Dear Families

This week Nina and I have met with teachers individually to look at what we call “Professional Pathways” and talk about their classroom programs and how they are differentiating to meet the needs of students. The school goals this year are around making our school even better with the improvement agenda relating to curriculum that supports and extends students with different abilities. It is about wellbeing and safety with the weekly delivery in every classroom of an explicit social skills program “Friendly Schools” personalised at Fadden to FEEL GOOD. This acronym has been used to highlight positive thinking and reflect problem solving with teachers using common language. Our third component is around improving our balanced literacy program with phonemic awareness, reading, comprehension and writing and spelling receiving attention. Teachers working collaboratively and using evidence based research to implement best practice pedagogy so that we are continually learning is important to our profession. This is work that will continue all year and is part of our core business. We are very fortunate at Fadden to have caring teachers who set high expectations and are keen to improve their skills in what is a very challenging job.

Students are harvesting the courtyard tomatoes from our plants which have been very productive. It is wonderful to see a student pick, wash and eat a cherry tomato that has been grown at school. Quite a few have asked “Can I take one home for my mum?” I always say yes, and apologise if that has meant you’ve received a squishy present!

This week I also met with members of our P&C and Preschool Parent association executive. These organisations are led by energetic and committed people who have great plans for supporting the school, not just in fundraising, but in the broader school vision. We look forward to a year of achievement.

Students voted last week on the version of our national anthem that they would like to sing at assembly. The more up-beat selection was to quote Ryan, “Perfect” or Sean, “Joyful”. If you attended today’s 6M assembly you may have heard the joyful strains.

Until next week, warm regards,

Lindsay and Nina

Celebrate ‘Feel Good Friday’ on Australia’s National Day against Bullying on Friday 20 March. Come dressed in clothes that make you happy! Gold coin donation
**Kindergarten News**

**Letter of the week: Nn**  
Sight words: for, so all  
(Week 7)

**Letter of the week: Cc**  
Sight words: has, had, have  
(Week 8)

Thank you to all the guided reading helpers for taking the time out of their day to help support the literacy program in kindergarten. It’s great to see the home reading program being implemented, and the enthusiasm that the children are showing towards reading at home.

In numeracy the children are consolidating their knowledge of numbers from one to ten and are continuing to be exposed to the teen numbers. We are discussing numbers that come before and after a specific number, place value and directionality of numbers.

As part of our Friendly Schools program, the students are beginning to explore different emotions and ways of expressing them.

In science we have been looking at the five senses. Students are learning that they use different senses to explore the world. We are encouraging students to be aware of their senses in various situations.

Now that the weather is changing, please make sure that all items brought to school are clearly labelled? Children should be encouraged to practise putting on and taking off their jumpers to assist in their growing independence.

Melanie Sissian, Jonathan Hall, Anita Periac

---

**Year 1 News**

Here we are at Week 7, working hard and well into our established routines.

We have revised and added to repertoire of known sound/letter relationships, including /sh/, /ch/, /th/, and /ng/.

**In Maths**, we have been exploring addition, combinations of ten and commencing days of the week.

**In Science**, we have continued to investigate how heat affects foods and whether they can be returned to their original state.

**In our KidsMatter Friendly Schools Program**, we continue to explore the concept of self-awareness.

**In the Arts rotations** 1F are exploring Portraiture with Mrs Spencer; 1S are experiencing Dance using Contemporary and Retro music and 1D are engaged in games and activities to learn the musical concept of beat.

**Homework:** Friendly reminder, homework goes out every Friday, to be returned when completed, by the following Thursday.

**Home Readers:** this is an essential part of Year Ones reading program. Please ensure your child reads every night and changes readers regularly.

**Cross Country – Thursday 26th March, 2015.** We have been running laps of the oval every morning to increase our fitness for the cross country. Please ensure your child is wearing house colours and running shoes on that day.

**Hats and Water Bottles:** The weather is still quiet hot and sunny, and as Fadden is a Sunsmart school it is essential that children bring in a water bottle and hat every day.

Trish Donelly, Jaki Fraser, Julie Spencer

---

**Year 2 News**

This week students have continued to explore the structure of a recount. In small groups, students reconstructed a recount and highlighted the features of the setting, sequence of events and conclusion. We also discussed the use of past tense and why it is used in recounts. The students enjoyed sharing and writing a recount about their long weekend.

This week we began our history unit called, ‘The Past in the Present’. Students brainstormed words we use to describe the past and discussed the meaning of history. It was fantastic to see the labelled diagrams students drew of their life experiences to distinguish between the past, present and future. We are looking forward to our special visitor who will discuss all the changes they have experienced over their time living in Canberra.

Annette Raats, Suzy Francis
Year 3 News

Mathematics
This fortnight, the students have been using various strategies to add two and three digit numbers. These have included the counting on, jump and split strategies.

English
The current focus in our persuasive writing is how to elaborate a point and provide evidence to make arguments convincing. We are also learning how to write effective introductions and conclusions. Cooperative reading has now commenced with revision of the reader's roles; Discussion Manager, Code Breaker, Illustrator and Investigator.

