

# Newsletter

**Friday 17 August 2018**

**Week 4 Term 3**

## *Dates to Remember*

<b>Tuesday 21 August</b>	<b>Yr 5 excursion – Centre for Innovation &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 August</b>	<b>Book Week dress up</b>
<b>Thursday 23 August</b>	<b>Yr 2 excursion- Centre for Innovation &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Friday 24 August</b>	<b>Yr 2 excursion- Centre for Innovation &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 August</b>	<b>Yr 5 excursion- Centre for Innovation &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Thursday 30 August</b>	<b>Birrigai Camp – Yrs 3-4</b>
	<b>Yr 2 excursion- Centre for Innovation &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Friday 31 August</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
	<b>Birrigai Camp – Yrs 3-4</b>
	<b>Principal's Morning Tea</b>
<b>Friday 7 September</b>	<b>Photo envelopes to be returned</b>



For more dates: [http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/calendar](http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar)

## **Preschool News**

### **Science at Preschool**

At Preschool we continue to investigate water and how it changes. The children observed a giant rainbow ice block over a two week period, noticing changes and discussing how and why it changed. They used water droppers to wash warm water over parts of it which released small objects embedded in it.

#### *What does it feel like?*

**Grace:** It feels..... "Cold and smooth and bumpy – the glitter is bumpy"

**Amelia:** "Icy"

**Darcy:** (Put her cheek up to it) "It feels hot, then cold on my cheek"

**Claire:** "It feels a bit more colder with my nose".

**Rory:** "Like ...cold. Hard and cold".

#### *Other observations:*

**Angus:** "Putting water right here makes a hole".

**James:** "Look, I can see little bubbles inside".

**Charlie Mc:** "When we squirt water on, the things get more out".

**Grace:** "It's an ice cake! They (bits embedded) won't stay forever, it will melt and they come out".

We read the big information book called 'It could still be water' about the way water can change from a liquid to a solid to vapour and do it all over again.



*We imagined the whole class were water droplets in the sea, then  
rose up as vapour and became clouds, then rained down  
to the rivers and back to be the ocean again.:*



*Amber, Darcy & Jasper doing the water cycle puzzle.*

We will start to investigate lifecycles as we move into spring. We have hatching chicks coming in the last two weeks of term, our silkworms will hatch soon, we will observe the seasonal changes in the deciduous trees around preschool and plant some seeds to transfer into the garden beds as the weather warms up. Only 14 days left of winter (yes, we have been counting down!)



**UV Watch:** We are lucky enough to have been granted the ability to monitor the UV Index at preschool each day, to determine whether or not hats should be worn. This is just for the month of August as the UV ratings fluctuate a lot, and we like to feel the sun on us still. We have downloaded an App on the class ipad and compare this to the Sunsmart widget at the bottom of the school's webpage, to get a really accurate reading. The children all know that once the index is at 3 we need to wear sun hats, so when it approaches about 2.8 we pop our hats on for outdoor play. The whole class shares in checking the index before we go out and after morning tea. This has really deepened the children's understanding of the sun's UV potential, the fluctuations and the need for protecting our skin from it. You can check out the widget at the bottom of the school's webpage if you'd like to monitor it at home too. <http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/>

*Loose Parts Play this week.....*





## Kindergarten News

Our first two weeks of term, Kindergarten focused on the big ideas of protective behaviours. These are: We all have the right to feel safe all the time; Early warning signs-our bodies can help us; and, we all have a network of people we can get help from.

We are now exploring Fresh Tastes- Food and me! Children are investigating why we eat and what are Go, Grow and Glow foods that keep us healthy. We have made fruit kebabs and apple piklets- Yummo! This week Kinders will think about a vegetable they could bring in to add to our vegetable soup next week, we can't wait to taste it.

We will end the term investigating play, why and how we do it and how we can use different spaces in different ways. We are so excited to take the classes out to the Move@Moncrieff playground and use this experience as a springboard for thinking into this exciting inquiry.

Anita Peraic, Karen Barling & Sarah Synnott

## Year 1 News

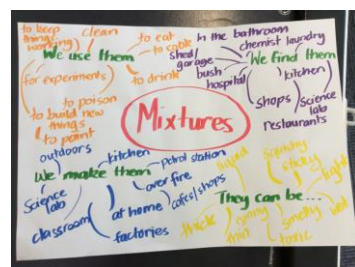
Happy Hippos and Brave Bears read the wonderful story 'Mopoke' this week to celebrate Book Fair. They loved the story and worked collaboratively to create their own 'pokes'. Here are some examples including: mo-poke, blowpoke, glowpoke, lowpoke, fropoke, snowpoke, slowpoke, weepoke and woahpoke. See more of these fabulous artworks displayed in the library next week during Book Week. We look forward to seeing everyone's book week costumes next Wednesday :)



