

Newsletter

3 July 2015

Week 10 Term 2

Dates to Remember

Friday 3 July

Term 2 ends

Monday 20 July

Term 3 begins

Wednesday 9 September

Learning Journeys

Friday 18 September

Grandparents Day



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

Dear Families

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those parents who found the time in their busy schedules to attend Parent Teacher Interviews this week. As you know, the interviews are a very important part of the reporting process and a great way of keeping the communication channels open between home and school. Thank you also to the staff for staying back hours (sometimes in the cold and dark too as Fadden had three blackouts on the night!).

Term 3 Staffing

Mrs Merrilyn Sparks has welcomed the opportunity to work in the library for the remainder of 2015 enabling her to broaden her teaching base. She will both run the library and teach all our students as they rotate through the Library each week to borrow, learn about the Book Week authors and develop research skills. Mrs Jo-Anne Pulko has been doing a fantastic job handing over the reins during this past month. We thank her for the comprehensive hand over.

We would like to warmly welcome Mr Ian Shaw to the Fadden Community. Mr Shaw will be joining us as our new School Leader C and will also be teaching our Freycinet students in the LSUA. Mr Shaw comes with a wealth of experience from both working with autistic students over the last decade and from his studies. Mr Shaw has earned a Graduate Certificate Autism Spectrum Disorders and a Master of Inclusive Education in Autism. We are looking forward to getting to know him and learn from him next term.

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C held a delicious fundraiser today. We were all able to purchase hot churros with chocolate dipping sauce at lunch today – a perfect way to end the term and warm up on a cold, frosty day! Thank you so much to the parents from the P&C who work tirelessly to offer our students these extra opportunities.

Staff Professional Development

Well done to the nine staff members who are spending the next three days at the Australian Literacy Educators Association's national conference. In a context of globalised social, cultural and environmental change, and the rise of new communication technologies, English and Literacy educators play an important role in guiding our students through the uncharted territory of the future and to imagine new possibilities. Curiosity is key. The

teachers will discover more about capitalising and nurturing curiosity in practice, through research and in the curriculum.

Happy Holidays

We've all had a fantastic term with Kinders visiting the local shops; everyone banding together for the athletics carnival; students competing at the AIS in swimming; at the zone and ACT cross country carnivals; in the ICAS digital technology, science, writing and spelling competitions; combined band rehearsals for Yr 5 and Yr 6; NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5; assemblies for all; Mother's Day stall; special lunch order days; reports have gone home and we've had parent teacher interviews! We are capping that all off today with the hot churros at lunch and wearing our sports clothes to help the Parliament raise money for sports equipment!

After all that, the students have earned a well-deserved break. Travel safely and enjoy the break. We'll see you back at school on Monday the 20th July! Happy holidays!

Nina McCabe and Rachel Matthews

Kindergarten News

Well here we are half way through the year and what an amazing journey it has been. Through our reports and talking with parents - both at interviews this week and over the course of the Semester, we have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge the impressive personal achievements the children have made in only 6 short months. While many of you have thanked us this week for all the hard work we have put in, the children's successes must also be attributed to the hard work, patience and perseverance that you have maintained throughout the Semester. We have really appreciated the effort that all parents and carers have put into being engaged in their child's education and are looking forward to next Semester.

On Tuesday, Kindergarten were entertained and enthralled by the talented Jollybops. The fabulous Science 'incursion' highlighted some of the concepts we have been exploring through our Primary Connections program, with lots of added excitement. We were treated to a number of experiments that included explosions, the mixing of gases and chemicals and lots and lots of humour. The Jollybops really did make teaching Science look easy....if only us teachers could just carry off wearing a lycra suit, then maybe we'd enthrall the children too.

Thank you so much to our WONDERFUL reading helpers who have been coming in weekly this Semester. Again, we are putting the call out to any parents, carers or grandparents who can spare 30 minutes once a week next Semester. While we are forever grateful to our helpers and are often thanking them, when we talk to parents who do come in they often thank **us**, highlighting the value the experience has for them. They find it a great opportunity to see what is going on in the classroom and to share the learning experience with their child. For the parents who are doubting if they are qualified enough to help with reading, if you are reading with your child at home, you are more than capable of reading with a small group in the classroom and we'd love to have you come in.

To those of you who are having time off with your children these holidays.....ENJOY, stay warm and keep healthy.

