

Newsletter

Thursday 30 November 2017

Week 8 Term 4

Dates to Remember

Thursday 30 November	Final Camp instalment – Cooba - 2018 Yr 5&6
Friday 1 December	Market Day
Tuesday 5 December	Preschool Concert – 9.30am End of Year Concert – P-6 -5.30pm
Thursday 7 December	Reports home Preschool Concert 9.30am Sushi lunch – pre-order only + Final Canteen day for 2017
Friday 8 December	Assembly – 9.15am Fadden's Got Talent – 2pm
Monday 11 December	End of year excursion – Yrs 5&6 - Zoo
Tuesday 12 December	Teddy Bears Picnic – k-2
Wednesday 13 December	End of year excursion - Yrs 3&4 – Movies
Thursday 14 December	Yr 6 Graduation – 4.45pm – Hall Dinner Calwell Club – 6pm
Friday 15 December	Term 4 ends



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

Preschool News

Our tadpoles are starting to turn into frogs, our silkworms are emerging from their cocoons, we are eating strawberries from our gardens and getting our photos taken with tinsel garlands on our heads ... it must be near the end of the year! Just a reminder that our concerts are next week at 9:30am on Tuesday (Emus) and Thursday (Echidnas). The children will sing a selection of favourite songs from throughout the year and a few Christmas songs; they will then present their family with a hand printed bag containing their preschool portfolio. Parents are welcome to stay for a cuppa, some Christmas cake and a chat afterwards.



The Carols Night is also on Tuesday with the Pre-schooler's performing the first song, which they have been practising eagerly for the past few weeks. Please bring your child to the preschool at 5:15pm for the 5:30pm start. Thank you to parents for taking time out of your busy schedules to get involved in the end of year festivities. Finally the Preschool Family Night is on next Wednesday 5:30 – 7pm, notes have gone home with details.

Susan, Sandi & the preschool team



Kindergarten News

This term kindergartens are scientists finding the answers to “What is living and non-living?” and “What do living things need to survive?” We have had fun hunting around the school, making and classifying our observations. We thought about what makes something living and non-living and discovered that living things grow and change, feed or eat, breathe and need water.

We also found that living things are all different and can also need different things such as where they live. We visited the Australian National Botanical Gardens last week and had a wonderful time learning about living things and their habitats. Children explored a range of habitats where living things exist such as gum trees, rainforests, wetlands and leaf litter. We had so much fun pond-dipping for living creatures and using the chart to identify them. We found we had caught lots of tadpoles, water boatmen and algae! It was exciting to see so many lizards and different birds around the gardens too! Thank you to all of our parent helpers. A beautiful morning in the sun and we managed to beat the storm back to school!

Anita Peraic, Karen Barlin & Sarah Synott



Year 1 News

This term year 1 have been discovering how their special places have changed over time. We read 'You and Me Murrabee' which showed us how Indigenous Australians lived over 200 years ago and then compared this to how we live today. We now have cars as transport, we play with electronic devices and we buy our clothes from the shops.

Ask your child what the word 'sustainability' means and how they can take care of their special place.

Just a reminder, Tuesday 12 December is our Teddy Bears Picnic. We are asking that everyone please bring a drink bottle and a labelled paper bag with recess in it.

We have had an incredible year and we would like to thank all of our students and their families for making it so special. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday, and we are looking forward to another exciting year in 2018!

Natalie Lautier & Alex George

Year 2 News

In Year 2 students have been exploring the Inquiry Unit *Where in the world are we?* Students have had the opportunity to inquire into local communities that they belong to and learn about how they have changed over time. They identified a special place of their own and why it is significant to them. Students explored a variety of ways to sustain different places. They further developed their mapping skills using an atlas and Google Maps. Students learnt to locate and recognise States and Territories of Australia and its surroundings. As part of this unit students also experimented with a range of visual art techniques that linked directly to significant landmarks and places around Australia. These included: Uluru, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Staircase to the Moon - Broome, Great Barrier Reef and Hobart.

**** Reminder: Students will be required to bring their recess in a labelled brown paper bag for the Teddy Bear's Picnic (Tuesday Week 10)**

Beth Morgan & Sarah Bowtell

Year 3 News

This term the year 3 and year 4 students were engaged in History Inquiry units.

