

Newsletter

Friday 11 May 2018

Week 2 Term 2

Dates to Remember

Monday 14th May	Excursion - Yrs 5S & 5F -Parliament House 9.15 – 12pm
Tuesday 15th May	Senior Athletics Carnival Yrs 2 – 6 P&C meeting – 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th May	NAPLAN testing – Yrs 3 & 5
Thursday 17th May	NAPLAN testing – Yrs 3 & 5
Friday 18th May	Assembly NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Monday 21 May	NAPLAN – Yr 3
Tuesday 22 May	ICAS Science – selected students only



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

From our Principal

As we launch into term two we are preparing children for events such as Athletics Carnivals, Rostrum, ICAS competitions and NAPLAN. Classes are also delving into their new inquiry units which you will read about in term overviews. We are trialling a new format for term overviews this term and will invite your feedback after they have been sent home. Our goal is an easy to read, concise document about the term ahead.

This term we welcome Mr Dave Matthews as our new PE teacher. Mr Matthews is delighted to be at Fadden PS and thoroughly enjoying meeting each class. We look forward to working with Mr Matthews as the year progresses.

At Fadden PS we believe that children need to be happy and safe to be the best learners they can be. One of the priorities within our strategic and annual action plans is to improve student wellbeing. We have a number of strategies in place to enable this and since the commencement of the 2017 – 2021 strategic plan have seen positive improvements in whole school approaches to supporting the many and varied needs of children. We have also seen a decrease in disruptive behaviours as a result of quality teaching and systematic procedures.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our updated Student Wellbeing Procedures. The procedures outline the beliefs and values of our school as well as the universal, targeted and individualised strategies utilised to provide a safe and supportive environment for all children and staff.

As a KidsMatter school we are also working towards accreditation in the four areas of KidsMatter.

1. Positive school community
2. Social and emotional learning for students
3. Working with parents and carers
4. Helping children with mental health difficulties

Latest research indicates that one in seven children experience mental health difficulties at some stage.
[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/9DA8CA21306FE6EDCA257E2700016945/\\$File/pt2.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/9DA8CA21306FE6EDCA257E2700016945/$File/pt2.pdf)

It is therefore essential that as a school we do what we can in partnership with families to support children experiencing mental health difficulties.

As always please continue to talk with educators and school leaders about celebrations, questions and concerns. Together we can continue to make Fadden a fabulous school for our children.

Regards
Liz Wallace



Fadden Primary School is pleased to be hosting an evening for families with acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. Michael will share the latest news from the science of Positive Psychology applied to raising children and teenagers. He will share with families the importance of building resilience and establishing boundaries and expectations. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.

When: 7.00pm, Thursday 7 June

Where: Erindale Theatre, Erindale College, 115 McBryde Cres, Wanniasa

Cost: Tickets \$25 each

For ticket enquiries or purchase please contact amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au or call 6205 6011.

As the hosting school we will reserve 100 tickets for the Fadden community until Friday 11 May. After that date they will be released to the general public and fellow school communities. Get in early to reserve your seat.

Regards
Julie Dixon

Swimming Update

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts and performance at the ACT Primary School Swimming Championships this week at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Reeve Duff – 2SA Hayley Neave – 3B

Elizabeth Teale – 6N Angus Wales – 6L Hamish Wales – 4B



The children competed against some very experienced swimmers and did themselves, their families and Fadden very proud. The best comment I heard was "I did well. I came 21st overall but I had the best fun." What a wonderful attitude to life. We are proud of all of your efforts.

NAPLAN Timetable 2018

Year 3

Time	Wednesday 16 th May	Thursday 17 th May	Friday 18 th May	Monday 21 st May
9.15am - 10.30am		Test: Reading Location: Library	School Assembly	Test: Conventions of language Location: Library
11.30am - 12.30pm	Test: Writing Location: year 3 classrooms			Test: Numeracy Location: Library

Year 5

Time	Wednesday 16 th May	Thursday 17 th May	Friday 18 th May
9.15am - 10.30am	Test: Writing Location: Library		School Assembly
11.30am - 12.30pm	Test: Reading Location: Library	Test: Conventions of language Location: Library	Test: Numeracy Location: Library

Reminder

Before school supervision is provided from 8.45am in Play Right.

We have noticed several children arriving very early, as early as 8.00am, and ending up in a conflict situation with peers.

We want all children to start their day positively and calmly. We therefore ask that children are dropped at school from 8.45am, unless supervised by an adult. Alternatively before school care facilities are available at Fadden PS.

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 11 May

Emily Magro

Fri 18 May

Rene Garland

Fri 25 May

Courts Davis



End of May is Hats off Day

Welcome back to Term 2, it is that time of the year again where we start to witness UV levels dropping off in Canberra to levels that are considered low (ie under 3) for part of the day. It is also that time of the year where confusion sets in around hat wearing in ACT schools.

To keep it simple, many years ago Cancer Council ACT coined the phrase - **End Of May is Hats Off Day** to assist Canberra schools and early childhood services with their hats on (and off) policy.

So, in keeping with the **End of May is Hats Off Day** spirit, all Canberra school students (and teachers) should still be required to wear hats during recess and lunchtime throughout the month of May. Regardless of temperature!

Entertainment Books

Please return all Entertainment Books **before Wednesday 17 May**. You can make payment online at <http://www.entbook.com.au/2467m9> or complete the order form inside each book and **return it in your personalised envelope**. If you **do not** wish to purchase the Entertainment Book please return the book inside the personalised envelope.

Michael Carr-Gregg

A presentation for parents:

▶ **The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness**

The latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers. Come and join us for an evening with the acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



Erindale Theatre
McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa
Thursday 7 June
7pm
Tickets \$25

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