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Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

WOW! How good was both our Cross Country Carnival and Colour Run on Wednesday? A huge shout out and thank you to all the volunteer parents who assisted during both events, as well as the staff and P&C members that did a lot of work behind the scenes, which made it such a successful day. Our students had an absolute blast!

Candice our **fundraising P&C** member said that all parents have access to the fundraising Colour Run portal page which says we have raised \$12,185 so far. Whilst the company that we employed to assist running the event will take 40% to cover the cost of the prizes, the use of their platform, the powder, sunglasses and headbands; Candice's calculations estimate that we cleared **\$7,311** as a school community, give or take \$100 here and there depending if the cash component data is accurate on the profile page. If you have not yet had the opportunity to drop in your cash, please do this as soon as possible. The next step is for families to start to order their children's prizes from the website or via the back page of the colour run booklet, which can be dropped into the office.

Just a heads up that **Fadden P&C are meeting in the library this Tuesday 4th May at 6pm** and will be discussing where to direct this fundraising money as well as future fundraising and parent engagement activities. Every parent is a member of the P&C and are encouraged to attend and contribute to this fantastically friendly and committed group of parents.

I hope you enjoy some images below of our **Colour Run**. A special thanks to one of our wonderful parents, Belle Hogg from Belle Photography Canberra, for taking these photos from the Colour Run.

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It was an almost perfect day for cross country running on Wednesday. Our **Cross-Country Champions** will be presented at our next school assembly and our top 5 finishers in our races for boys and girls aged 8 and above will qualify to represent Fadden at the Tuggeranong Regional Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo Forest Park on Monday 24th May.



On Thursday our **Year 5 and 6 students visited the Australian Parliament House** to learn more about how bills are enacted into law. They visited the House of Representatives, where they were lucky enough to get to speak to, and ask questions of, our local federal member of parliament, Mr David Smith MP for Bean and were also able to take part in a role play parliamentary practices and processes.



This term **Year 1/2's** inquiry learning is focussing on habitats and animal characteristics and features. To extend this learning they spent the day exploring all the many different habitats and animals they have at the **National Zoo and Aquarium**. They had fabulous guides who helped them get up close and personal with many different animals like a snake, lamas, and an emu. They learnt about the creation of habitats and how to care for different living animals in differing environments. We cannot wait to see how this excursion will inspire their work over the term.



With Mother's Day fast approaching.... *hint, hint Dads*.... this is a timely reminder that our **Mother's Day stall is happening here at school on Friday 7th May**. Gifts are all \$5 and are to be pre-purchased by Wednesday 5th of May through Flexischools. Then on Friday 7th May, students who have already paid, will be taken to the library at recess to choose which gift they wish to take home. Thank you for the donations that have come in. Remember if you buy a gift please donate a gift prior to the day.



This week I have noticed a number of cars being parked in the **pickup and set down** area of our school. At these times I also noted that there were spare car parks available, so am really confused why this was the case. I understand that sometimes emergencies happen when little ones don't want to get out of the car etc, which I am happy to help with. But I would like to remind everyone of the reasons why we have no parking in this area at key times, as stated on our signage.



The pickup and drop off area is for parents to drop off or pick up students as fast as possible. If we have parked cars there at these key times, it puts our students and other parents at risk, trying to get around vehicles which sometimes means students walk across a very busy roads. For everyone's safety please find a car park if you need to walk in to drop in a note or walk in your child. Alternatively call over the staff member on duty and ask for assistance if you are unable to park but need help. Safety is everyone's responsibility and I thank you for taking note of these concerns.

Illness at school, impacts on other students, families and staff. This week we have had a number of staff away with illness, which ensures that illness is not spread amongst our school community but also could be due to students coming to school sick or returning to school before exclusion periods have ended for infectious conditions. Please see attached a Fact Sheet on gastroenteritis from ACT Health which states that people need to stay home for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped. Thank you to those parents who follow this advice and work closely with our fabulous school reception/first aid staff.

Next week we will be sending out our Term Overviews, sharing the learning focus for each year level is an important link for our families to the learning happening in classrooms.

Another way to share learning with families will be through **SeeSaw**. Very soon we will be providing information to families on how to connect to SeeSaw, which will allow students and teachers to share student learning with families, as well as send out updates and reminders through the app. Preschool are our first classes to kick off

with SeeSaw, with the rest of the school expected to be up and running in June. More information will come home soon to parents on how to sign up in preparation for our June launch.

Sorry..... but not really, for the number of photos shared this week. We had so many beautiful pictures that I just had to share.

Have a great weekend and let's hope this beautiful weather continues.

Jo Jefferson

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