Dear Families

Our first term has passed so quickly. What a privilege it has been to be part of such a dynamic school. Classes have come together as communities, teachers have continued to foster partnerships with parents and students have been immersed in high quality learning.

**ANZAC Day assembly:** This morning we held our ANZAC Day assembly which was coordinated by Mrs Jaki Fraser. The ceremony was led by our Year 6 leaders and they guided the students through a time of reflection. Flight Lieutenant Melinda Mitchell addressed the assembly and very eloquently articulated Australia’s involvement in conflict, including the important contributions of Indigenous soldiers. We thank Melinda very much for making the time to come and speak to the school community this morning as her speech ensured a deeper understanding of why ANZAC day is such an important commemoration. Thanks also goes to Mr Ken Fraser who played The Ode and Last Post on his bag pipes and helped contribute to the sombre mood of the assembly. Representatives from each year level lay wreaths and Robbie Palmer did an admirable job of reading the poem Black Anzac. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us for today’s assembly.

**School Board:** The two vacant parent representative positions on our school board have been filled by Ms Karen Chudleigh and Mrs Lisa Grech. Mr Andrew Callaway is continuing his term on the board and is our third parent representative. We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the dedicated work of Mrs Margaret Head who has served on the Fadden School Board for the last six years. Margaret’s roles have included both Board Chair and Community Representative. We will be electing a new Board Chair at our next Board Meeting and will keep the community informed of this outcome.

**P&C Disco:** Last night was our special 80’s themed disco organised by our P&C. I did have a few students tell me that they thought their outfits were ‘crazy’ and ‘strange’. I told them that in fact, headbands, leg warmers and bangles used to be part of my daily attire! The disco was a great way to celebrate the culmination of Term 1 and huge thanks goes to Amber Heeney and Claire Ellwood who ensured that the night went seamlessly and a great time was had by all.

Planning for Term 2 is well underway and we look forward to seeing everyone back after a restful holiday. A reminder that school resumes on **Tuesday 28 April**. If you do have any questions or concerns over the school holiday period, please email info@faddenps.act.edu.au. This account will be checked regularly and you will receive a timely response.

Kind regards

Nina McCabe
Kindergarten News

Letter of the week: Ee, Sight words: but said you (Week1)
Letter of the week: Hh, Sight words: on we are (Week2)

Here we are at Week 10, hard to believe! We have had an exciting and jam packed term. The students have accomplished so much and we are very proud of their achievements.

Thank you to all the parents that came to the War Memorial on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for our students to have participated in a great educational program and have a tour of an amazing museum. Back at school, students reflected on their experience and were able to recount some amazing stories.

A reminder to all families regarding the need for hats to be worn during outside activities at school. Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat.

Best wishes for a lovely and safe holiday.

Melanie Sissian, Anita Periac, Jonathan Hall

Year 1 News

We have come to the end of term one and a well-earned rest for both teachers and students. We have completed our Science unit “Spot the difference” and the children have demonstrated their learning through many hands on experiences and activities. Next term we will be looking at sound and light in the unit “Look Listen”. During the holidays you could look for things around the home environment that make sounds.

Our excursion to the Australian War Memorial was a great success. After our discussions last week about the memorial and what we might find there the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the ships, planes, medals and other memorabilia. This then fits in nicely with our ANZAC assembly held today. The children were respectful and well behaved during this solemn occasion.

We have sent home today a small booklet for your child to draw and write about their holidays. If you would like to complete this, it will help next term for when we continue looking at and writing recounts.

Have a safe and restful break.

Trish Donelly, Jaki Fraser, Julie Spencer
Year 2 News
It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of term one! We have had a fantastic term and have enjoyed participating in a variety of different activities and experiences. It was great to see the students’ eagerly self select their own books during reading workshop based upon their ability and interest. This process aided confidence, fluency and comprehension; it was a delight to hear students’ requesting if it was time for reading workshop. We will be continuing reading workshop during term two.

As part of the ANZAC centenary, year two participated in an excursion to the Australian War Memorial. The students’ participated in a guided tour of the past in the present. Through photos, exhibitions and clothing, students’ were introduced to families that have had different family members who went to war. One family had four generations of family that had gone to war, including one who is currently working in Afghanistan. Through exploration and discussion, four students were chosen to dress up and present photos of each family member. Thinking about the past and the present, students’ collaboratively placed each family member into a timeline. The photos below are of our timeline and excursion.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Suzy Francis, Annette Raats

Year 3 News
We have had a wonderful and informative excursion to the Australian War Memorial this Wednesday. After listening to the story of ‘Simpson and his Donkey’ at school, the children were excited to see the statue at the front of the building. We were also able to view the light and sound show in ANZAC Hall as well as viewing the different aircraft used during war time. Students went on a guided tour and tried on a variety of uniforms. We walked along the Roll of Honour and we were able to see the wreath that Prince Harry had laid in the Hall of Memory. A huge thank you to Sherlyn Dean, Leanne Steer & Kali Outram for their assistance on the day.

