

Newsletter

27 March 2015

Week 8 Term 1

Dates to Remember

Monday 30 Mar	P&C Meeting 7.30pm – All welcome
Wednesday 1 April	Preschool Parents Association Meeting 6.30pm – All welcome
Thursday 2 April	Canteen Day – Hot Cross Buns \$1.00 – Bring money to school
Friday 3 April	Good Friday holiday
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday holiday
Friday 10 April	Anzac assembly 10am

(Please note: This will replace the normal assembly held at 2pm)



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

Dear Families

Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday's Cross Country Carnival was a wonderful day and we could not have been luckier with the weather. The morning was filled with chanting, cheering, running and dancing (to keep students entertained and active in between races). It was particularly pleasing to see the leadership of our Year 6 students who did a stellar job of leading and encouraging the younger students. The Fadden values of responsibility, respect and confidence were definitely on show! Many thanks in particular to Mrs Belinda Fenson and Mr Chris Wark for their coordination of such a successful carnival, and to our energetic parent volunteers who helped the morning flow seamlessly.

ANZAC Day Preparations

This year all K-6 classes are visiting the Australian War Memorial to acknowledge the 100 Years commemoration of the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 5/6 students are attending this important excursion on Tuesday 7 April, followed by Years 2, 3 and 4 students on Wednesday 8 April. We will be holding a special ANZAC assembly on Friday 10 April at 10am time in place of our normal 2pm assembly. Thank you to Mrs Jaki Fraser for coordinating this assembly.

2016 Preschool and Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments for new students to our school open on Tuesday 28 April (the first day of Term 2). Enrolments are completed online at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

If you have a child who will be enrolling in preschool next year or if you know of a family who are hoping to do the same please encourage them to complete the online enrolment as soon as the portal opens.

Term Two Start Date

A reminder that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on a Saturday, Term 2 2015 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Tuesday 28 April.

Lindsay Musto and Nina McCabe

Kindergarten News

It was wonderful to meet Mrs Sissan's Aunt Susan, who came along to kinder and played her harp. The children had the opportunity to play and we were impressed with their music making abilities.

Our science discussions have focussed on how animals, including humans, need space and shelter. We have been starting to create our own shelters out of boxes, straws and paddle pop sticks. To further develop our shelters we will need lots of recyclable goods sent in from home please.

Next week, the students will be participating in some Easter art and craft and we are sure they are eagerly awaiting a visit from the Easter Bunny.

During the last two weeks the Kindergarten students have benefited from having Year 5 sports leaders running skill development rotations every Wednesday afternoon.

Kindergarten students have been eagerly changing their nightly readers. Remember to record the reading done in the home reading log.

Letters of the week: K and revision of the letters we have studied this term.

Sight words of the week: he, her, his and revision of the sight words we have been studying this term.

Jonathan Hall, Anita Periac, Melanie Sissian



Year 1 News

Another busy week has ended, and we still don't know where it has gone!

In our Kidsmatter lesson this week we were looking at what we can do when we're feeling worried about things. In Science we completed a 'Word Chain' for our portfolios. These show what we've learned so far this term about materials changing when we apply heat. In history we have been finding out what it was like in the 'olden days' when our parents and grandparents turned 6. Thank you to families for helping the children complete their history homework. Please keep it coming in, if your child hasn't remembered to return the sheet, as this forms an important part of our learning.

Our home reading program is going great guns, and it is fantastic to see the children racing through the different reading clubs and stages. Could 1F children please make sure they bring in their reading log books on a Wednesday, as Mrs Fraser will be checking for new members of reading clubs, and updating her award chart on that day.

Finally, congratulations to all the children who participated so sportingly in this week's Cross Country races. You all tried so hard, and your teachers were very proud of you. Thanks to marvellous Mrs Fenson and committee for their amazing organisation of the morning.

