

Newsletter

Friday 7 June 2019

Week 6 Term 2

Dates to Remember

Monday 10 June	Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 June	ACT Cross Country – participants only
Tuesday 18 June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 19 June	Preschool reports sent home – Emu's
Friday 21 June	School reports sent home



For more dates: http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar

Dear Families

I'll start this edition with a couple of newsy pieces to set the scene. Firstly, for those who follow ACT Public Service happenings, the Director-General of the Education Directorate for the last three years, Ms Natalie Howson, surprised us last Friday by announcing her retirement. Natalie has led ACT public education very effectively, focusing on ensuring schools are places where students love to learn. Our students have benefited from her leadership through the empowerment and support afforded to school leaders and teachers across our city. She will be missed by all of us.

Still on education leadership. The new Fadden School Board meets for the first time next week. I would like to thank the parent representatives, Libby Werner-Gibbings (new), Leah Marshall (new) and Jen Glover (returning). I look forward to the leadership you will contribute to our school over your term on the Board.

A phone call today advised me that our school has been identified for a heating upgrade in the 2019/20 ACT Budget. Details are sketchy but I think it will involve some double-glazing, draught-proofing and new heating units. Given our recent weather, the news was very well-received!

Staff at school are noticing an increase in children being dropped at school well before supervision commences at 8.45. Some as early as 8 am. I want to reinforce the availability of our terrific Before School Care program run by Communities@Work. There are vacancies right now and I understand that all families can receive a subsidy for the cost of this service. This newsletter carries more information for you to please consider.

Finally, can I urge parents and carers to please make an appointment should you wish to have an extended conversation with your child's teacher. Morning drop off and afternoon pickups can be very challenging for classroom staff when parents seek on-the-spot, individual conversation about a matter of concern. You will be ensured a better quality conversation if we are made aware of the matter prior and we can set aside dedicated time for you. Thanks for your understanding.

All the best to our Rostrum finalists Lucas Jensen who will compete in the ACT Finals on Thursday 20 June. We know you'll do well!

Jennie

Important information about Student Reports

Our first and important message is to celebrate your child's learning with them! Learning is a complex process and our goal is that children see themselves as learners for life. Reporting has changed significantly in the past few years. Fadden teachers want all parents and carers to understand that a 'C' in your child's report indicates they have met the nation-wide standard expected for students in their age group for that subject. A 'C' means your child is on track with their learning and doing everything that is required at their year level at school.

Fadden teachers are currently immersed in reviewing, collating and moderating student learning across all the KLAs. When they determine an A-E grade mid-year, they are making an on-balance judgement about how a child is tracking towards the end of year standard. Classroom teachers use a range of evidence to make this judgement. This can include work samples or standardised summative, diagnostic assessments.

A student who is 'on track' to reach the end of year Achievement Standard will receive a 'C' grade. Some students may not be quite there at this mid-year point of the year. In this case, classroom teachers will discuss this with families and explain the individual, differentiated approaches they implement to support learning.

Reports are checked and double-checked so you receive a quality, informative report. If you have questions or comments, you are encouraged to make a request an interview with your child's teacher during regular Parent – Teacher interviews in Week 10. More information will come out about these shortly.

Preschool and kindergarten families will receive one school-based progress report a year. Year 1 – Year 6 families receive two reports; one school-based progress report and an A-E report.

In Week Nine, all families will receive Semester One reports that provide information on how your child/ren are progressing towards the end of year achievement standard for the key learning areas that have been taught so far this year. You then have the opportunity to discuss the report and future learning goals with the classroom teacher at parent/teacher interviews in week nine.

Below are some key points relating to semester one reporting:

- A school-based report following the standard Education Directorate format is provided for each K-6 student covering the Key Learning Areas covered in Semester One.
- Teacher comments relating to English and Mathematics provide information on the key skills, knowledge and understanding that a child has demonstrated, as well as identifying some support strategies.
- A comment about progress against the Personal and Social Capabilities is provided at the end of the report. This provides additional information such as work habits, extracurricular participation and social skill development.
- Some children are 'P identified' for one or more Key Learning Areas. A letter P is placed next to the Key Learning Area name in the left hand column.
- Students in year 1 to year 6 will be designated A-E grades against each key learning area, although parents and carers may request not to receive a copy of this part of the report.
- Not all parts of each Key Learning Area are covered every semester. When this occurs, an N/A (Not Assessed) is recorded.
- Specialist teachers, LOTE (Japanese) and The Arts (Music) and PE also provide A-E grades. Visual Arts are included in the class teachers' report.

If you have any questions relating to curriculum or assessment and reporting, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Student Absence from School

Parents' are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day and to notify the school of any absences. Our SMS roll out last week, for student absences has been extremely successful. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If your child is late coming to school for any reason, they must report to the front office to be signed in, prior to joining their class.

Please contact the school for further information by phoning the Front Office on 6142 2460 or email; info@faddenps.act.edu.au.



Are you feeling overwhelmed with bad news about climate change?

The documentary **2040** was made by an Australian father who wanted to provide an optimistic vision of the future for his daughter and her generation.

His rule for the film was that he could only project currently available technology and solutions into his vision of 2040.

The result is an uplifting movie which explores effective and scientifically viable projects that you may not be aware of – and which are certainly fascinating and accessible for adults and children.

In the Canberra preview of this documentary, former Chief Scientist of Australia Penny Sackett conducted a question and answer session following the showing, and wholeheartedly endorsed the film's content.

Our young student scientists, and their parents, may well enjoy the interesting initiatives and positive messages of the documentary 2040. You will leave the cinema with a smile on your face!

Release date in cinemas is Thursday 23rd May.

