

Newsletter

Monday 13 May 2019

Week 3 Term 2

Dates to Remember

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| Tuesday 14 May | Yr 4 excursion – David Harper House |
| Tuesday 14 – Friday 24 May | NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Saturday 18 May | Election Day |
| Friday 24 May | Assembly |
| Monday 27 May | Reconciliation Day Holiday |
| Tuesday 28 May | Tuggeranong Cross Country – participants only |



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

Dear Families

Term Two kicked off last week and is shaping up to be 10 weeks of rich, varied activities for our students and teachers alike. As a staff we are delving deep into the goals we set at the beginning of the strategic planning cycle back in 2017. We are half way through the five-year cycle, so it is a fitting time to look at how we are going in meeting our goals set for improvements in maths, writing and student well-being. We are tracking progress and collaborating to identify ways to accelerate student success in these areas.

What's new this term

1. Lunchtime Clubs have been re-established. Fadden staff know that break times can be challenging for students, especially those who prefer a bit more structure. Clubs are one response to this. On various days, playground options now include Chillville as well as iPad Club, Lego, art and craft, technology and sports club. Thanks to all the staff who invest extra time and energy into providing these break time options for students.
2. Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) has also been re-ignited under the energetic guidance of Sandra Stemmet and Louise Bromhead (from the Directorate). PBL establishes strong school-wide systems that promote consistent response to and teaching of social-emotional skills tailored to each individual school. Implementing PBL is a long-term commitment for us. There is very strong support for this model within the staff and we look forward to sharing our PBL work with students and broader community as it evolves.

Staff update

Michael Hatswell, a/g deputy principal was farewelled in in the first week of term and is replaced by Cherie Connors. Cherie is a very experienced deputy principal who is already working proactively and supportively with students and staff. Cherie introduces herself later in the newsletter.

Community news

A big shout out to Ms Legge and Ms Dixon who, on behalf of the school, won a \$1500 prize for innovative project they led last year that focused on enhancing the social inclusion of all students at Fadden PS. What a great achievement!

Finally, if you are available to assist with the election day sausage sizzle or bake for the cake stall we would love to hear from you. All proceeds will come directly to our school and preschool, so a very worthy cause.

Finally, keep sharing your thoughts and feedback with us. We have a fabulous school, lets take it to the next level for the benefit of our wonderful students.

Remember it is 'hats on' until the end of May!

Regards

Jennie Lindsay

My name is Cherie Connors and I am delighted to join the Fadden Primary School community as Deputy Principal for term 2. I would like to thank the school community for extending such a warm welcome as I navigate my role and get to know our students, their families and staff. I have been greeted with gorgeous smiles and enjoyed spending time planning and sharing ideas with staff and students about how learning happens here at Fadden. Having worked across primary, secondary and P-10 sectors within the ACT Education Directorate I bring a broad range of expertise and skills and are driven by inspiring confidence in young people to explore, challenge and connect to the world around us through their learning. I am a product of the ACT Education system having attended Turner Primary and Lyneham High School; completed my Bachelors Degree here in Canberra at the University of Canberra as well as a Masters Degree in Educational Policy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Mountain biking, snowboarding, yoga and crocheting with family and friends are the flavour of my hobbies at the moment and I am always looking for new things to learn. I look forward to meeting you and thank you for welcoming me to Fadden Primay School.



Kindest regards
Cherie Connors

Japanese News

We warmly welcome Ms Chiaki Nagata who has joined Fadden as a Japanese Teaching Assistant. She will be here with us till the end of term 4. She has come from Kagoshima in Japan and is currently studying Literature at Kagoshima University. She is here with twelve other assistants who have been placed in other schools across Canberra. The students are loving having Chiaki Sensei being part of their Japanese lessons.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the McCallum family who have kindly offered to host Chiaki Sensei this term and to the Fairhall family who will host Chiaki Sensei for term 3. We are still in need of host families for term 4, so if any families might be interested please email me at tammi.beardmore@ed.act.edu.au.

Tammi Sensei



New Bus Network Feedback



The ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (the peak body for the school's P&C) is collating feedback on travelling to school using the new bus network. They would like to hear from any public school parents, carers or students about difficulties or concerns and will represent these to Transport Canberra. Send a message with your specific feedback to contact@actparents.org.au.