Julie Spencer, Jaki Fraser, Trish Donnelly

Year 2 News

This week, the students have continued to participate in reader's workshop. It has been fantastic observing the students enthusiastically self-select their own texts to practise and consolidate reading strategies. We have been focussing on connecting, by reading through a text and placing a post it note every time the text or illustrations remind us of something. We discussed how connections can either be similar or different based upon individual past experiences. Below are some photos of our enthusiastic readers busy making connections using their guided readers.



Last Friday for the National 'No Bully Day' we created posters that support the message of no bullying and to take a stand by speaking up. We also brainstormed words and phrases that promote a happy and safe learning environment. Below are some of the posters that were created.



Annette Raats, Suzy Francis

Year 3 News

Mathematics

This fortnight, the students have been working on telling time to the minute and investigating the relationship between units of time. We have also been revising the jump and inverse strategies for subtraction and addition.

English

The current focus is persuasive writing and the students are planning and writing their expositions independently. They are using a checklist to assess their own writing and identify their learning intention. In grammar we are covering nouns, pronouns, conjunctions and different types of sentences.

Science

Our 'taxonomists in training' have been using graphs to present their information about the groups of animals they have found around the school. Students then reflected on their predictions that they made before the scientific investigation commenced.

History / Geography

Students have been exploring the traditional aboriginal way of life including food, shelter, clothing and tools. This will assist students in becoming an expert in one of these topics by doing further research using Chrome books.

P.E

For the last few weeks students have been training and becoming familiar with the Cross Country track. We are extremely proud of their efforts and commitment to do their best. The morning was a success and we are grateful for the hard work of Mrs Fenson and the other staff who have contributed in the organisation of this event.

Sheryl Harris, Tristan Dean, Smilja Rajik, Helayna Ives

Year 4 News

Well done to all students for their efforts during the Cross Country yesterday. The new start and finish lines worked very well. Students demonstrated their ability to encourage and cheer on their peers and chant their house war cries loudly! Well done Mrs Fenson for such a fantastic morning.

Within our integrated history and geography unit, Year 4 students have been researching specific geographical locations of Australia including desert, forest, sea, outback, and identifying the types of hunting and gathering tools that the Aboriginal people most likely used and their purpose.

Check out our Broad Bean seeds from science and how much they have grown in 2 weeks.



Students are also looking at changing the three variables of soil, light and water which are needed for plants to grow. Their experiment consisted of changing one of the variables and assessing how much or if at all the plant grows when one of the variables is not included. In the following picture, the students chose to look at the importance of soil and assessed whether or not cress seeds can grow if the soil is changed to sand.



Students continue to look at persuasive writing within English and how emotive and modality words emphasis the arguments. The following paragraph has been peer assessed using the Fadden marking criteria and edited by the student to make the paragraph more persuasive.

Noisy dogs are on the loose, they must be stopped! They are getting more annoying, would you like to be woken up at 1:00am every morning? Unfortunately we cannot get to sleep therefore we are waking up extremely grumpy.
By Zavier Fenwick 4K

Reminders

ANZAC assembly will be held at 10am on Friday of Week 10; this will replace the normal 2pm assembly.

The last homework for the term is due in on Monday next week, 30th March. No Further homework will be handed out this term.

A reminder that hats still need to be worn and there are a number of students coming to school without them. Can you please ensure your child has a hat that is clearly labelled and is either left at school or have a spare to be left at school. Students will not be participating in daily fitness every morning without a hat.

Helayna Ives, Tristan Kentwell

Year 5/6 News

Parliament

Over the past few weeks students have been learning about the roles and routines of Year 6 parliament. Students have been placed in portfolios and conducted their first classroom visits where they recorded feedback, concerns and suggestions. The feedback was then turned into bills which the Year 6 students will introduce and discuss during the next sitting of parliament. The Year 6 students have displayed outstanding leadership and organisation skills and received excellent feedback from classroom teachers. Well done!