Alyssa Audsley & Alex George

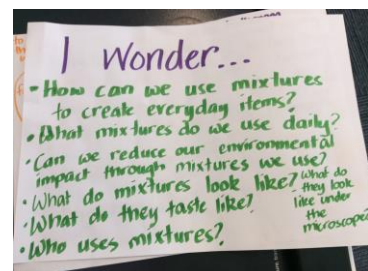
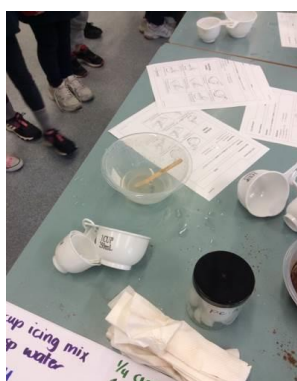
## Year 2 News

Years 2 are thoroughly enjoying investigating Chemical Sciences in their All Mixed Up unit. Both classes have been learning about the properties of mixtures as well as exploring mixtures we use in our everyday lives. Following our initial discussions and wonderings, we realised we are surrounded by mixtures- the air we breathe, food we eat and drink and personal care products, just to name a few. Through inquiry we will continue to discover how scientists create mixtures for different purposes, learn about materials that don't mix well as well as others that are difficult to separate. Next week we will start our first of four sessions at the Centre for Innovation and Learning. During these sessions students will be provided with hands on learning experiences creating mixtures as well as trialling different separation techniques.



Please remember to return your permission note so that you are able to attend.

Nicky Sandeman & Julie Spencer



### Year 3 News

In year 3 we have been exploring Australia's neighbouring Asian countries and investigating some of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander countries within Australia and their locations. Students have been presenting fortnightly presentations about places within and surrounding Australia to help deepen their knowledge of connections, characteristics and geographical features.

Students have begun investigating Media Arts through rich literacy texts and the use of a range of apps. Through the use of these apps, students will have opportunities to respond to a text, including making predictions, drawing conclusions and making connections. Some key apps that they will be using this term include 'School Sketches' and 'Clips'.

As a result of our previous digital technology unit, the Fadden Primary School Green Team has taken on an initiative to create competition posters prompted by the students in year 3. Selected year 3 students presented their findings from the rubbish audit to the Green Team and suggested actions that could be taken for Fadden to improve the school environment by reducing rubbish in a variety of ways.

Beth Ivanoff & Sarah Bowtell

### Year 4 News

Students have been exploring the term 'Mindfulness'. They were presented with the definition 'Mindfulness is a whole body-mind state of awareness that involves 'tuning in' to the present moment, with openness and curiosity, instead of 'tuning out' from experience'.

Students brainstormed some mindful activities that they can practice to help 'quiet their mind'. They have also been experimenting with new mindful activities in the mornings and/or after recess and lunch.

Some of the activities that students have been practicing include; mindful eating, origami, colouring, belly-breathing, calming music, walking and reading. The students will continue to be exposed to some mindful activities in the coming weeks.



To supplement our mindfulness, we have been using a app called smiling mind which takes the students through some guided mindful activities. It is so calming that we have had some students fall asleep!

The Year Four students are very enthusiastic about having met their buddies. In the first visit the students read their buddy the poetry book which they had wrote and spent some time outside playing with their buddies. It was hilarious watching the preschool students run their buddy ragged across the many activities such as, an obstacle course, bat soccer, driving wheels and fort building. The students will visit their buddies fortnightly over the next term.

Trish Bond & Rebecca Flux

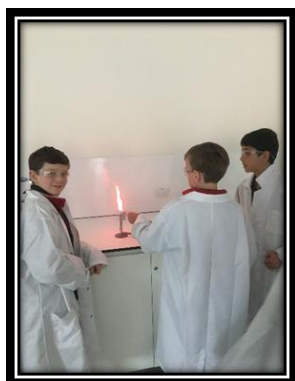


## Year 5 News

2018 is a huge year for Science in year 5! We kicked off the year with biological sciences and learnt about survival in the desert and then we ventured out of this world... We investigated our solar system and learnt about celestial bodies, their movement and how it determines time (a day, a month, a year) on earth. Our unit on space gave us the opportunity to create a mural for Fadden Primary. We are so proud of our mural!

As part of our unit on matter the students did some hands-on experiments at the Centre for Innovation and Learning. They melted ice using Bunsen burners and recorded the temperatures using digital thermometers linked to computers, they loved having state of the art equipment to conduct quality experiments. During their last visit they tested white powders and crystals to determine the different properties of solids and liquids. What's next? We have an exciting unit of physical sciences coming up... Light Shows!!!

