

Newsletter

31 July 2015

Week 2 Term 3

Dates to Remember

- Monday 3 August** **P&C Meeting – 7.30pm - All welcome**
Yr 5/6 Boys Futsal – mpowerdome
- Tuesday 4 August** **Basketball Gala Day - Yrs 3-6**
- Monday 10 August** **Yr 3/4 Boys & Yr 5/6 Girls Futsal – mpowerdome**
- Tuesday 11 August** **ICAS Mathematics – participants only**
- Friday 11 September** **Grandparents Day *(please note change of date)***



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

Dear Families

Term Overviews

Term Overviews outlining the teaching and learning programs for term 3 have been sent home today so please check children's bags.

Hats

A reminder that Fadden Primary is a SunSmart School and children will be asked to begin wearing hats to school from Monday of next week (3 August).

Footsteps Dance

Our Footsteps Dance program is going extremely well with students learning a range of dance moves. Ask your child to show you some of what they have been learning as the level of student engagement and enthusiasm for this program across the school is outstanding.

Gala Days

Best of luck to our Year 5/6 Futsal Boys team who will be competing in the Futsal Gala Day next Monday and to our Years 3-6 Basketball teams who will be competing in the Basketball Gala Day on Tuesday. Many, many thanks to the P&C for our new colourful sports shirts which students will be proudly wearing next week as they represent our school.

School Satisfaction Surveys

The 2015 School satisfaction Surveys for all parents and carers, school staff and students in years 5 and 6 will be conducted from 11 to 31 August 2015. The purpose of the surveys is to provide data for schools to evaluate their achievements and to provide governments and the community with information about stakeholder satisfaction. We will be providing more information about the survey later in the term. We hope all families will complete the surveys, providing us with valuable data that we can use to strengthen our practices and programs.

Front Office Staff

Sue Boughton is taking long service leave from Monday of next week to enjoy some travel and well-deserved down time. Jacquie Balch will be replacing Sue as business manager until at least the end of the term. Cathy Banham will take up Jacquie's position as school secretary.

Lost Property

At this time of the year students often bring extra clothing for the cold mornings. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their full name so that we can return any lost items to their owners.

Kind regards

Nina McCabe and Belinda Taylor

Kindergarten News

Welcome back to what we already know is going to be a VERY busy term judging from the past two weeks. Last week we began our Footsteps program which is a fast, energetic 45 minutes of dancing. Each week we will be learning a new dance to a new song and quickly revising the one from the week before. All the children are engaged and appear to be enjoying themselves and even the teachers join in which is 'entertaining'. Last week we were also fortunate enough to attend a dynamic presentation which gave us a visual and tactile experience of traditional technologies used by indigenous peoples across the varied environments of Australia – deserts, mountains, rivers and sea shores. Philip Green had a large collection of museum-quality artefacts which were given out in multiple touch-boxes for students to examine and handle. It was a very engaging presentation and the children participated outstandingly.

Jonathan Hall, Anita Periac, Melanie Sissian

Year 1 News

We have had a great start to the new term. It has already been a busy few weeks with a visit from Philip the "Wild Man" telling us stories about his adventures with the Aboriginal people, our hundred days in year one celebrations as well as all the usual reading writing and numeracy taking place.

In Science we have begun to look at our environment and how things change or stay the same over time. We played eye spy in the playground and on the oval using descriptions as well as the begin sounds of the items. We then discussed if they would still be in the same place in two weeks' time and whether they would still look the same.

Don't forget hats need to worn outside beginning next week and our term overview has been sent home today with your child. Have a great weekend.



Trish Donnelly, Jaki Fraser, Julie Spencer

Year 2 News

Students in Year 2 finished up Term 2 quite literally with a bang, enjoying the Jollybops incursion, an entertaining and informative science extravaganza.

Over the Winter break, many of our students followed the procedure challenge to create some delicious family recipes and they wrote down the steps involved. Your teachers had an ulterior motive which was to snatch them and add them to our own recipe collections ☺. Well done on your scrumptious recipes and excellent procedure writing Year 2.

Students have eagerly begun Term 3 and are settled and working further on our engaging health, geography and science units.



Suzy Francis, Annette Raats

Year 3 News

Welcome to term 3. The students started the term enthusiastically and eager to learn.

Every Monday morning we start the week with the Footsteps dance program which is encouraging the students to take risks and get out of their comfort zone.

We have started our History / Geography unit "Tuggeranong... You are standing in it" and the students are comparing current and historical maps. They are also identifying features and sites such as suburbs, homesteads and lakes in Tuggeranong.

Our Science unit for this term is called "Night and Day" and we commenced it by asking the students what they already know. Here are some students' comments about what they know about night and day.