104. Fadden

In Kurringai, we have begun the process of putting together a weekly radio show using our school Chromebooks. Students generate their own scripts for news, comedy and music segments which are then recorded, compiled and shared with teachers across the school. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and originality shown in the generation of these segments.

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all of the Year 5/6 students who put so much effort into Cross Country this year. From the beginning of practise sessions it was clear that we have dedicated sportsmen and women who are willing to put in the effort to improve their fitness. Thanks also to the team captains and vice captains who helped organise and lead their teams on the day.

History

So far this term we have investigated the different levels of government around Australia, their roles and responsibilities. We have also researched how laws are made, from bills to discussion in the House of Representatives to approval in the senate and enforcement by law. This knowledge has been reinforced during our year 6 parliament sessions.

Band

Year 5 band students have been advised of the instruments they will be playing for the next two years. There were mostly excited faces as they were able to take these instruments home for the first time today. Year 5 students not in band are participating in weekly musical appreciation sessions, where they are learning basic beat and rhythm techniques and investigating different genres of music.

Karen Barling, Kerry Millington, , Chris Wark, Luke Marsden

Freycinet News

Congratulations to the students in their Cross Country carnival. It was a great way to end the weeks of practising for the cross country. The students should be proud of the perseverance they have shown during training (both running around the school and in other sporting activities to build up their strength).

In class we have been working on “Feel Good” and how friends are important. We have also discussed how you don’t need to be exactly the same as others as being an individual is so much better.

The students continue to do fantastic art creations (even if we have been looking at creepy, crawly spiders and bugs) and are enjoying their cooking classes.

Merrilyn Sparks

Sports News

PSSA Tuggeranong Sports’ representatives

Congratulations to the students listed below who have gained selection in the following Tuggeranong PSSA teams:

Basketball - Zac Cunningham, Harry Stokes and Ella Cunningham

Touch Football - Ruby Barwise

Softball - Bailey Clarke

AFL – Max Barton

Swimming – Dylan Outram

PSSA Cricket

Congratulations to our Tuggeranong cricket representatives; Sophie Marin, Alice Weller, Amelie Dean, Angelina Makrides, Pasandi Waduge, Mia Lewthwaite and Ellie Stephens who have displayed great persistence after rain washed out the previous two attempts. The competition was held with great success under beautiful sunny skies on Thursday! We hope you had an enjoyable day!

Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held in Week 2 of next term (Wednesday 6th May). Preparations for this event are well underway way and I am now in the process of organising officials. Since my time here at Fadden I have been very impressed (and very grateful) with the wonderful Fadden parent community for your support at such an event. If you are willing to help this year it would be very much appreciated. Please e-mail belinda.fenson@ed.act.edu.au or contact the front office to leave your name.

Fadden School Cross Country

A very big thank you to the Fadden staff members and parent officials who helped to make our cross country this year such a success. Your assistance at such events is appreciated. The top 4 placegetters in each age group are listed below.

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
5 Years boys	Hassan Tabaja	Caleb Lee	Ollie Ploog	
5 years girls	Jordan Smith	Kira Le	Isabella Harmer	Ariella Coetzee
6 years boys	Jesse Ellwood	Zack Travers	Lachlan Brown	Benjamin Mathews
6 years girls	Sinead Briedis	Lola Heeney	Emily Hartcher	Miki Beardmore
7 years boys	Ash McLean	Thomas Hough	Jackson Arnold	Jeremy Richardson
7 years girls	Gabriella Novak	Katie Marin	Katherine Addison	Ava Gardner
8 years boys	Jake Leonard	Balin Neave	Toby Moss	Amadeus Teo
8 years girls	Ashley Weller	Cate Oliver	Emily Kent	Madeline Brown
9 years boys	Sebastian Knotek	Lochlan Hatch	Dylan Outram	Campbell Dean
9 years girls	Elise Simpson	Milly McCabe	Olivia Browne	Matilda Gee
10 years boys	Mitchell Kent	Jackson Gymer-Tipler	Zavier Fenwick	William Galley
10 years girls	Georgia Bath	Caitlin McAuliffe	Caitlin Koch	Rose Hindmarch
11 years boys	Jordan Dickie	Owen Lockyer	Emmett Gaunt	Harry Stokes
11 years girls	Amelie Dean	Lia Zierholz	Caitlin Raats	Hannah Murrells
12 years boys	Noah Heeney	Max Barton	Stuart Moss	Matthew Hindmarch
12 years girls	Robyn Sirois	Ruby Barwise	Ella Cunningham	Jaclynn Culham
13 years boys	Robbie Palmer			

