

Newsletter

Thursday 13 February 2020

Week 2 Term 1

Dates to Remember

Friday 21 February	Assembly – 9.15
Monday 24 February	Cooba Camp Yrs 5/ 6
Tuesday 25 February	Cooba Camp Yrs 5/6
Wednesday 26 February	Cooba Camp Yrs 5/6
Thursday 27 February	Lift Off Workshop - Yr 2
Tuesday 3 March	Open classroom evening – TBA



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

Dear Families

Welcome back to Fadden Primary School and the new school year.

Although Canberra experienced a difficult summer, our school year has started exceptionally well with students and teachers settling very calmly and quickly into learning routines. It's fantastic to see these new relationships blossoming already.

Just a quick reminder to our new parents that the school car park can be a very busy place in the morning and that everyone needs to slow down and be extra vigilant for pedestrians. Our Kiss and Go Zone is clearly sign posted and I remind parents to move as far forward as possible before stopping, this allows other families access to the drop off area. I also remind you to not leave your vehicle in this area. If you need to come into the school, then please find a parking bay. Kiss and Go is simply to stop and let students out, it is not a parking place.

Staff have recently discussed how to better engage our parents in their student's learning here at Fadden Primary School and are looking to trial a slightly different schedule for parent engagement in student learning activities in 2020. We all know that it takes a village to raise a child, and that the best outcomes for students are found when teachers and parents work together. There are still the same number of opportunities for parents to meet with teachers, it's just the timing and focus which is slightly different this year.

	2020 Parent Engagement in Learning Opportunities
Term 1	Getting to know the student survey sent home for parents to fill out about their child. This allows teachers to have a better understanding of the learner in their classroom. Week 5 (Tuesday, 3 rd March) open classroom evening, where students can share with their families their classroom and introduce their teacher. On this evening we will run a sausage sizzle and invite parents to stay for the Fadden Primary School P&C AGM. Week 10 (6-9 th April) formal Parent/Teacher interviews are conducted with a focus on student learning goals. Students are encouraged to attend with their parent/s and be part of the discussion around their goals and what everyone will do to assist them in achieving their goals.
Term 2	Week 9 (25 ^h June) formal written report on student achievement sent home
Term 3	Week 2 (week of 27 th July) Learning Journey, with students leading the way describing their learning and progress towards their goal.
Term 4	Week 9 (10 th December) formal written report on student achievement sent home

More information will come home for each of these opportunities throughout the year. I have provided this overview so that parents can better understand the purpose and approximate timings. I would also like to remind parents that as a school we have an open-door policy and welcome parents to schedule appointments to meet with teachers at any time it is required throughout the year.

In our newsletter on 22nd November 2019, I outlined our schools focus for 2020 and shared some of the thinking that was behind the class make up for this year. I have included an expert from that newsletter below, to ensure our new parents are also aware of this information and focus.

As a Principal I am passionate about both inclusion of all learners and providing all students with the opportunity to show growth each and every year, regardless of their starting point. This is something we will also focus on as a staff in 2020, ensuring that we know our impact on each and every student in our school and that all students show growth in their learning.

I am excited to learn more about the Fadden School community and how I can assist it to achieve its vision: '...to encourage every student to aim for excellence in an environment which promotes a love of learning and prepares each student for the challenges of the future.' I can see by the current Annual Action Plan for 2019/2020 that plans are already in place to achieve this. I will continue to implement this action plan which focuses on:

- *Improvement in student writing*
- *Improvement in student outcomes in mathematics*
- *Improvement in student wellbeing*

Below is the structure of our classes for 2020:

<i>2 classes x Preschool</i>	<i>3 classes x Kindergarten</i>	<i>4 classes x Year 1/2</i>	<i>3 classes x Year 3/4</i>	<i>2 class x Year 5</i>	<i>2 class x Year 6</i>
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The decision to create composite classes in Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 is in response to:

- ✓ *the numbers we have in individual year levels*
- ✓ *matching the Australian Curriculum which is written in two-year bands for many subjects*
- ✓ *to promote quality student learning by:*
 - *ensuring class numbers are as low as possible*
 - *student needs are distributed across more class groups*

It's important that parents understand that all students, regardless of their class structure, will be taught from where they are at, and provided with what they need to grow in their learning. When students are achieving well above their year level, we ensure they are provided with the opportunity to succeed to the next level, just as we would if they were achieving below their year level. When it comes to reporting, all students will be assessed against the correct year level achievement standard.