Night

It is dark

Less people are out

Moon comes to our side of the planet

Nocturnal animals come out

Day

It is bright

Different poles have longer daylight

Earth goes around the sun and spins

Days are busier

Have a look at our art work "Squares in Space".



Elisabeth 3R



Kai 3R



Cate 3H



Jamal 3H



Rose 3D

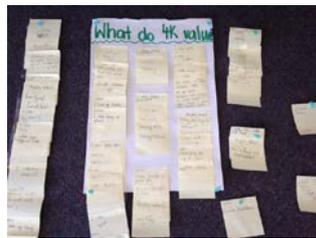


Olivia 3D

Tristan Dean, Sheryl Harris, Smilja Rajak

Year 4 News

Within our social and emotional development unit, 4K have been discussing values and the importance of having them. We first discussed what a value is and we defined it to be something that is important or worthwhile to us and not just an interest. We discussed what our values in 4K are currently and how these may have been different to when we were 5 years old. As a homework task, 4K were to ask mum, dad or a grandparent about what they value and how their values have changed over time. This is what we value compared to our parents:



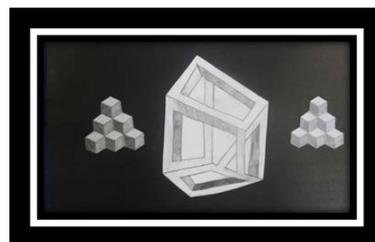
Helayna Ives, Tristan Kentwell

Year 5/6 News

Basketball and soccer training are almost finished and we are now getting ready for the gala day. We have also started footsteps which everyone loves. Year 5 students have started a new unit in science called solid liquid and gases, the students have also started a new history unit called mid 1800's to late 1800's. The year fives have been creating some amazing Aboriginal paintings. We have also been investigating the Banjo Patterson poem titled Bush Christening and participating in drama games, what fun!!!

In 6M we have begun work on our new Geography unit called Everyone Needs Good Neighbours. We began by trying to locate Asia on a world map, we had some very interesting responses! We then used Google Maps to find the continent of Asia and began identifying some of the countries that make up this continent. We realised that many of the countries play an important part in the manufacture of goods we use on a daily basis.

In 5/6W we have started the term delving deeply into our descriptive writing, looking closely at themes and styles of children's picture books and sketching out some interesting ideas for our own books that we can read to the junior classes. The first week of term we looked into optical illusions, while studying 3D shapes in maths class. Some art works were created using the theme of optical illusions. Our swivel head characters are also illusions, and seem to move their heads when you walk around them.



Natalie Hodge, Chris Wark, Luke Marsden

Sports News

P&C

A big thank you so our wonderful P&C for our new representative sports shirts. We are looking forward to wearing these at the basketball and futsal gala days as well as the Tuggeranong athletics this term. The purchase of such shirts will enable the students of Fadden to feel proud (and look amazing) while representing our school for many years to come.

THANK YOU!



- For students who are representing Fadden this term, shirts will be given out at the venue on the morning of your competition and will need to be returned to your coach before leaving to go home. Mrs Fenson will then collect for washing.

GALA Days

Good luck to the students in Years 3-6 involved in the basketball gala next Tuesday and to the Year 5/6 boys who will be representing Fadden at the Futsal gala day on Monday (the year 3/4 boys and girls futsal is held the following Monday). Thank you for the effort you have put into your training over the past couple of months. I hope you have an enjoyable day! Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with coaching, scoring and transportation.

Belinda Fenson
PE Teacher

Library News

Welcome to term 3. The students have all made me feel very welcome in the library. We have been busy making our work folders as well as borrowing for the class and to earn our library legend status.

This term many library days have changed. Below are the days classes are to bring their library bags in for borrowing;

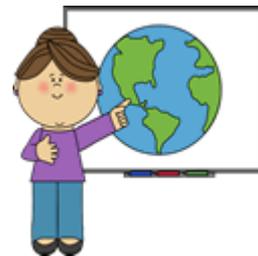
Monday – 4K and year 3's
Tuesday – KS and year 5's and 6's
Wednesday – 4I and year 1's
Thursday – KH, KP and year 2's
Friday – Freycinet

Keep reading.

Merrilyn Sparks

Preschool News

All the children have returned from their holidays keenly ready for another term of preschool. We started the term with some discussion groups where everyone took the opportunity to share an aspect of their preschool break with the class. There was quite a difference between this group and one we had earlier in the year with the students having developed some great listening skills throughout the first half of their preschool year.



There has been a lot of outdoor work going on in the preschool yard of late with our lovely garden beds and our dinosaur worlds. Rhian's dad picked up a grand tractor tyre for us from Fyshwick to help us create an exciting play space. Well into the job of digging the tyre into the ground we hit an old tree stump so had to relocate the hole further up the yard. However the first hole proved to be such a hit with the children that we have left it there as a digging patch and 'animal world'. Now we have successfully relocated and set the tyre into the ground and filled it with soil ready to plant a few hardy plants into, before we christen it with the dinosaurs. It is very exciting for the children to be able to participate in the moulding of their own play environments.

