac

Alysha

Koby

Oliver
The Midlands District Amateur Swimming Association will be running two primary school swimming events in February:

- **Under 9’s Wednesday the 24th of Feb @ 6:30pm**
- **Primary Schools Swim Sports on Sunday the 21st of Feb @ 10:15am**

If your child swims outside of school (i.e. is part of squad swimming) and you are interested in entering them please collect a form, along with information, from Lisa at the office. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to contact me, Jessica Vince.

Please note that this is an out of school hour’s event and as such it will be the parents responsibility to ensure their child has transport and supervision.

Entry forms to be returned to Haddon Primary School by the 10th of February at the latest.

Jessica Vince

*Physical Education Specialist*
FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY  
$3600 for 3 hours Work

CAN YOU SPARE ½ AN HOUR A WEEK FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY, TO ASSIST YOUR SCHOOL IN ITS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS?

To be part of McCains market research we need up to 60 people (12 people for each session) to attend McCain’s tasting room at McCains on Ring Road Ballarat for 30 minutes only on a Tuesday night. You will taste 2-4 items of food, complete a questionnaire and return home.

McCains Foods are willing to pay the School $3600 which will go directly towards resources for our children.

Why not get a group of friends together (do not have to be associated with the school)?

Why not a car of fathers to do their bit?

Can you only commit to two or three weeks? That’s okay!

We have promised a general mix of male and females and age groups. The minimum age is 18 years. It would be nice for grandparents or friends of the family to be involved too!

We have had our name on the waiting list at McCains for some time as many community groups have benefited from this easy fundraising activity.

Please consider placing your name on the list and try and enlist few other friends to make the trip with you.

We are also looking for 5 co-ordinators for each session time to attend for the whole 6 weeks and ensure that 12 people will be present each week. If you are willing to also coordinate a time slot please tick the box below.

Please fill out the attached form with the number of attending, contact name plus telephone number and return to the School ASAP.

If you require extra information phonesee Mandy Wilson (parent) 0409428888

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*Completed Timetables will be sent home to participants to mark on calendars.

Are you interested in being a Co-ordinator YES/NO Signed________________________
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Application forms are available from the school office.

Applications close on June 3rd
Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended

be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only)
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Note: Specialist schools and special settings located within metropolitan Melbourne are not subject to the conveyance allowance boundary and students may apply for a conveyance allowance.

Special settings include:

- deaf facilities
- English language schools and centres
- re-engagement centres

Secondary Teaching Units.

Note: Department-recognised special settings such as deaf facilities and re-engagement centres are determined by the Wellbeing Health and Engagement Division.

Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.