Jonathan Hall, Anita Periac, Melanie Sissian

Year 1 News

Well, here we are at the end of another term, and we are all puzzled as to where the time has actually flown. We've learned lots over the last 10 weeks, including:

- How to improve our recount writing and handwriting
- Doubling numbers, counting on from numbers, turnaround number facts, subtraction, reading time, 2-dimensional shapes, parallel/vertical/horizontal lines, length and volume and capacity
- Working as a team and displaying friendly behaviours
- How sound and light travels
- How life and the environment has changed from our parents' days to ours

We all thoroughly enjoyed the Jollybops science show on Tuesday of this week, and those of us lucky enough to be 'volunteered' to help had lots of fun.

We have farewelled pre-service teachers Serena Huyn and Grace Jasinski from the University of Canberra. Good luck with your studies ladies, and thank you for all of your help and teaching.

Also a sad farewell to Mrs Robin Dehm, who has now officially retired, and to Mrs Jo Anne Pulko, who is taking leave and will be retiring next term. We hope to see you again one day if you decide to relief teach in the future.

To our gorgeous students and their families, have a wonderful and safe holiday. We look forward to hearing all about your time off in two weeks' time.

Trish Donnelly, Jaki Fraser, Julie Spencer

Year 2 News

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of term 2. We have had a busy and productive term and the students have enjoyed learning and participating in a variety of different tasks and activities. During our class meeting, we had a reflection time of all the things that individual students enjoyed or have learnt throughout the term. Below is a list of their responses:

<i>"I learnt about adding numbers and using different strategies to help me work them out"</i>	Isobelle
<i>"I enjoyed writing stories and how to proofread and edit them when I'm finished"</i>	Dakota
<i>"I've loved learning about and practising using different art techniques, especially painting using short brush strokes"</i>	Abby
<i>"I enjoyed learning about the equator"</i>	William
<i>"I learnt during science how metal can rust when left in water"</i>	Charlotte
<i>"I really enjoyed the science show, especially learning about how things change colour"</i>	Maddie
<i>"I loved creating and making boats"</i>	James
<i>"I really loved learning about the world in geography, especially talking about the continents and hemispheres"</i>	Jacob

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents that came to meet with us to discuss your child's progress. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing our fantastic students in term 3 ready for another fun and productive term.

Suzy Francis, Annette Raats

Year 3 News

Wow how time has flown! We are already half way through the year! The Year 3 teachers would like to commend and congratulate the Year 3 students for all of their hard work and efforts this term. It has been a busy and productive term and the students need a well-earned rest.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the Jollybops incursion on Tuesday. This show was the perfect example of how science can be extremely fun and interesting. It linked extremely well with our Melting Moments unit, looking closely at the states of matter. Students and teachers were in stitches with laughter when Rusty the Robot took a particular liking to Mrs Harris.

We would like to welcome Beth Morgan to Fadden Primary School. She is a pre-service teacher from the University of Canberra and is in her last year of her teaching degree. She will be working with 3H for 4 weeks and will have the opportunity to teach all of the Year 3 students.

Students are becoming more confident and comfortable when using the Chrome Books. They have been creating documents to write stories, complete spelling activities and have been researching given history topics. Students are both enthused and engaged in this new way of accessing their learning.

We hope that all students and families have a restful, safe and enjoyable two week break.

Tristan Dean, Sheryl Harris, Smilja Rajak

Year 4 News

This semester has flown by and we have all seen how hard Year 4 has worked. Well done Year 4! It was great seeing everyone at parent's night, thank you for coming. This week we have been finalising our history and science units.

In history, we have held presentations over the last two weeks. They have been amazing to see! The effort made with researching is evident and we were so impressed with how they met their success criteria, including all the necessary information. The slideshows were interesting and enlightening, whilst the posters were colourful, eye catching and explanatory. Excellent work!

This science unit has been interesting and the students have had lots of fun while creating and evaluating their packages. As you can see below they were also aesthetically pleasing and some survived the testing phase. We have had great discussions on what they would do next time to improve their designs. To top it off our science incursion was a hit, everyone enjoyed the fascinating experiments.

The last homework has been completed for the term, can everyone please return homework books to their class so they can be marked and ready to use in term 3. Also, now that we are half way through the year, we will have the students make a list of what they need for the next semester. All personal items, containers and water bottles will be sent home on Friday. We hope everyone has a fun and safe holiday and we can't wait to hear about what you did when we get back!

Please enjoy the beautiful artwork we made using our knowledge of colour. The colours we have chosen reflect the emotions we were feeling when creating our piece. We have given some clues with our faces as to the emotion we were feeling! See you in term 3!



Art Gallery



Helayna Ives, Tristan Kentwell

Year 5/6 News

6W

Mr Marsden has been very proud of his students focusing on their Tomorrowland projects this term, and all the teachers are proud with people showing up for basketball and futsal training and all the high quality work that is being produced. He is also proud with all the focus on the earthquake projects.