We have also continued our dinosaur investigations from last term by looking at and making our own fossils. First we read a big book about the ways fossils are formed, then utilising clay and plaster, each child has created their own 'quick fossil'. Apparently 60% of Americans surveyed this year believed that dinosaurs existed alongside people, hopefully Fadden preschoolers will not have confusion about this fact!

A discussion arose the other morning at preschool about the sun rising which lead us to some investigations on this subject. We have modelled the rotating earth and the static sun with the children taking on the roles of the planets in group times. We will use this as a starting point for further investigations into space and the planets. We also continue with explorations on emotions. This week we have read a book about jealousy and many children have shared their first hand experiences of this uncomfortable feeling. Many anecdotes came up about sibling jealousy... such as, jealousy about not being allowed to wear makeup, a big brother getting new gel pens, and not being allowed to have sleep overs like an older brother. We discussed positive thinking processes to alleviate these feelings and simply raising awareness about such emotions empowers children to make choices around their actions and reactions when faced with these.

There is a new Parent Roster up on the outdoor whiteboard which we urge parents to pop their name on if they are able to spend some time with us at preschool or are able to do some laundry.

We have begun the new change of Wednesday/Thursday staff routine, with Tricia and Heather now on Wednesdays while Susan has her planning day and Susan replacing Tricia on Thursday on class with the Echidna group.

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their child's portfolio promptly. For those who have not, please do so as soon as possible. We are very appreciative of the valuable feedback from parents on the 'two stars and a wish' forms which inform further planning for the following two terms.

Susan

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Friday 31 July Angelina Belanski

Friday 7 August Jessica Kercher

Friday 14 August Maxine Costello



P&C News

FAC Info night 2

On Tuesday 28 July our second FAC info night was held. Please see the attached document for a summary of the night.

P&C and FAC Committee

As agreed to at the meeting on 28 July 2015, the FAC and P&C committees are recommending transferring our FAC service approval to another established childcare provider. In order to move forward the community needs to vote on this recommendation. This vote will take place at the FAC subcommittee meeting on Tuesday 25th August 2015. In order to participate in this vote FAC families must attend in person. A subsequent vote will then need to be held at a P&C committee meeting in order to ratify the decision.

Upcoming P&C meetings

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

Monday 3 August 2015 – Library 7.30pm

FAC General Meeting – agenda attached – All FAC families welcome to attend

Notice of Intention – Special Resolution – Motion to transfer FAC service approval and recommend dissolving FAC sub-committee

Tuesday 25th August – Library 7pm

P&C Meeting – All welcome to attend

Notice of Intention – Special Resolution (Subject to outcome of FAC vote) – Ratify FAC subcommittee motion to dissolve FAC and adopt amended constitution (current constitution attached for reference)

Date TBA (dependant on outcome of EOI process)

Student Awards	
KH Hassan Tabaja, Ada Vulic	KP Ollie Ploog, Miki Beardmore
KS Lachlan Brown	1D Jasper Rhodes, Adi Zisman
1F Lochlan Otten, Riley Phengrasmy-Do	1S Darcy McAuliffe, Jessica Broadbent
2F Alison Trynes, Augustus Mascellani	2R Lacey Dunn, Jaxson Gomez-Daniel
3D Ryan Blundell, Lara Tabaja	3H Ashley Gardner, Cate Oliver, Jasmine Ward-Rowley
3R Kailee Matthewson, Dylan DeJong	4I Heath Johnson, Esther Matsika
4K Liam Addison, Josh Crawford	5H Sienna Gardner, Ella Glew
Japanese Matilda Gee, Jasmine Subritzky	6M All of 6M

Earn & Learn Stickers Reminder

Please collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to support our school. They can be placed in the box displayed in the front foyer.

Thankyou

School Banking



The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting new Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards.

Our school would really like to actively participate in this program that will teach our children how to save regularly - an important habit to get into! All we need to get this great program started is interest from parents and caregivers to bring the School Banking Program to the school. If you would like to volunteer it only requires 1-2 hours a week to collect and process the student's deposits. Involvement in the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school raise funding at the same time. The first time they bank the school will receive \$5 and the School Banking program will also pay 5% commission to the school on all the children's deposits at the end of every term! That's a great way of fundraising!!

Please indicate your interest in getting involved with this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to Jacquie at the office.

Yes, I would like to see School Banking at Fadden Primary School:

Family Name: _____

Number of Students: _____

I would also like to volunteer to assist the program once a week:

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email: _____

Available days: _____