

Newsletter

Friday 25 October 2019

Week 2 Term 4

Dates to Remember

<i>Monday 28 October</i>	<i>Swim & Survive program</i>
<i>Tuesday 29 October</i>	<i>Swim & Survive program</i>
	<i>P&C Meeting</i>
<i>Wednesday 30 October</i>	<i>Swim & Survive program</i>
<i>Thursday 31 October</i>	<i>Swim & Survive program</i>
<i>Friday 1 November</i>	<i>Swim & Survive program</i>



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

HAPPY CHILDREN'S WEEK & HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY

Dear Fadden families

It was terrific to see our students return after the holidays fresh and happy to be back with friends, ready for learning. Term 4 will fly by as the last block of learning is carefully mapped and delivered against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards for each year level, and end of year celebrations begin. Should you have any questions about school happenings this term or your child's transition to the next year level, please contact your child's teacher, or any of the Leadership Team; Natalie, Katie, Sarah, Cherie or myself.

Our school adapts to the season! With this gorgeous warm weather, swimming programs for the Kindies, 1s and 2s will take place every day next week. Plans are afoot for icy pole fundraiser days to assist with costs around Year 6 graduation. Staff are tightening the expectation that all students on the playground must be wearing a hat. Children without a hat must stay under the main shade sails for the whole period of play so please do what you can to ensure your child has at least one hat at school.

As I prepare to hand over leadership of this wonderful school to new principal, Ms Jo Jefferson, my attention is turning to the unique characteristics that make Fadden a very special school and community. Here's one of them. In the last two weeks I've had occasion to talk directly with several parents about matters of concern. In all cases, parents have privileged me with information, sometimes challenging and personal, that has enabled better wrap around support for their child. All conversations were characterised by trust, respect and cooperation. This is very special. Staff also speak to me about the support they receive from families. When this level of trust is present, we partner together so much more effectively to deliver a high-quality school experience for each and every child, whose best interests we all carry close to our professional and personal hearts. This is just one of many unique reasons why it will be a joy to me to induct Jo into this marvellous community.

Warmest regards to all

Jennie Lindsay

Japanese News

During the last week of term 3, we had Mr Toshinori Sakamoto an experienced and acclaimed Taiko Master and his team, perform in front of the whole school. After their enthralling and enlightening performance, students participated in a 40-minute workshop. This included a short demonstration, an explanation of the drums and their history and the opportunity for the students to play the drums themselves.

All students had a fantastic time. Many thanks to Ms Lindsay for recommending him.



In the last week of term 3, with six other primary schools, twenty selected students from year three to year six were chosen to attend the Japanese Fun day at Coombs Primary school. All students had a lovely day rotating through different cultural activities including rice ball making, chopsticks races, calligraphy writing, manga drawing and fan making. The students loved sharing their experiences back at school.



LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 25 Oct Chandra Shamburigari

Fri 1 Nov Jo Rogers

Fri 8 Nov Rebecca Tailby



Nara Candle Festival

Spend a night amongst the candles and learn more about Canberra's [sister city relationship](#) with Nara, Japan at the annual Canberra Nara Candle Festival.

Hosted at the magical Nara Peace Park in Lennox Gardens on Saturday 26 October, the Festival offers a vibrant and family friendly atmosphere, complemented by a variety of Japanese arts and crafts, such as lantern making, calligraphy, origami, and a variety of Japanese inspired market stall.

Officially recognising the relationship of peace and goodwill, the annual festival is based upon a much larger candle festival, the Nara 'Tokae', which is held in Nara, Japan. This year's event is the 26th celebration of the event in Canberra.

There will be a total amount of 3,000 candles at the event, bathing the park in soft candlelight and symbolising the strength and importance of the sister city relationship.

There will be Japanese inspired performers, including martial arts and drumming, as well as kimono dress-up, tea ceremonies, furoshiki demonstrations from 4pm onwards, with food and drinks available onsite, offering a delicious range of Japanese inspired choices.

The Details:

Canberra Nara Candle Festival
Saturday, 26 October 2019
4.00 – 9.00pm
Free entry
Nara Peace Park, Lennox Gardens

Parking is available in the parliamentary zone, with a free shuttle bus from the Treasury and National Library of Australia bus stops between 3:30pm to 9:30pm on the night.

Authorised by Jo Verden, Executive Branch Manager, Events ACT, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate



The Great Canberra Cook Off - open for all Canberrans over 8 years

Calling all local foodies, little chefs and teens who like to stir the pot!

Are you ready to become a local hero with your favourite recipe? If you love cooking or know a young person at your school who does, then get ready to battle it out in The Great Canberra Cook Off! The competition has three categories:

- Little Chef - for primary school students
- Teen Chef - for high school students
- Stripped-Back Chef - for anyone over 18 to create a new healthier food recipe that can be sold in school and sporting canteens – think pre-packaged or quick to prepare on minimal 'stripped back' equipment.

Four finalists in each category will be chosen to battle it out in the final events on **30 November** and **3 December 2019**. There are some awesome prizes up for grabs, not to mention the epic status of holding the title of the WINNER of The Great Canberra Cook Off and the celebrity status that goes along with that!

For more details head [here](#). Entries close on Friday 8 November 2019. Healthier Choices Canberra is an ACT Government initiative.

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BANDANNAS for CANTEEN \$5 from the front office!



The ACT Education Directorate has partnered with the Australian Federal Police to host a **ThinkUKnow** cyber safety presentation, and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend!

When? Tuesday 26 November 2019 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where? Gungahlin College Lecture Theatre, 23 Gozzard Street, Gungahlin Town Centre ACT

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers on how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users, and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

The event is FREE but please register your interest on [Eventbrite](#).



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