Science
In our unit ‘Feathers, Fur or Leaves’ the students are learning about the ‘branching key’ and how to use it to classify animals. The students are being 'taxonomists in training' by examining leaf litter and identifying the animals they find.

Homework
A reminder that homework is due next Wednesday, 18th March. The fortnightly homework is designed to be completed over the two weeks and only a small amount should be done each day. If your child is finding some parts difficult, we encourage them to complete what they can comfortably. Remember, reading is encouraged every night for at least 20 minutes and spelling words should be practised regularly as we have weekly tests on Fridays.

P.E
Hockey clinics are commencing next Monday and will continue for three weeks. The students will be having their sessions at various times on Mondays. We are also in regular training for the cross country run which will be held on Thursday, 26th March.

Tegan Dean, Sheryl Harris, Smilja Rajak

Year 4 News

Throughout our science unit, Year 4 students have begun looking at the germination stage in the plant life cycle. Students began by examining a seed in its dormant state and then moved onto which elements the seed needs to grow. Students are examining the growth of a broad bean seed when water and sun are applied to it and how many days between each growth spurt. Check out how much the seeds have grown in just 7 days.

Students then inspected different flowers, how they are similar or different and what parts are female and male.

Within Health and social development students have been looking at identifying the different types of bullying in scenarios and how we can assess the risks to ourselves and others before we respond to bullying situations. Students used a Risk-O-Meter to identify where the situation is minimal, moderate or extremely harmful to others or us.
A huge congratulations to the students who participated in the swimming carnival last week and won points for their houses. It was a very successful day and a big thank you to Mrs Fenson and any parents who volunteered their time to allow it to run so smoothly.

**5/6 News**

Well done to all of our intrepid campers on a successful Cooba experience. The opportunities for our students to participate in activities such as the ‘flying fox’ and the ‘gladiator course’ contributed to building confidence and pride in their ability to, not only overcome individual challenges, but to also support their peers as they faced certain obstacles. It was a pleasure to take away such an enthusiastic and energetic group of students.

This week has seen the start of band for Year 5 students. They are very excited to begin their musical education at Fadden and look forward to learning which instrument they will spend the next two years mastering.

Year 6 students had their first parliamentary session on Wednesday and will continue to learn about procedures and roles over the coming weeks. This is an important forum for student decision making with debates in the past focusing on school improvements, as well as supporting various charitable organisations.

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 weekend.

Kerry Millington, Luke Marsden, Chris Wark

**Freycinet News**

It has been a lovely couple of weeks. The students have been working on their maths skills. It has been interesting looking at the many place values including decimal places. In language we have been discussing persuasive writing and how to put across one’s opinions. While in daily sport we have begun to practise for cross-country – we are working on endurance rather than speed. In Japanese the students are enjoying spending time in the Japanese room while learning the language and culture of Japan. In P.E. the students are being kept very active in their games.

Merrilyn Sparks

**Swimming Age Champions 2015**

Well done to the following students who have been crowned Age Champions for their efforts at this year’s swimming carnival.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Champions</th>
<th>Runner Up Age Champion</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8 Years Girls</td>
<td>Elizabeth Teale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cate Oliver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Years Boys</td>
<td>Balin Neave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jayden Beardmore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Years Girls</td>
<td>Elise Simpson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Stephanie Campbell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Years Boys</td>
<td>Dylan Outram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ben Angelopoulos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sebi Knotek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Years Girls</td>
<td>Caitlin McAuliffe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sophie Richardson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Years Boys</td>
<td>Hugh Hagan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ben Sheppard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Years Girls</td>
<td>Erin Glover</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Amelie Dean</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Years Boys</td>
<td>Owen Lockyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Harry Stokes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Years Girls</td>
<td>Sophie Oliver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Claudia Costello</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Years Boys</td>
<td>Chas McDonald</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mani Spinaze</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival – Friday 20th March**

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Fadden at the Tuggeranong PSSA swimming championships after swimming qualifying times at our school carnival:

Dylan Outram, Sebastian Knotek, Chas McDonald, Owen Lockyer, Jordan Dickie, Matilda Gee, Elise Simpson, Erin Glover, Caitlin McAuliffe, Sophie Richardson, Robyn Sirois, Amelie Dean, Claudia Costello, Sophie Oliver.
Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held in Week 8 on Thursday 26th March (at school) for years K-6. The event will begin at 9.30am and we aim to conclude by 11.30am. Children are encouraged to wear correct footwear and clothing (house colours may be worn), hats and sunscreen. If any parent would like to help officiate on the day, which is always appreciated, we will be calling for helpers at 9.15am on the oval. Good luck to all of our runners!

Hockey Clinics
Students in Years 3-6 will begin free hockey skills clinics run by ACT Hockey on Monday. The half hour clinics will be held on the school oval on Monday 16th, 23rd, 30th March. PE lessons will still continue during this time.

