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Dear, whoever finds this
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Hi I'm Izaak McPerson, I'm 13, I'm the son of Officer
Craig McPherson, we have to take care of my friend
Benjamin because his father John was one of the
officers killed during the battle of the eureka stockade
and his mother died during childbirth. Bens about my
age except I'm ten months older. My mothers name is
Dannielle McPherson, we have a fairly large house
across the road from Jack Mack's general store in
Ballarat. The house is made of brick and wood. Ben
and I share a room, mum and dad share a room, we
have a kitchen, a fireplace in the lounge room along
with with four chairs, we have a basement, a
bathroom with an actual toilet a bath and a sink and a
large front yard with a fountain, stables, a carriage, a
game of quoits, Rodger our Jack Russell and missile
our horse stays in the stable.

Me and Ben go to a school called Ballarat public
school. It's alright but I think Ben has a crush on
Susan Mack, she has blonde hair, blue eyes and
freckles. She lives with her father and mother on the
second story of Jack Mack's general store. Ben goes
over there a fair bit and dad gets along with Jack so
they are family friends. On Christmas they came over
for dinner. Jack gives us some lollies for free
sometimes, I like getting toffees, Ben usually gets
chocolates. On Christmas we all played quoits and
played hide and seek with Rodger.