We have had a fantastic term one and are looking forward to another exciting and productive term two commencing on Tuesday 28th April.

Tristan Dean, Sheryl Harris, Smilja Rajik,
Year 4 News

Our first term at school has come to a close! It has been a busy time with lots of learning. We have improved our exposition writing by reinforcing our arguments, checking our work against a set criteria and editing our writing. Next term we will continue to use our maths matrix so students can continue to proceed at their own pace.

We are looking forward to 4K’s assembly in Term 2 of Week 2, we welcome all parents and carers to see them in the hall at 2pm on Friday.

Our visit to commemorate the centenary of ANZAC day to the War Memorial was a great success. The students were a credit to themselves and to Fadden Primary School. They showed great respect when touring around the museum with our guides who were telling us the story of one family from the Great War. Have a look at the following pictures!

Our science unit ‘Plants in Action’ and history unit ‘The First Australians’ have all been tied up and we were very impressed with the knowledge and inquisitive nature of our students. We had some fantastic in depth discussions.

As Term 1 comes to an end, we hope everyone has a well-deserved rest! We look forward to seeing you again in Term 2. Check out some of 4I’s Easter hats below. Happy Holidays!

Helayna Ives, Tristan Kentwell
**Year 5/6 News**
The Year 5 and 6 students have been very busy leading up to the end of term holidays.

Fadden Parliament held its first official sitting, with immediate action being sent through to the Senate to improve the rules regarding Pokémon card play in the school.

The Year 5 Band members have been excitedly practising their new instruments which they received just recently. We can’t wait to hear them perform in the near future.

The Fadden Cross Country Carnival ran smoothly, thanks to the efforts of all of our house leaders as well as the support from other Year 5 and 6 students who were keen to assist Mrs Fenson during the day. Congratulations to all the students who put their best efforts into their performance.

The term has been a wonderful one, with many great things to look back on. The Year 5/6 classes have enjoyed participating in events like our school carnivals, playing ‘Observation’, attending Camp Cooba together and have settled into productive and busy individual classes as well. We are looking forward to a wonderful school holiday period and wish everyone a safe and happy break. Bring on Term 2!

Kerry Millington, Karen Barling, Chris Wark, Luke Marsden

**Freycinet News**
Congratulations to the students for reaching the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term of reading, writing, maths, art, cooking, P.E. and Japanese. The students are developing their skills and are sharing their interests with others.

Enjoy your holiday and come back ready for a busy Term 2.

Merrilyn Sparks

**Japanese News**
The last couple of weeks students from Kindergarten and Year 1 have been busy making a greeting booklet in Japanese. Hopefully students will be able to say some of the greeting words in Japanese and understand what it means in English. Students from Year 3-6 have started writing the first line of the Japanese alphabet and I have been impressed with how some students are giving it a go at writing the whole alphabet. Students have also continued to practise introducing themselves.

This week some classes watched “Big Bird in Japan”. Students were asked to write down and discuss similarities and differences between Australia and Japan. Some of the things that students noticed included: The Japanese people have black hair and brown skin. They speak Japanese. They greet differently by bowing. The clothes are different, they wear kimonos. The signs are in Japanese. The food is different - they eat sushi. They use chopsticks. They have modelled food outside the restaurants. Similarites included: Same means of transport (cars and buses), they have the same animals and the trees look the same, and Tammi Sensei’s favourite that Big Bird was also the same!

Photos attached include students practising writing the first line of the hiragana, artwork done by some students privately and a group photo of students in Year 3 when Stephanie wore her kimono.

I hope that everyone has a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing all students again next term.

Tammi Sensei
Congratulations to our Library Legends for Term 1. One-hundred-and-one students have borrowed during every Library lesson this term (with the possible exception of one absence). What a great effort! Each of these children receives a certificate and a bonus of five house points.