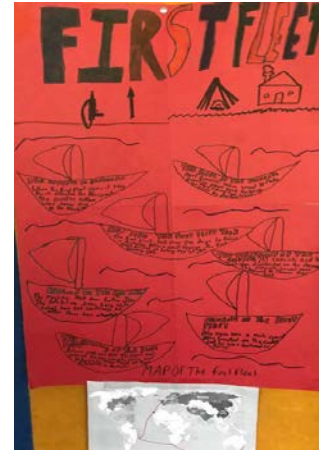
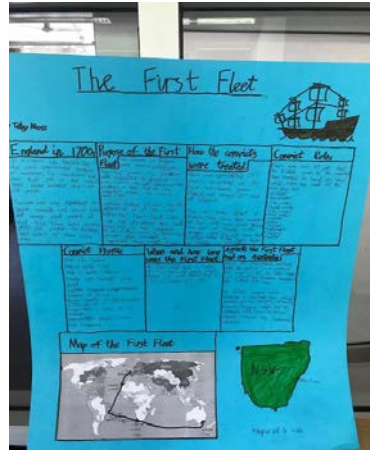
The year 3 learned about the First Australians and Torres Strait Islander People. It was an engaging unit where the students learned about the food, transport, art, music, shelter and clothing of the First Australians. Students had the opportunity to research these topics and present speeches to their peers demonstrating their understanding and displaying their knowledge. The staff at Birrigai also added to the student's knowledge and understanding of the topic.

The year 4 students learned about the First Fleet and the interactions between people, places and environments over time and space. Students studied European exploration and colonisation in Australia and elsewhere up to the early 1800s. Students had the opportunity to showcase their learning through posters on the topic.

Thank you for a wonderful year of inquiring, learning and exploring new frontiers of information together! We wish all our beautiful students and families a restful and blessed festive season.

Annette Raats, Helayna Ives, Julie Spencer & Sandra Stemmet





Year 5/6 News

In year 5/6 we have been discussing the skills that are necessary for the students' transitions to high school and year 6. This has included the year 6s participating in the Pathways Workshop run by the Department of Education. Students have created a profile which highlights their skills, likes and dislikes. This will be emailed to their year 7 coordinator to assist students to develop relationships with their high schools.

The year fives will be participating in a mock election to discover how parliament in Australia works. This includes the assigned parliament roles, ways of addressing members and putting forth a bill for discussion. This will begin to build the skills needed for the students to form their own Year 6 Parliament next year.

Rebecca Flux, Suzy Francis, Trish Bond & Amelia Frantz

Sports Report

Cricket

The Ashes have started and Australia are up 1-0. Hooray!! But there has also been lots of other cricket going on around town too.

Boys Cricket Schools Cup

The Tuggeranong boy's cricket day was held at Kambah playing fields in week 2 (after having been washed out at the end of term 3). Fadden had one year 5/6 team and three year 3/4 teams competing during the day and all teams competed well and demonstrated Fadden values with competitive play, good sportsmanship and support for the other Fadden teams. Thanks Mr Sant and Mrs Bond for taking the teams.

Girls Cricket Schools Cup

The ACT girl's cricket day was held at Deakin playing fields in week 6. Fadden had one year 3/4 team and three year 5/6 teams competing. The girls all played really well and were a joy to supervise and watch. We had some fantastic results as well with the year 3/4 team making the semi-finals and finishing 4th overall, and one of the year 5/6 teams finishing 3rd in the ACT. Thanks very much to Mrs Wales for supervising and all the parents who helped out with the teams during the day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Girls Cricket Finals Day

After finishing third at the ACT Carnival, Fadden was invited to participate in the ACT / Southern NSW Finals day in week 7, again played at Deakin playing fields. The standard of play was very high, with strong teams from across Southern NSW travelling to Canberra to play. Fadden were drawn in the strongest pool and had a good win against Trinity College to start the day, followed by two competitive games against teams from South Wagga and Cowra (who both ended up making the semi-finals). The Fadden girls then had a big win in the playoffs against Charles Conder before going down in the playoff for 5th place against another South Wagga team. Overall finishing 6th in Southern NSW and the second top ranked ACT team for the day was a great result. Thanks to the parents who came out to support the girls and congratulation to all the girls who played on the day – Hannah, Milly, Ashley, Caitlin, Georgia, Olivia, Ava, Abbey and Matilda.

ACT Boys Cricket Carnival

Congratulations to Ben Sheppard, Alvin Jacob and Oskar Das who represented Tuggeranong Region at the ACT Primary School 12 & under Cricket Championship at the end of Term 3.

Brett Maron
PE Teacher

From our Principal

Congratulations to Mitch K, Sean, Ben and Mitch M who were acknowledged with a Student Citizenship Award from The Order of Australia (ACT) last week. The boys received the awards for their amazing support for Lochy following his accident in May and during his return to school. The boys still continue to offer ongoing support and fabulous friendship. Well done!

The citation read:

What a great group of mates!

We were sorry to hear of Lochlan's unfortunate accident. The panel was moved by the initiative and caring shown by this group of mates. Your initiatives and concern for Lochy's wellbeing is impressive and your appropriate and speedy responses were most commendable indeed.

What a thoughtful gesture to raise money through all those great activities for the iPad, take it to Sydney (thanks to your parents) and keep in touch with your fellow classmate during that recuperation time and for him to be kept in the classroom and sports field loop.

