Principals Report

As winter approaches we need to give a big reminder that jumpers and coats are a Ballarat Essential item. Several parents have asked to make jumpers compulsory, as we do with hats. Regrettably this is not easily accommodated as many children simply don’t feel the cold and we would be policing something that would be prejudicial to some children. Common sense will prevail but we are asking parents to ensure that the jumpers / coats come to school so teachers can do some reminding!

Commencing in June we are looking at establishing a chess club at lunch time. This would be on offer one lunchtime per fortnight for any student keen to learn or play, with a view to making weekly, if there is a demand. Chess club would be held in the art room on a Monday at lunch time. To do this we are looking for some parents or friends who can play chess and may be available to assist students. If your child is keen to play please phone the office to register their name. In addition, if you are able to help please let us know!

Our Early Birds program has been established to assist working parents with early school drop off. We are now capping the number at 15 as there are some children who want to come along early to be with their friend which is not the purpose of the service. Letters and registration forms regarding Early Birds are available from the office. Registration of student names are now required and the days of service. There are to be no casual places for the remainder of the year. We commenced with 3 students now there can be up to 17. There is a gold coin donation per child per day for materials.

Our Hot Lunches are very popular again we had another bumper service on Wednesday. The team are terrific and we had many very happy children gobbling up their hamburgers!

Gastroenteritis

We have recently had a fairly aggressive gastro go through the school, resulting high absences and re infection. We would like to remind families that the Department of health guidelines recommend that students remain at home for 48 hours from the last physical symptoms. This will hopefully ensure minimized spread of the infections.

Photos to the right are from the grade 5/6 robotics program.

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

Please send in absences via Tiqbiz.

Or phone in by 9am 5342 4487

Calendar

May
10th-12th Naplan Testing
17th Alpha Theatre whole school
18th Kinder Walk Through
20th Tree Drive orders due back
23rd Pupil FREE DAY
25th—27th 3/4 Camp

June
7th School Council
13th Queens Birthday Holiday
17th 5/6 Camp deposit due
17th Regent Movie Night

July
15th Pupil Free Day-Staff PD
22nd Sovereign Hill excursion 5-6
28th Australian Maths Competition

August
18th School Concert Her Majesty’s

September

October
31st Oct- 4th Nov-5/6 Camp

November
5th-Shopping Tour
**Community Service Awards**
Noah & Emily for excellent behaviour in the yard.

**Principal’s Award.**
Matilda for excellent effort in all class materials & Isaac for excellent effort in writing.

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**NAPLAN- National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy**

The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The national tests will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy and all students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be doing the same tests on the days.

Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

These will be long sessions and be very taxing for the students.

**We would like all children to be able to perform at their best for these tests and ask that parents see that their children are at school on time, well rested and have a nutritious snack to eat.**

Parents who do not wish their children to take part in this assessment must contact Mrs Moody or Ms Carrigan a soon as possible.

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**Entertainment Voucher book now at Haddon PS**
If interested, DON’T BUY FROM ANYONE ELSE, support our school.
Just $60 giving you over $20,000 of value for Ballarat and Geelong regions. Purchase books from the school office now.
Come along and support our
Haddon Primary School
Movie Night Fundraiser

WHEN:  Friday 17th June 2016
TIME:  7pm
WHERE:  Regent Multiplex Cinema Ballarat
COST:  $15 per person

Available to purchase ONLY from the school office until 1st June 2016

Bring along the whole family to enjoy this much anticipated movie of the year!!

Limited seats available so be quick!!
Haddon Primary School
Tour & Information Session
Wednesday, May 18
9:15 am

Parents who are considering enrolling their child at Haddon Primary school in 2017 or 2018 are invited to attend an information session and tour of the school with the principal Mrs Maryanne Moody on

Wednesday, May 18
9:15am- 11:00am

Maryanne will explain the programs and policies at Haddon PS and answer any questions you may have.

The tour will commence from the school library (come through the office). All parents/guardians are cordially invited to attend.

Preschool children are welcome, but not required to attend as transition sessions will be organised in Term 4.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2017.
Secure your child’s place by registering early.
Please register your name for the session by calling Lisa at Haddon Primary School 53 424487
Winter is coming!

The Junior School Council will be collecting a range of items to go to Ballarat’s most vulnerable families.

We are asking for donations of canned soup and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and soap) to help The Ballarat Soup Bus provide for families living on the streets or those who are struggling financially.
Try-A-Subject!

Grade 6 students are warmly invited to attend

An afternoon at Phoenix P-12 Community College to gain ‘hands-on’ experience in a variety of secondary school subjects.

Monday 9th May 4pm-5.30pm
Choose from Cooking, Textiles, Woodwork or Metals
(No more than 20 students per subject)

Monday 16th May 4pm-5pm
Choose from English/SOSE or LOTE (Chinese)

Monday 23rd May 4pm-5pm
A combination of Maths and Science

Monday 30th May 4pm-5.30pm
Choose from Performing Arts or Visual Arts

Monday 20th June 4pm-5.30pm
Choose from Formula One or H.A.P.E (Health and Physical Education)

Where: Phoenix P-12 Community College (Community Hub) Tuppen Drive

RSVP: Belinda Dwyer via email- dwyer.belinda.k@educmail.vic.gov.au by the 7th May 2016

Please clearly state which activity(s) you would like to participate in and dietary/medical requirements/information.

Note: Numbers are strictly limited. Please disclose your preference for specific subject (first in, first served). Appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

“In Knowledge There Is Opportunity”