KH: Sharlize Hatch
KP: Will Brown, Misa Callaway, Jordan Smith
KS: Cooper Alexander, Daniel Bosua, Lily Fogels, Alana Rajic, Noah Stoddart
1D: Jackson Arnold, Cameron Blundell, Ryan Buttriss, Phoenix Garland, Angelina Lin, Sam McCabe, Ruben Ploog, Isobel Ryan, Jasper Rhodes
1F: Katherine Addison, Maggie Grant, Lochlan Otten, Lucas Randall, Jeremy Richardson, Lily Saunders, Mason Singer, Minay Tuncay, Jackson Ward-Rowley, Thomas Watt
1S: Antonio Donis, Oska Fenwick, Rhys Honeyman, Ivy Morris
2F: Alexander Barrett, Sasha Blackman, Jasmine De Jong, Nina Fenwick, Zoe Giannis, Ben Jorritsma, Jason Marsh, Augustus Mascellani, James Pulko-Reid, Joe Quinn, Charlie Weis
2R: Maegan Briedis, Madeline Brown, Abby Fairhall, Lachlan Judd, Cody Lambros-Culley, Balin Neave, Andre Vincent, Aiden Wright
3D: Ryan Blundell, Olivia Brown, Mia Callaway, Campbell Dean, Mackenzie Garland, Anastasia Makrides, Liam Manderson, Milly McCabe, Elise Simpson, Ashley Weller, Cezanne Whitworth
3H: Ben Angelopolous, Sebastian Knotek, Cate Oliver, Ben Sheppard, Jamal Tabaja, Amadeus Teo, Jasmine Ward-Rowley
3R: Aditi Das, Dylan De Jong, Patrick Fowler, Alvin Jacob, Hannah Cornelia
4I: Alexander Narsh-Sormaz, Heath Johnson, Caitlin Koch, Phebe Le, Olivia Radulovich
4K: Liam Addison, Jack Buttriss, Monica Fleitas, Rylee Gibbons, Hayley Otten, Charlie Rhodes, Tobias Saunders
5M: Amelie Dean, Veronika Duvnjak, James Gibbons, Ayden Hudson, Ebony Perry, Jake Lardner
5/6W: Yumi Callaway, Angelina Makrides, Aaron Nguyen, Robyn Sirois, Mani Spinaze, Ellie Stephens, Lucas Vial, Pasandi Waduge, Lia Zierholz

Jo Anne Pulko, Teacher-Librarian
**PE News**

**Touch Football**
Congratulations to Year 6 student Josh Hromow and Year 5 student Harry Stokes who have been selected to represent Tuggeranong at the ACT PSSA Touch Football Championships next term.

**Ruby League**
Congratulations to Josh Chorley (Year 6) who has been chosen to represent Tuggeranong at the ACT PSSA Rugby League Championships in May.

**Athletics carnival**
As mentioned in week eight’s newsletter, our school athletics carnival will be held in Week 2 of next term (Wednesday 6th May). To be able to run a whole school carnival, offering both track and field events, volunteers are greatly needed. If you are able to help on the day please e-mail belinda.fenson@ed.act.edu.au or leave your name with Jacquie in the front office.

**National School Partnership Tennis Program**
Next term, I will be promoting the Hot Shots Tennis program during physical education lessons and selected lunch times. Fadden Primary School has become an official Tennis Australia Partner School. The aim of the program is to give our students the opportunity to play and enjoy tennis. The equipment required to run such an activity has been given to our school on behalf of Tennis Australia and is ours to keep!

Below is an example of the card students have been given which lists the website for the Hot Shots Tennis Program. Each student who joins will receive a free T-shirt and the school receives $2 to put towards further equipment purchases. Students may use the school address to have T-shirts delivered to rather than listing personal information.

If you have any questions about the program please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Belinda Fenson

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**LAUNDRY ROSTER**

*Friday 10 April*  
Kristina Randall
Preschool News

At preschool the children have been engaging in a number of different ongoing investigations. These have included the change of seasons, dinosaurs and stick insects. We explore the concept of seasons through daily observations and discussions, monitoring the calendar and weather as well as through reading a selection of both story and information books about the end of summer and the onset of autumn.

We have also had some activities and discussions around the favourite autumn celebration of Easter with children designing and creating their own Easter basket. Children also dripped dye onto boiled eggs in the age old tradition of egg decorating.

Our first excursion has been a great success and was enjoyed by all who came along. Thank you to the mums who came along on the bus wash excursion on which we apparently broke a world record! Through the enthusiasm, high volume, broad smiles and frantic waving of our preschoolers we managed to get the highest amount of pedestrians ever, to wave back to us.

As we complete the first term it is valuable to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past 10 weeks. We feel confident in saying that all the preschoolers have developed a sense of belonging at preschool enabling them to share their ideas, needs and feelings with both peers and staff. All the children have developed some interests which contribute to their engagement and happiness at school. They have also developed their ability to sit and listen to others for increasing periods of time and to share their views, stories and equipment with the group in a fair and equitable manner, which is a big achievement for a preschooler. The repertoire of songs at preschool grows daily and we are happy to report all the children participate, in varying degrees in music and movement activities.