Sandra Stemmet & Amelia Frantz



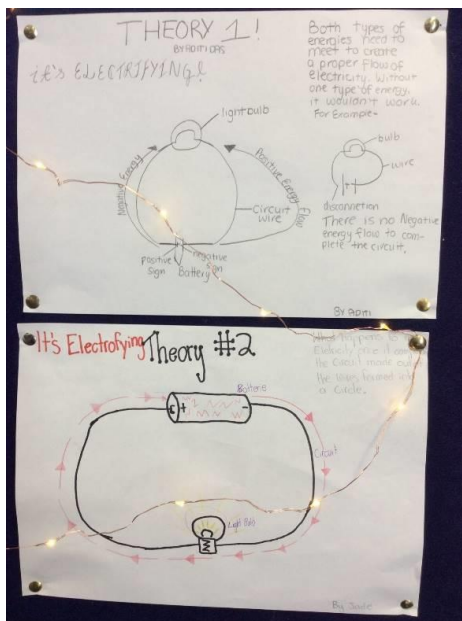
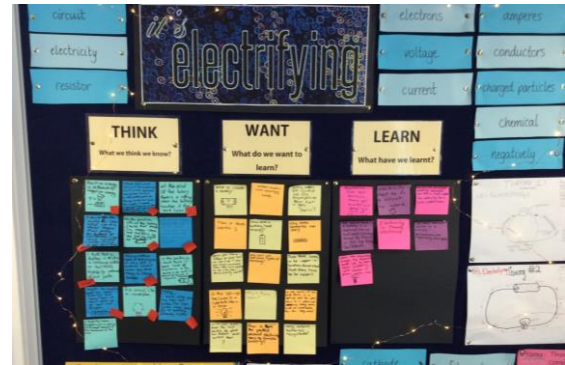
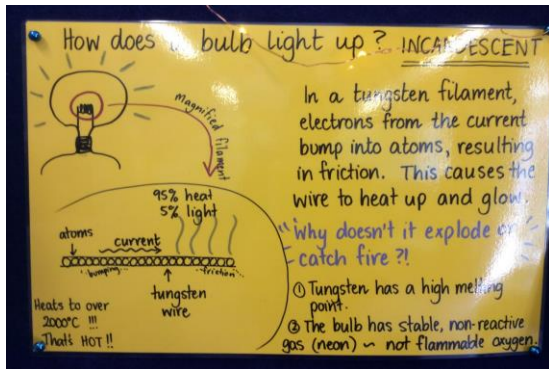
## Student Awards

<b>KS</b> Aaron Danarasah & Kailey Carpenter	<b>KP</b> Tamas Cattle & Lily Bickley
<b>1A</b> James Gardner & Caitlyn Briedis	<b>1G</b> Rudy Ashe & Sienna Berlutti
<b>2SA</b> Adelyn Dobry & Zac Moss	<b>2SP</b> Ethan Zagar & Sarah Judd
<b>3I</b> Erica Wheatley & Matthew Steer	<b>3B</b> Ada Vulic & Isabelle Harmer
<b>4B</b> Ryan Buttriss & Katie Marin	<b>4FL</b> Ryder Shockley & Minay Tuncay
<b>5S</b> Chelsia Suresh & Isobelle Subritzky	<b>5FR</b> James Wheatley & Jayden Beardmore
<b>6L</b> Ben Sheppard & Patrick Fowler	<b>6N</b> Emily Kent & Beth Teale
<b>Japanese</b> Jessica Berlutti & Leo Dylewski	<b>Communities @ Work</b> Evelyn Bowler &
<b>Citizenship</b> Henson Werner-Gibbings	Malik Connell



## Year 6 News

### Science– It's Electrifying



**Clever theory that we came up with, but we discovered it was not correct!**

In our Physics unit, It's Electrifying, we discovered how torches work. We theorised about circuits and discovered that electricity flows from one end of a battery, through conductors and a resistor, to the other end of the battery. We also found out why light bulbs are made from certain materials.

Rebecca Legge & Christine Nuttall

## School Photos – Reminder

Wednesday 12 September

Photo envelopes must be returned to the front office by Friday 7 September.

Online, credit card & cash payments will be accepted. No change will be given.

Spare envelopes + sibling envelopes can be collected from the front office.

A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free.

Please ensure your child/ren are on time for school looking neat & tidy.

Preschool Echidna & Emu groups will be taken in the morning.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office or

MSP Photography on 6255 9208

### **VOLUNTEER/S REQUIRED – BOOKCLUB**

Fadden Primary is looking for a volunteer/s to take on Scholastic Book Club for 2019.

Giselle Buttriss will be happy to do a handover during Term 4 in preparation for 2019. Email Giselle with your interest [giselle@l1eren.com.au](mailto:giselle@l1eren.com.au)

### **BOOK SWAP**

On 5 September students have the opportunity to purchase a book with a gold coin donation. Money raised will be donated to Indigenous communities to support literacy.

We are asking each child to donate a book they are no longer reading for the Book Swap. A collection box is located at the front office. Please drop books in before 4 September.

### **NOTES & EMAILS SENT HOME**

Yr k-2	AFL school program
Yr 2	Centre for Innovation & Learning
Yr 3	Centre for Innovation & Learning
Yr 6	Centre for Innovation & Learning
Yr 5&6 Band	Floriade Band Performance
Yr 6 Band	Band Festival 2018

### **LAUNDRY ROSTER**

Fri 17 Aug Paige Jensen

Fri 24 Aug Alison Hill

Fri 31 Aug Nicole Saunders



## **THARWA COMMUNITY AND PRESCHOOL BUSH FAIR**

Sunday 9 September 2018

10am - 2pm

Sheep shearing demonstrations

Face painting

You will find it all at the Tharwa Preschool – just over the bridge on North Street.

Famous cake stall

Live entertainment

Great raffle prizes

Picnic games