5/6W

Mr Wark is very pleased with all the technology projects 5/6W have been working on over the past week, making cogs and turning them with a handle to make something turn/spin, and then putting something on top to make it turn. Eg, a picnic, a jumping dog, and all the other things in that we create.

5H

Mrs Hodge is proud of the students quickly finishing their science adaptations, transport and class poems. Some of her students are actually making a poem book for the end of the year. The poem book is about how good the school is.

By Lucas and Mani

Natalie Hodge, Chris Wark, Luke Marsden

Freycinet News

Congratulations to the students on reaching the end of another term. Even though the weather has become cold and there has been much sickness in the class, the students have still managed to produce some quality storywriting and mathematical works. They have shown their creativeness in art and their enjoyment of cooking. Please enjoy these holidays and come back refreshed and ready for a new term.

Merrilyn Sparks

Japanese News

Over the last few weeks students have been busy perfecting and completing their business cards (year 3-6) and name cards (K-2). At the beginning of next term students will introduce themselves whilst exchanging their business cards or name cards. Students are also learning how to count and write from 1-10 and how to say their age in Japanese. I am really impressed with how much students have learnt this semester and hope they will be practising their Japanese over the holidays!

This week as a special end of term activity, students had an opportunity to play with Japanese traditional toys borrowed from the Japanese Embassy. Some of the toys included kendama, darumaotoshi, kami-zumo, koma, wanage and ohajiki. It was wonderful to see all the students engaged and having a go with the toys. The younger students enjoyed darumaotoshi and kamizumo while the older students enjoyed kendama.

Below are some photos of students meishi design and students having fun with the toys.

Tammi Beardmore
Japanese Teacher



LAUNDRY ROSTER

Friday 3 July Amber Heeney

Friday 24 July Sarah Rajic

Friday 31 July Angelina Belanski



Library News

Library House Points Tally for Term 2

The Kangaroos still hold the lead in the Library house points tally. Congratulations to everyone who has tried so successfully to earn house points during Library lessons. Keep up the good work.

	TERM 2 POINTS	TOTAL FOR TERMS 1 AND 2
WOMBATS	682	1220
KOALAS	709	1279
KANGAROOS	718	1291
EMUS	596	1134

Jo Anne Pulko
Teacher-Librarian



Preschool News

Here we are half way through the preschool year already. The children have all well and truly settled into the daily routines and have begun to explore and develop their special interests and friendships at preschool.

This week we were very fortunate to have Sue Kelly from Bunnings bring in over \$450 worth of plants and garden equipment to preschool. Many thanks to Laura's grandfather Noel for organising this sponsorship and donation, for which we are very grateful. We now have a selection of vegetables such as peas, cabbage, bok choy, carrots as well as marigolds and other flowers growing in our wonderful garden beds. The children were there to help with the planting, and will help to water them regularly with the lovely new watering cans and of course will help with the harvest and consumption a little further down the track.

The preschoolers were also very actively involved in the garden preparation of removing old soil, putting in new veggie mix soil with poo in it and in producing some of our own compost to utilise on the gardens. There was much excitement with every worm and grub that was found which lead to discussions and research on how certain things help and hinder the growth of plants.

We'd like to give special thanks to our janitor Kim who toiled away creating a solid timber garden edge for our ground level patch. This had to be done in a short period of time with limited resources, which he did happily and efficiently. One last thanks to Sandi who also rose to the challenge of time constraints and much soil moving and planting while Susan was unhappily off sick!

We wish you all a happy and safe school break and look forward to news from the children on their return in term 3.

Susan, Sandi & Tricia.



P&C News

Wow! Today's Churros Canteen Day was a huge hit, with children very eager to receive their crunchy chocolatey delight!

Due to an unprecedented number of students wanting to participate in this event, unfortunately we did run out and there were some very sad faces which broke our hearts!

So, we will definitely run this again next term and will stock up enough so there will even be seconds...and to those that missed out today you will be first in line next time. Thanks for your support.

Amber & Claire
P&C Fundraising

Upcoming P&C Meetings

FAC Committee Meeting (General Business) – All welcome to attend

Wednesday 22 July 2015 - Library 6.30pm

FAC Parent Information Night 2 (Ongoing discussion regarding FAC run by P&C) – All welcome to attend

Tuesday 28 July 2015 - Library 7pm

P&C Meeting (General Business) – All welcome to attend

Monday 3 August 2015 - Library 7.30pm

Summary of FAC Parent Information Night

On Tuesday night the FAC and P&C Committees held an information night to discuss the challenges that the committees are currently facing running an approved childcare centre.