Teachers are currently developing a curriculum map for all classes. This will provide them with a plan of what to teach when and allow staff to collaborate, ensuring a more consistent curriculum delivery across the school. This will mean that our students' journey through Fadden Primary School is continuous and connected from one year to the next.

Excerpt from the Fadden Primary School Newsletter 22/11/2019

Our first assembly for the year is next week on Friday 21st February at 9.15am in the hall. This will be an exciting one, with our students finding out who our School Parliament leaders are for 2020. Parents are always welcome to attend assembly. I hope to see you there.

Jo Jefferson
Principal

Koori Preschool Program

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Wanniasa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions. Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website www.education.act.gov.au For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

Canteen Lunches

Healthy Kids Association welcomes you to another year of providing your school with healthy lunches.

We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to promote and influence healthy food choices for children.

Your lunches will be delivered every Thursday for the 12.50 break, lunch orders will need to be placed by 8.30am.

Order lunches online at Flexischools.com.au. or you can download the new Flexischools App. REMINDER: Please ensure you update your child's new classroom for 2020.

Looking forward to continuing our service to you.

Canteen team - Kerry & Lucy



Change of Bell Times

2020 Fadden School timetable trial	
9.00-11.00	Classes – including fruit break
11.00-11.20	Play break
11.20-12.20	Classes
12.20-12.50	Play break
12.50-1.00	Supervised eating in class
1.00 - 1.50	Classes
1.50-2.10	Play break
2.10-3.00	Classes



YEAR 2 Get Ready to take off at



Lift Off! Ready is happening at our school hall on **27th of February**
from **4.00pm to 7.00pm**

Each child from Year 2 is invited to attend with one parent / carer.

It's a fabulous 3-hour workshop with a focus on Relationship Skills

You will:

- Participate in activities and play games together
- Support your child's development
- Share stories
- Connect with other parents

*"This was the perfect program for our busy family!
It was fun and made a real difference to our lives.*

We loved the program." – Parent

*"Despite only being a 3 hour program the kids were taken through a very meaningful process.
Thank you."*

*"Seeing and feeling my daughter appreciate my attendance,
involvement and love for her."*

**Look out for the Welcome Letter & Booking Form
coming home with your child today.**

5 tips for back-to-school online safety – information from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Tuesday 11 February is [Safer Internet Day](#), which is an annual, worldwide event that encourages building a better internet together. The beginning of a new school year is a good time to review online safety and open the conversation with your students before any issues arise.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner recommends sharing the responsibilities of online safety with your student and working together to develop a '[Family Tech Agreement](#)'; being mindful of what you share online and with whom (e.g. photos of your child's first day of school and other milestones); [know the signs for cyberbullying](#); [set screen time limits](#); use tools such as [parental controls](#) and [privacy and reporting tools](#); and [stay engaged](#).

The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) website is a great place to visit to keep pace with the latest in online safety for children and young people all year round. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is facilitating a number of [webinars for Parents and Carers](#):

Helping kids thrive online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.

- 12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM (AEDT)
- 14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (AEDT)

Tech, teens and time online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

- 11 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM (AEDT)
- 12 February 2020 – 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM (AEDT)

Volunteers Required

Each year Fadden Primary asks for the support of families by volunteering to do the laundry. This is collected on a Friday and returned the following Monday.

The bag of laundry would usually contain tea towels, sheets and ice pack covers etc.

In past years the number of families volunteering to help has meant a family would only be asked to do washing once per term.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email info@faddenps.act.edu.au

Your continuing support to the school is greatly appreciated.

Please note: Reminders will be placed in the newsletter which is visible on our school website. It would be appreciated if you could advise how you would like your name mentioned. (e.g. Christian name only).



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