High School Information and Open Nights

Please see below a list of South Canberra and Tuggeranong High School open nights. For information regarding enrolment and priority enrolment areas for ACT public schools, please visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/visit-the-schoolopen-nights>

South Canberra and Weston Creek Schools

1. Mount Stromlo High School
Wednesday 15 May
5.30pm-7.30pm
6142 3444

2. Melrose High School
Thursday 16 May
5:30-7:30pm
6142 0700

3. Telopea Park School
Tuesday 7 May
5.00-6.30pm
6142 3388

4. Alfred Deakin High School
Wednesday 22 May
5.00pm - 7.00pm
6142 3888

Tuggeranong Schools

1. Lanyon High School
Thursday 9 May
6.00-7.30pm
6142 1800

2. Wanniassa School (Snr Campus)
Tuesday 7 May
5:30-7:00pm
6142 1870

3. Wanniassa School (Jnr Campus)
Tuesday 7 May
9:30-11:00am
6142 1840

4. Calwell High School
Wednesday 15 May
5:30-7:30pm
6142 1930

5. Namadgi School
Wednesday 12 June
5:30-7:30pm
6142 0900

6. Caroline Chisholm School
Tuesday 21 May
6.00-7.30pm
6142 3550

Private School Information Evenings

1. MacKillop Catholic College
Monday 6 May
6.30pm
6209 0100

2. St Edmunds College
Saturday 11 May
11am - 3pm

3. St Clare's College
School Tours with the Principal are available by
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 15 May
9am or 4pm
6260 9400 to register

Bookings online: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-edmunds-college-open-day-tickets-57945698143>

Enrolments for ACT public schools are to be completed online. Enrolment applications are now being accepted for 2020.

Applications received between 29 April and 5 p.m. on 7th June are assessed by schools and offers will be sent out via email between 29 July to 2 August 2019.

If you have any questions or need support, please feel free to contact me either by email natalie.hogan@ed.act.edu.au or the front office 61422460.

Kind regards
Natalie Hogan

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 10 May

Chandra Shamburigari

Fri 17 May

Laura Marin

Fri 24 May

Jo Rogers



YEAR 4
Get Ready to take off at



Lift Off! Steady is happening at our school on 6 June from 4-7pm.
Each child from Year 4 is invited to attend with one parent / carer.

It's a fabulous 3 hour workshop with a focus on [Emotional Skills]

You will:

- Participate in activities together
- Support your child's development
- Share stories
- Connect with other parents

*"This was the perfect program for our busy family!
It was fun and made a real difference to our lives.
We loved the program." – Parent*

**Look out for the Welcome Letter & Booking Form
sent home with your child.**

*"We believe that emotional wellbeing is
as important as learning to read and write."*

That's why we have organised Lift Off! Ready for all of Year 4.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support your child's development, while having fun and making wonderful memories together.

When: 6 June, 4-7pm

Where: School Hall

Who: 1 adult and 1 child

It's not too late to register.
Bring your form into the office tomorrow ☺



Are You A Parent of a Child Aged 2 to 12?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. You will need to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>.

Term 2 Assembly Dates

Week 4 – Friday 24 May 2019

Week 6 – Friday 7 June 2019

Week 9 – Friday 28 June 2019

Upcoming workshop on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers- working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools.

An initial workshop discussed the key issues including what is working well or not working well. In mid-late June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or wish to attend the showcase, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.



Parking Safely and Legally Around Schools

As we drive and park our cars around schools, we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority.

Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc> Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.



The Entertainment Fundraiser is one of our favourites at Fadden Primary. This year we are raising money for a new bubbler for the senior area and our goal is \$600. The Memberships sell for \$60, and we keep 20% from every membership we sell.

Choose between the Entertainment Digital Membership or Entertainment Book. Both Memberships contain thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Canberra's best restaurants, cafés, family dining, attractions, accommodation and travel packages. The Membership is valid until 1 June, 2020.





Federal Election BBQ & Cake Stall

Saturday, 18 May
9am to 2pm

Fadden Primary School P&C Assoc. are looking for donations of cakes, slices and any baked goods* to sell at the cake stall.

We are also looking for volunteers to help operate the BBQ and Cake Stall on the day.

Register your interest to donate goods or volunteer on the day at
<https://volunteersignup.org/JLH7R>

- *All goods are to be packaged and labelled with ingredients and whether they contain nuts (or traces of)*

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Fadden Primary will be participating in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker program.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will earn one sticker.

Collect as many stickers as you can between 1 May & 25 June.

Stickers can be dropped off at the front office.
Your stickers will help us earn new equipment for the school.

Thank you for your support