Dear Families

Parent-Teacher Interviews
It was fantastic to see so many of our Fadden families on Tuesday afternoon for the Parent-Teacher interviews. These are an important part of our whole school reporting process and allow parents to share specific information about their child with the teacher at the beginning of the year to help ensure that their child’s strengths and areas of need are addressed.

Parents and Citizens’ Association
We also had our first Parents and Citizens’ Association and Fadden Activity Centre (out of hours care) meetings on Monday night. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to take on roles. Special congratulations to Nerissa Richardson, our new P&C President.

Preschool
Thank you also to the parents who attended the Preschool Information Evening on Wednesday night. Susan and Tricia – our two preschool teachers – did a wonderful job of unpacking the unique nature of the preschool program. Following the information session, the preschool held its first Parents’ Association meeting for 2015. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to take on roles within the association.

PIPS
Each year, Kindergarten students across the ACT are involved in the Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) assessment program. This interactive, online assessment provides valuable information about the reading and numeracy skills that students bring on formal school entry. PIPS testing has started and will continue into next week. Our Kindergarten teachers value this opportunity to work individual for a sustained period with each of their students. Parents will receive a PIPS report later in the year. If you would like to know a little more about PIPS, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Kindergarten teacher.

Student Representation and Leadership
Yesterday afternoon, students in Years 5 and 6 presented their leadership speeches to their school houses. It was obvious how much work students had put into their speeches which focused on their leadership characteristics and the Fadden values of confidence, responsibility and respect. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were able to vote on who they would like to elect as the Fadden Primary School Captains and Vice Captains for 2015.
Seeking assistance from a parent who has a background in horticulture/landscaping

The P&C generously donated funds last year to assist the school in purchasing some mature shade trees. We are hoping that there is a parent in our community who has a background in either horticulture or landscaping who might be willing to donate their expertise in assisting us to both plant the trees and plan out the landscaping. If you are able to be of assistance, please let Lindsay know Lindsay.musto@ed.act.edu.au

National School Improvement Tool

Lindsay and Nina have been undertaking strategic planning in the use of the National School Improvement Tool. The National School Improvement Tool brings together findings from international research into the practices of highly effective schools and school leaders. The tool assists schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of classroom teaching and learning. It supports school-wide conversations – including with parents and families, school governing bodies, local communities and students themselves – about aspects of current practice, areas for improvement and evidence that progress is being made. We will keep you updated as to how the National School improvement Tool is informing our school strategic plan.

Until next week.

Warm regards,

Lindsay and Nina

Preschool news

Thankyou to those parents that came along to Wednesday night’s information session and Parent Association AGM. For those who were unable to attend this session, we are emailing out an information document outlining the presentation along with the term 1 overview.

The outgoing Parent Association outlined their roles at the AGM and we are very fortunate to have had volunteers from this year’s parents come forward to fill all the committee positions for this year. The Parent Association will keep you posted on who took on these roles and on future meeting dates which all parents are of course welcome to. Please let us know if you missed the meeting but are keen to be involved in the Parent Association.

The children have all settled into preschool extremely well this year and are enjoying their new friends, songs, stories and interests. The parent roster has gone up so if you think you might have some spare time to join us, for any amount of time, please put your name down.

Susan, Sandi, Heidi, Cathy, Tricia & Robin
Sports News
Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were elected Captains and Vice Captains yesterday. Badges are to be presented at Assembly on Friday 13th March.

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P&C News
We had a great turn out at our first P&C meeting for the year on Monday night, thank you to all the new parents who attended. I am excited to say that after our AGM we have a full committee! We are pleased to announce the following positions have been filled.

President: Nerissa Richardson  
Vice President: Veronica Elliott  
Secretary: Katie Alexander  
Treasurer: Natasha Manderson  
Public Officer: David Addison  
Fundraising Coordinators: Amber Heeney and Claire Ellwood

Our fundraising team has lots of ideas and are already planning events! Keep an eye out for further communication on our fundraising plan for Term 1 and Term 2 and how you can help us raise funds for the school.

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 30th March week 9 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Regards  
Nerissa Richardson, President P&C, 0402 440 320, FaddenPC@gmail.com

FAC Subcommittee
2014 was a fantastic year for FAC with a record number of Fadden families using the before/after school care and vacation program. This year the FAC subcommittee almost has a full committee! The following positions have been filled for the FAC subcommittee.

President: Vacant  
Vice-President: Emma Wheatley  
Secretary: Peter Marin  
Treasurer: David Addison  
Communications: Anita Campbell and Libby Werner-Gibbings

FAC are currently seeking a willing parent to fill the role of President. Fadden is one of the few remaining schools that offer a childcare service through the P&C. This has allowed FAC to tailor a program that specifically meets the needs of our families.

FAC employs a Child Care Manager and a Business Manager to run the delivery of the program and to manage the enrolments, invoicing and payments. However the Committee plays an important role as a sub-committee of the P&C providing oversight on the direction of FAC. The current parents on the committee have a number of years’ experience running the FAC committee, and now they need a new President to help them continue to do that.

The President is responsible for - Chairing committee meetings (held twice a term prior to the P&C meeting), attend P&C meetings on behalf of the FAC Parent Committee and provide the primary point of contact for the Child Care Manager, parents and the School. If you can help out in the FAC President Role please contact Nerissa Richardson, niss.richardson@gmail.com, 0402 440 320, or Emma Wheatley, Emmaw94@hotmail.com.
P&C Music Subcommittee
The Music Program has commenced for 2015 with all classes filled. We have keyboard and guitar lessons this year with both Lisa Gill and Daniel Bennett returning to teach for us. Invoices will be coming out from next week.

The AGM has been held and the following positions for the committee have been filled:

President: Elizabeth Marsh  
Vice President: Melanie Rhodes  
Secretary: Joanne Hogan  
Treasurer: Theresa Mitrousis  
Deputy Treasurer: Joanne Hagan  
Day Co-ordinator: Sarah McCabe  
Scheduling: Vacant

We are also looking for a parent to fill the Scheduling position. This position oversees the enrolment and timetabling process for the Music Program. The biggest part of this role occurs at the start of the year to set up the timetable, which has already been completed for 2015. The next activity for this role is at the start of term 3 when the timetable is confirmed with continuing parents and any vacancies advertised through the School.

If you currently have a child in the program and are interested in supporting the committee with the Scheduling role, or your child to participate in the program and wish to be added to our waiting list, please contact our Treasurer, Theresa Mitrousis at tmandtm1@gmail.com.

Thankyou  
Music Program Committee

P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop
This year we have a new group of parents manning our second hand uniform shop. Thank you to Kylie Scales and Sharman Jensen for looking after this fantastic service. All second hand donations can be left in the pink donation bin in the school foyer. Second hand uniform shop opening hours will be advertised in the school newsletter. New school hats are available at any time for $10 through the front office. Please contact Kylie for any second hand uniform enquiries.

Kylie Scales, kylie.scales@gmail.com, 0411 852 100.

Fathers can make a difference in getting sons to read
To find out more follow this link to a short article by Ryan Spencer, Clinical Teaching Specialist and Lecturer in Literacy Education at University of Canberra.

LAUNDRY ROSTER
Friday 20 February  Jade Miller
Friday 27 February  Kirsten Addison
Friday 6 March  Louise Perez