Belinda Fenson

Library News

Library House Points

Each student who borrows during the class library lesson earns one point for his or her house. At the end of this week, the Kangaroos still held the lead in the Library House Points competition. The totals for the teams are as follows:

Kangaroos	383
Koalas	374
Emus	345
Wombats	342

Overdue notes

Library overdue notes will be issued over the coming week. Please check with your child/children to see whether they might need help to find and return overdue books to the Returns Box in the Library. Books may be returned during Library lessons, at lunch times and before or after school. Remember that your child is not in trouble if he or she receives an overdue note – it is just a reminder to bring back their books. The overdue note includes an indication of the cost of the item. This is the cost of the book if it cannot be found and returned. If you think you need to pay for a lost book please contact Mrs Pulko in the Library or the Front Office for more information. Otherwise, there are no overdue fines or penalties. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Jo Anne Pulko

Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015. **Closing Date:** Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Friday 27 March Jo Honeyman

Thursday 2 April Chelsea McDonald

Friday 10 April Kristina Randall



Student Awards

KH Erica Wheatley, Sienna Budden	KP Miki Beardmore
KS Emily Hartcher, Noah Stoddart	1D Whole class
1F Levi Hamlin, Riley Phengrasmy-Do	1S Xavier Johnstone, Izzi Winter-Giles
2F Zoe Giannis, James Pulko-Reid	2R Madeline Brown, Aden Black
3D Matthew Kent, Cezanne Whitworth	3H Nick Russo, Jamal Tabaja
3R Alvin Jacob, Elsie Davis	4I Caitlin McAuliffe, Georgia Bath
4K Mitchell Kent, Liam Addison	5M Lamiah Kaddour, Amelie Dean
5/6W Josh Hromow, Stephanie Steer	6M Ella Cunningham, Robbie Palmer
FREY Jeffrey Friday	Jap Ada Vulic, Stephanie Campbell
PE Nate Marriott, Toby Saunders, Lamiah Kaddour, Jaimie Fairhall	



Preschool news



As many of you know our dear old "Sticky" the stick insect died recently at what turned out to be a grand old age for her species (about 2 years). Many of the children had engaged daily with this class pet, doing drawings of her, holding her, observing her and helping collect gum leaves for her. We had a burial ceremony for her last Wednesday in the back of the preschool yard, along with a micro bat and a worm that other children had brought into school for us to observe (these were however dead on arrival). This experience provided children with an opportunity to discuss some of their views on death, to explore relationships with other living things and to show respect for the environment.

We now have two new baby Spiny Leafed stick insects, kindly donated by Farrer Preschool. We are creating a book to reflect some of the experiences and learning associated with these fascinating creatures, which will be available for children to take home and share with their families.

This fortnight we have also begun investigations into dinosaurs and volcanos due to the children's interest in these subjects. We have been reading some information books and engaging the children in discussions. There has been some wonderful sharing of knowledge on these subjects and we will continue to build on this in the following weeks.

This week, the children got into the spirit of our Crazy Days with a variety of interesting outfits and decorative gear, bringing lots of laughs; thank you for your donations. Next week we are off on our first preschool excursion to the Tuggeranong Bus Wash. Along the way we'll go past the post office, the police station, the fire brigade and the bus mechanic workshop for a look. Many thanks to those parents who have put their name down on the roster and joined us at preschool this fortnight.