Other skills your child has gained or improved upon throughout this term include: climbing skills, catching & throwing skills, interacting with others with care, empathy and respect; increased independence, belonging to and contributing to a group and becoming effective communicators.

We hope everyone has a pleasant school break and look forward to seeing and hearing about it next term.

Susan, Sandi, Tricia, Heidi, Heather & Kim
TERM 1 FUNDRAISING UPDATE & THANK YOU

Parents and Carers... please give yourself a hearty high 5.... Term 1 has been wonderful for fundraising!

‘Feel Good Friday’ and the ‘Hot Cross Bun Canteen Day’ were very warmly received and popular with students, raising close to $500.

Thank you so much to those of you who have returned your ‘Cookie Drive’ money and in particular to those who have sold numerous boxes – ridiculously appreciated! There are still a number of outstanding payments to be made, so please return your $50 as soon as possible to the Front Office or online at www.flexischools.com.au. As we are unable to return unsold cookies and we have had full boxes returned, if anyone is able to take additional boxes over the school holidays we would think you are particularly awesome!

Last night’s 80’s School Disco was RAD!! Thank you so much to the amazing volunteers who helped the disco run so smoothly – from manning doors, to canteen duty, selling glow products, checking off names, cleaning up, etc – thank you, thank you, thank you. We would also like to give a huge shout out to the kiddies who attended – WOW!! Behaviour was amazing and the positive energy and vibe you showed was fantastic... how great are you guys!!!

A note regarding the upcoming ‘Mother’s Day Shop’ is included below, to give you all plenty of notice for the purchasing order cut-off date of Thursday, 30th April. Again, this payment can be made via the Front Office or online.

Have a wonderful school holiday break and we look forward to Term 2’s fun activities.

Amber & Claire – P&C Fundraising

Changes to ACTION school services from Monday 18 May 2015

On Monday 18 May ACTION will be introducing a range of timetable adjustments and service improvements to the normal weekday network, as well as changes to some dedicated school services. These changes were announced Thursday 2 April. Full details are available on the ACTION website.

ACTION have also contacted schools to inform them of any upcoming changes to their dedicated schools services.

Since the launch of the new schools network in September 2014, ACTION have been continually monitoring the network using performance data and identifying areas for improvement. For dedicated school services these include:

- the addition of six new services;
- directional and stop changes for 21 school services;
- changed start times for 68 school services; and
- just 1 school service will no longer be in operation.

Other school services may have slight timing changes or no changes. We encourage parents to view the changes to the normal weekday network also taking effect on Monday 18 May, as connection times with dedicated school services may have changed.

For more information please visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.
Friday, 8th May 2015

Fadden Primary’s School Hall will be transformed into a ‘Mother’s Day Shop’ for one day only!

Your child will be able to shop for an item that they think is perfect for you or a lovely Mum they know & adore....

It will then be gift wrapped, all ready to give with love on the day - hopefully along with breakfast in bed (hint hint)!

$5 per gift / per child

Please complete the following order form with your child’s name, class and the amount of gifts they are shopping for.
Forms to be returned to the Front Office by Thursday 30th April 2015

| Child’s Name 1) | .................................................. | class | .......... | .......... |
| Child’s Name 2) | .................................................. | class | .......... | .......... |
| Child’s Name 3) | .................................................. | class | .......... | .......... |
| Child’s Name 4) | .................................................. | class | .......... | .......... |
| Child’s Name 5) | .................................................. | class | .......... | .......... |

Enclosed is $........... ($5 per child / per gift)

Please note payment can be made online via Flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either
Ember Henney or Clare Elwood - Fundraising Coordinators - email faddenpc@gmail.com
Whooping Cough Vaccination for adults

The number one source of whooping cough infection in newborns is contact with an infected adult.

The body’s immunity to whooping cough infection will get less with time so a booster dose is recommended for adults who are:

- Planning a pregnancy
- At risk of whooping cough (e.g. healthcare workers)
- In contact with young children (grandparents, relatives, childcare workers)
- 65 years or older who have not had a booster in the past 10 years.
- Adult whooping cough vaccination is NOT funded under the National Immunisation Program

Pregnant women:

- The whooping cough vaccine can be given to pregnant women during the third trimester of pregnancy if they are at risk of infection.

Supplies:

- The adult products of interest are Boostrix and Adacel (equivalent products by different manufacturers).
- Supplies are low nationally, however some pharmacies have stocks.
- A prescription is required from your doctor.

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