Please find attached two documents – the FAQ that was given to families on the night, and an additional FAQ document summarising the evening's questions and outcomes.

In order to appropriately communicate information to all Fadden families it was agreed that communication to the community will continue to be circulated through the FAC Communications Officer, and also through the Friday School newsletter. Please ensure the FAC Communications Officer has your current email address (faccommunications@outlook.com)

A second FAC Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 28 July 2015, in the Library at 7pm. At this meeting we will discuss the selection criteria (based on community consultation) for choosing a new provider and the selection panel.

We are currently seeking input from families on these 2 topics prior to the information night. Please email your thoughts/comments to faddenpc@gmail.com by Monday 20 July. All comments received will be collated, then emailed to families and included in the School newsletter on Friday 24 July, then discussed at the meeting on Tuesday 28 July.

Regards, Nerissa Richardson, P&C President, faddenpc@gmail.com

Student Awards

KH Sienna-Rose Budden, Leo Dylewski	KP Mathew Steer, Kira Le
KS Alana Rajic, Christian Climie	1D Ibrahim Adhami, Angelina Lin
1F William Morris, Lily Saunders	1S Ava Gardner, Zack Travers
2F Zane Khoder, Jason Marsh	2R Jayden Beardmore, Jake Leonard
3D Anastasia Makrides, Liam Warren	3H Sebi Knotek, Sean Sullivan
3R Sebastian Stoddart, Ashlee Quilter, Hannah Lewthwaite	4I Emma Berry, Wynton Johnstone
4K Jack Buttriss, Hayley Otten	5H Milena Tanaskovic, David Mathews
5/6W Max Barton, Jordan Dickie	6M Oscar Winter-Giles, Miles Johnstone
FREY Sean Warren	PE Harry Stokes, Joseph Heeney
Japanese Freya Neilson, Mitchell Marin	

VOLUNTEERS needed to

help man our
Fundraising



Sunday, 2nd August 2015

Bunnings
Tuggeranong

Roster based on
2 hour shifts

We are required to have a
minimum of
4 x volunteers on at
any one time

BBQ needs to start
functioning by
9am and concludes at 4pm

**Please email Amber or Claire
- P&C Fundraising at
naheen@iprimus.com.au
with your availability
on the day**

Thank you for your support,
enthusiasm and generosity of
time - it is very much
appreciated!
Claire & Amber - P&C Fundraising



BUNNINGS TUGGERANONG BBQ ROSTER

SUNDAY, 2nd august 2015

Time Slot	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Volunteer 4	Volunteer 5
<i>8.30am - 10.30am (inc. Set up)</i>					
<i>10.30am - 12.30pm</i>					
<i>12.30pm - 2.30pm</i>					
<i>2.30pm - 4.30pm (inc. pack up)</i>					

- **Minimum of 4 x volunteers** required for each time slot
- Please write your **full name** and **contact number** in your preferred time slot
- If you have any queries, please contact either Claire Ellwood on 0414 651 750 or Amber Heeney on 0415 987 424 or naheen@iprimus.com.au

Friday 31st July 2015

NOODLE BOX DAY

Our Healthy Choices Lunch is proudly supported by Wokitup! Noodle Bar

\$6.50

per noodle box



\$1

fruit box

Thank you for supporting Fadden Primary's Fundraising Ventures

Any queries, please contact Amber or Claire - P&C Fundraising - faddenpc@gmail.com

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Please complete and return order form & payment by
NO LATER than 4pm Wednesday 29th July 2015

Sorry, but due to outsourcing food to Wokitup! Noodle Bar

NO LATE ORDERS will be taken

CHILD'S NAME: CLASS:

Please tick child's preferred box option, whether a fruit box is being purchased and total payment amount. YES, multiple boxes can be purchased!



SPAGHETTI IN A BOX \$6.50

Beef & Pork Mince & Spaghetti

HONEY SOY CHICKEN NOODLE BOX \$6.50

Honey Soy Chicken with Hokkein Noodles, Broccoli, Carrot, Capsicum, Baby Corn & Snowpea

TERIYAKI BEEF NOODLE BOX \$6.50

Teriyaki Beef with Hokkein Noodles, Broccoli, Carrot, Capsicum, Baby Corn & Snowpeas

FRIED RICE IN A BOX \$6.50

White Rice, Marinated Sausage, Chicken, Egg, Peas, Broccoli & Carrot

VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE IN A BOX \$6

White Rice, Egg, Onion, Peas, Broccoli & Carrot

FRUIT BOX \$1 Please circle preferred flavour:

Apple Juice / Orange Juice

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:

\$.....