Susan, Sandi, Heidi, Cathy, Heather & Tricia.



OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTATION!

To date, there are still many outstanding excursion permission forms, medical excursion forms, photograph permission forms and medical cards. (This documentation was sent home via your child in Week 1).

Page 2 needs to be signed for your child/children to participate in the upcoming War Memorial excursion on 7th and 8th April.

It is not necessary to pay for excursions at this time, however, your support in returning the abovementioned documentation is appreciated.

Do not pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

ACT Chief Health Officer is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/factsheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

Larissa Dann



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FAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The FAC Committee AGM was held on Monday 16th February 2015. All committee positions were declared vacant and nominations for each position were accepted on the night. We are pleased to announce, that all positions have now been filled and the new committee comprises the following members:

President: Libby Werner-Gibbings

Vice President: Emma Wheatley

Treasurer: David Addison

Secretary: Peter Marin

Communications Officer: Anita Campbell

Child Care Manager: Jeremy Butler

Business Manager: Rina Chown

The newly appointed FAC Committee team bring with them a diverse range of professional knowledge and a strong commitment to continuing the great work of the previous committee. Recognition and a big thank you must be made to the outgoing 2014 Committee for all the time and effort that you have put into the smooth operation of FAC.

CPRU ASSESSMENT AT FAC

During January, FAC was formally assessed by the Children's Policy and Regulation Unit (CPRU). The assessment provided feedback of how the service performs with regard to the National Regulations and National Quality Standards.

FAC was evaluated for its staffing, relationships with children, its delivery of educational programs, leadership and service management, partnerships with families and community as well as the physical environment at the centre and its management of health and safety.

The assessment report also provides a valuable source of feedback for the ongoing quality improvement of our service.

A sample of comments made by assessors from the report included:

- The centre had a 'Relaxed and Happy environment'
- 'Educators respond to children in an age appropriate, warm and positive manner'

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- 'Children demonstrated a clear sense of belonging, security and comfort in the service environment'

A huge acknowledgment and thank you must go to Jezza and the staff of FAC for all their hard work and dedication in preparing for and participating in the assessment process. - Well Done FAC!

NEW CRAFT ROOM REFURBISHMENT CHILDREN'S GARDEN

January school holidays were a busy time for FAC Staff as they worked to beautify the centre for our children.

Parents, please spare a few minutes of your time to check out the new upgrades of the craft room and the addition of the children's vegetable garden in the courtyard.

CASUAL BOOKINGS AT FAC

In addition to the Before (BSC) and After School Care (ASC) and FACVAC programs operated at the centre on a booked basis, a casual booking BSC and ASC service is also available.

A minimum of 24 hours' notice must be given directly to FAC

staff or by email/telephone to use this service.

Casual sessions must be booked in advance to ensure that correct staff: child ratios are maintained in line with regulations. Children dropped in at short notice may be turned away due to capacity and staffing ratio issues. Payment for all casual bookings must be made at the time of booking.

FACVAC REMINDER

FAVAC will again operate an action packed April school holiday program from Monday 13th April through to Friday 24th April. Pick up your enrolment forms directly from the centre or online via the Fadden Primary School website. NOTE: Enrolment forms and full payment for the program are due back by Wed 8th April, 15.

Due to the designated ANZAC Day public service holiday on Mon 27th April 15, school will not return for term 2 until Tues 28th April, 15. FAC will NOT operate on Mon 27th April, 15.

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Wishing all FAC staff and families a very Happy Easter.

NEXT FAC COMMITTEE MEETING

The next FAC Committee meeting will be held on **Monday 11th May 2015 at 6pm** in the Library.

Please come along, be involved and contribute toward making FAC a great place for the children and families at Fadden Primary School. All members of the FAC parent community are welcome to attend!