PSSA Cricket
Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to represent Tuggeranong at the ACT PSSA Cricket Championships on 18th March:
Sophie Marin, Alice Weller, Amelie Dean, Angelina Makrides, Pasandi Waduge & Mia Lewthwaite.

Belinda Fenson

Japanese News
Students over the last couple of weeks have been learning to sing the Hiragana (Japanese alphabet) song and this week how to introduce themselves. If any students would like to practice at home the websites used in the classroom include:
Hiragana song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lpHlUxhdaI
Self introduction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsrg9N1muBQ
Students have also been excited to start using “zabuton's” (cushions) in the classroom for sitting on during Japanese lessons.
Lastly, congratulations to Charlie Steer (3H) and Sean Warren (Freycinet) for the Japanese awards this week.

Tammi Sensei

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Awards</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>KH</strong> Ada Vulic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>KS</strong> Sienna Radulovich, Marnie Morris</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>1F</strong> Seth Brown, Jeremy Richardson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>2F</strong> Aaliyah Kaddour, Ben Jorritsma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>3D</strong> Campbell Dean, Rose Gaunt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>3R</strong> Victoria Milojevic, Dylan Outram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>4K</strong> Oskar Das, Tessa Donis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>5/6W</strong> Jasmine Subritzky, Mani Spinaze</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>FREY</strong> Sean Warren</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**LAUNDRY ROSTER**
**Friday 13 March** Marnie Barton
**Friday 20 March** Melinda Mitchell
**Friday 27 March** Jo Honeymam
**FAC News**

Hello my name is Libby Werner-Gibbings and I am the newly elected president of the FAC committee. This is my first year at Fadden Primary and my son is in KP.

I thought I would write this to introduce myself and to say that together with the other members of the committee we are looking forward to working together with the Fadden Primary School families to provide the best possible before and after school care.

Over the summer there was some upgrades to the craft room and outside garden area. The kids now have veggies growing and a worm farm. There are plans for further development this year and we welcome comments and suggestions from the kids and families on what you would love to see at FAC.

In addition to the upgrades which happened over the summer break, FAC was also assessed according to the national quality framework. The assessment rated FAC against the seven key quality areas. We are pleased to report we are meeting the quality standard in many areas and while we are still working towards the national standard in some, the report has helped to identify areas we can further develop.

On the house keeping front, keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the school holiday care program and enrolment forms. Jeremy has asked me to remind families that change of days requests ideally need to be submitted 2 weeks in advance - this will help to avoid any billing problems too. For those who do not already attend FAC and who are wanting to enrol in the before or after school care programs or occasional care, please see the school website for the forms or pop down and have a chat with the childcare manager, Jeremy or the friendly staff.

The next committee meeting is on the 11th of May and we welcome anyone who would like to attend. FAC relies on parental support to succeed.

I look forward to meeting all the FAC families soon.

Libby.

---

**P&C News**

**Flexischools**

This year the P&C has been able to implement Flexischools for our fundraising events. Flexischools will allow families to pay for special canteen days and P&C fundraising events online. No more lost canteen lunch orders or disco notes!

The first fundraising events that we will be trialing Flexischools with is the Disco and the cookie drive! Using Flexischools is the P&C’s preferred way to pay for the disco and cookies as it will significantly reduce the amount of time our fundraising volunteers spend counting money and collating notes. Of course we will still take notes and money through the P&C box in the front foyer for all our events.

For more information on Flexischools and how you can sign up please go to the Flexischools website.


Once we have these events set up on Flexischools we will release more information.

Nerissa Richardson, P&C President, faddenpc@gmail.com
Dr Justin Coulson (PhD)
Parenting Seminar:
‘What Your Child Needs From You’

Justin is a well respected researcher and parenting expert. He appears regularly on the Today Show and The Project as well as writing for The Daily Telegraph and Kidspot. He is also the author of many parenting books.

When: Thursday 30th April, 2015
Where: Erindale College Theatre
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm (Doors open at 5:40pm)
Who: Parents of Tuggeranong Network Public School students
Cost: Free
Tickets: Can be requested from Fadden front office or ordered and collected from Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs Close Richardson, ACT 2905 ph– 6142 3630

This event is proudly brought to you by Richardson Primary School. A small school achieving big things.

Seats are limited so get your tickets today.
FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, 20th March 2015

Come dressed in clothes that make you happy, not sad -
A favourite top, bright colours or raving mad!
Spots, dots, sporty or offbeat - have a lovely day feeling sweet...

- Please bring along a gold coin donation, to support Fadden Primary’s Fundraising Ventures -
Join our Easter Family Night

Time: 6pm - 8pm @ Tuggeranong
Date: Thursday 26 March

Activities:
- DIY craft
- Easter Bunny
- Pony Rides
- Magic Show
- Putt Putt Golf
- Popcorn
- Sausage Sizzle
- Lucky Door Prize
- Face Painting
- Colouring In Competition

Bookings recommended - for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to www.bunnings.com.au and locate your nearest store.