The Judging Panel was most impressed with the concern and consideration you showed for Lochy's younger sister while Lochy was in hospital.

In your Principal's nomination, Ms Wallace said of you 'you showed outstanding citizenship and community spirit. The entire community is so proud of the boys. Lochy's family refers to them as some of his heroes throughout this challenging time'.

We agree! Heroes indeed! Congratulations boys!

Lochy accepted Ben's award in his absence and then presented it to him yesterday at a small ceremony at school.



Lochy is progressing well with his recovery. He is at school four days a week for the next couple of weeks and has a goal of being full time again by his birthday in May next year. We are proud of Lochy for his determination, goal setting and reflections on his progress. His brain injury is still in recovery phase however Lochy is living each day to its fullest and showing us all how to overcome challenges.

Liz Wallace

Staff Farewells

At the end of each school year we thank and farewell a few team members. This year we say farewell to Mrs Annette Raats and Mr Rhys Langley. Both will be joining Ms Taylor, now Mrs Fenn, at Taylor Primary School.

Mrs Raats has been at Fadden for nine years. During this time she has taught kindergarten, year one, year two, year three and year four. Mrs Raats has also acted in school leader roles in both junior and senior school. She has inspired us with her creativity and ability to break into a song about anything at any time. The children adore Mrs Raats and will miss her. Mrs Raats has worked with many colleagues over the years and will be missed by our team. We wish her all the very best on the next adventure in her career.

Mr Langley has been at Fadden since 2015. During this time Mr Langley has done relief teaching across the school and for the past two years has taught in our Learning Support Unit: Autism specific (LSUA). Mr Langley is adored by his students and will be very much missed. He has been a great advocate for the children and has supported them in developing excellent routines and empowering them to be successful learners. Mr Langley is a popular team member who always reminds us of the importance of relaxing and socialising outside of school. We wish Mr Langley the very best in his role as LSUA teacher at Taylor PS.

Congratulations to the following Students who received awards for:

Maths Olympiad

Mia – medal & certificate, Kayla, Joshua, Mitchell, Marguerite, Oskar, Dylan, Charlie, Senadi, Anastasia, Jasper, Alex, Mitchell, Milly, Lachlan, Jaimie, Jack, Taylah, Sean, Liam, Charlie, Elizabeth and Phoebe.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Mia – certificate & pin, Jasper, Jessica, Oskar, and Marguerite

Read-a-thon

Elsie – trophy

NSW Threatened Species Children's Art Competition

Aditi Das

Senadi Waduge

Junior & Senior Enrichment Days

Dakota, Minay, Augustus, Senadi, Henson, Bella, Joshua, Will, Travis, Rosy, Nikola, Lily F, Lily J & Katie

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 1 Dec Anna Glover
Fri 8 Dec Michelle McAuliffe
Fri 15 Dec Katie Alexander

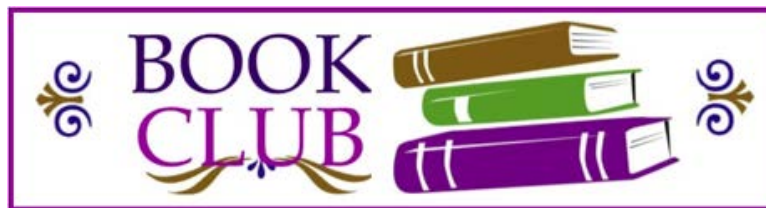


School Banking

Friday 8 Dec will be the final Banking day for 2017.

Library

Just a friendly reminder that all library books should now be returned. Please help your child to find any missing books



A big Thank You to all of those families who purchased from Scholastic Book Club in 2017.

All of your purchases earned the school \$1726.50 in rewards points, which has enabled the school to purchase more books and resources for the classrooms.

Book Club will resume again in early 2018.

Fadden End of Year Concert 2017



You are invited to our annual
End of Year Concert!

Date: Tuesday, 5 December

Time: 5:30pm



😊 What else is on? BBQ! Band! Fadden Choir, Cake Stall 😊
We can't wait to entertain you!

BBQ from 5pm, \$2 per sausage sandwich

Found:

**Ladies ring in carpark at Fadden PS
Please contact front office 6205 6011**

Communities @ Work

School Holiday Programs

Out of School Hours Care, School Holiday Programs

Fadden Primary School

We provide Before School Care and After School Care and School Holiday Programs at Fadden Primary School.

At Communities@Work's Out of School Hours Care, we are focused on children having fun. Our educators collaborate with children to ensure play, leisure and recreational opportunities are safe and meaningful.
Hanlon Crescent, FADDEN ACT, 2904

Here is the link to our website where the upcoming Summer school holiday program is now live. Families can start to enrol from **Friday 1st Dec.**

<https://commsatwork.org/services/children/?category=school-holiday-programs#services>

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