Student Awards

KS Jackson Bickley & James Ng	KG Jarrett Dobry & Jordi Homann
1/2G Lucas Fogels & Caitlyn Briedis	1/2P Lily Oldfield & Milla Heinl
1/2H Erin Honeyman & James Gardner	3B Jessica Marshall & Sophie Waddell
3W Beatrice Mascellani & Grace Lewis	4S Isobel Gardner & Ava Crowther
4N Hayley Neave & Malik Connell	5S Hamish Wales & Max Grech
5M Riley Brewster & Abbigail Cottrell	6L Jess Berlutti & Gus Mascellani
6B Georgie Cooper & Jake Leonard	
Communities @ Work	
Madeline Vincent & Kailey Carpenter	



Book Club brochures will be handed out on Friday 7 June 2019

Orders are due by Wednesday 12 June 2019

Orders can be placed in the Book Club pigeon hole at the Front Office or ordered online using the LOOP ordering system. Using the online LOOP system is very easy, and if you use LOOP you may be eligible for BONUS BOOKS throughout the year.

Help Your Students Keep The READING MOMENTUM ROLLING

Parents who are registered and order their Child's Book Club via **LOOP** have the opportunity to earn **Bonus Books** throughout the year.



This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students—**PLUS**, it will help keep the **Rewards** rolling into the school all year!

Yr 7 Enrolments 2020

The initial high school enrolment period will close this Friday 7 June.

If you have not yet enrolled your child in a high school for 2020, please do so ASAP.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Please let us know where you have enrolled your child for 2020 by emailing catherine.banham@ed.act.edu.au by Thursday 27 June 2019.

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 7 June Emma Thompson
Fri 14 June Paige Jensen
Fri 21 June Nicole Saunders



Communities@Work

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

8-19 JULY

Holiday fun starts here!



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For more information visit commsatwork.org/enrol

Phone 1300 212 273 or email enrolments@commsatwork.org

Please bring: Morning tea, lunch, hat, and a drink bottle

*Limited places available, book early to reserve

Monday 8 July

Mini Cities

Today we're staying at service and using all sorts of materials to create our own mini city. We might use recyclables, the natural environment, or craft materials. If you think of a way to make a city, we'll try it.

In-Service

Monday 15 July

Connect to My Country

Today we celebrate our connection to country through embracing our Aboriginal past and present. Children will develop their understanding of bush survival, bush tucker, dance, and art through our presenters and throughout the day.

1:30pm-3:30pm Incursion

Tuesday 9 July

Insane Impro

Children will be mesmerised by this special workshop. Self-expression, public speaking, lateral thinking and cooperation are all taught through wild and wacky activities. Test the boundaries of your imagination with us today!

1:30pm-3:30pm Incursion

Tuesday 16 July

Into the Wild

Today we turn our service into the great outdoors. We will create makeshift tents and eat camping foods as we imagine our way into the wild! If the weather is nice we can do an outdoor scavenger hunt as well!

In-Service

Wednesday 10 July

Movie: Toy Story 4

Today going to see Toy Story 4! Woody, Buzz and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. We'll join them as their adventure turns into an unexpected reunion.

9:00am-12:30pm Excursion

Wednesday 17 July

The King & Queen of Green

We're treated to a show from Eaton Gorge Theatre Company about the Rubbish Realm. The show deals with environmental issues including pollution, packaging, and landfill and how we can reduce our negative impact on our environment.

10:00am-11:00am Incursion

Thursday 11 July

Kids Love to Cook

Last time we invited KLTC to our service we had such a fantastic time that we've invited them again. This time we will be preparing a completely different meal that we can eat for afternoon tea.

10:00am-12:00pm Incursion

Thursday 18 July

Inflatable World

Get ready to bounce, jump, and slide as we visit inflatable world in Kambah today! There are obstacle courses, battle arenas, and slides galore but remember, no socks, no play so bring your socks to avoid disappointment!

9:00am-12:30pm Excursion

Friday 12 July

Ice Skating

Ice Skating is a staple activity for our Winter School Holiday Program so today that's exactly where we're heading. Bring your beanie and mittens because it's going to be awfully cold on the ice!

9:00am-12:30pm Excursion

Friday 19 July

Movie: The Secret Life of Pets 2

Today we head to Hoyts to see The Secret Life of Pets 2. We join Max and Duke as they encounter canine-intolerant cows, hostile foxes, and a terrifying turkey, all while Max learns how to deal with his anxiety.

9:00am-12:30pm Excursion

Out of School Hours Care

Communities@Work provides Out of School Hours Care at a number of schools across the Canberra region.

We are proud to provide OSHC for Fadden Primary School. This includes Before and After School Care for Kindergarten to Year 6. Preschool enrolments are welcome but limited and in accordance with priority of access.

What we do:

Communities@Work Out of School Hours Care delivers quality care with engaging and exciting activities for children. As well as being lots of fun, the service provides an environment that encourages children to meet new friends, try new things, participate in sports-oriented activities, excursions, incursions, as well as include a variety of programmed daily experiences ranging from music, cooking, gardening, arts, and more. Activities are designed upon the children's interests and comply with the guidelines within the National Quality Framework. We focus on play and leisure, providing the children with opportunities to relax and explore their environment, as well as keep entertained outside of school time.

Enrolments for OSHC are always available for 2019. For 2020 they will be available later in the year. For further information visit:

<https://www.commsatwork.org/services/children/fadden-primary-school/>

or contact Children Services Enrolments Team (CSET)
enrolments@commsatwork.org ph: [1300 212 273](tel:1300212273)



Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools
Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.
 Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange



You are invited to the Ideas Xchange...A Different Conversation
We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.
We need you: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 - 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 - 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 - 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611
Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate
Catering: Light refreshments post event
Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>
 If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912. We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.