

Newsletter

News 7 December 2018

Week 8 Term 4

Dates to Remember

Thursday 13 December	Yr 4/5 2nd camp instalment due
Friday 14 December	Assembly 9.15
	Reports home
	Final School Banking for 2018
Monday 17 December	Yrs 3/4 - End of Year excursion – Limelight
Tuesday 18 December	K-2 - End of Year incursion – Noah’s Ark Petting Zoo
Wednesday 19 December	Yrs 5 - End of Year Excursion – Limelight
	Yr 6 - End of Year Excursion – Orienteering
	Kindergarten information session
	9.15 – 10.00am – Library
Thursday 20 December	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner & Assembly
Friday 21 December	Term 4 ends

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



From our Principal

Thank you to families who have sent messages and emails to check on my wellbeing. I have appreciated your care and support.

I have been unwell and needed to take the necessary time to get better; I am still on the journey to a full recovery however will get there. I did not want to miss end of year events with the children, staff and community so will be here at school for several days over the next two weeks. This morning I was delighted to see the children and staff. I look forward to seeing them over the next couple of weeks and at special events such as our final assembly for the year, the final Principal Morning Tea and the Year Six Graduation.

Thank you to Mr Ben Hall who will also be here working alongside me and with the Fadden Team. Ben is a very valued member of our team.

I hope to see you before the end of the school year.

Regards
Liz Wallace

Preschool News

The pre-schoolers did a wonderful job of performing their songs in the whole school concert on Wednesday evening and look forward to their own class concerts next week. The children have mastered a number of songs and dances throughout the year which support their language development, develop their gross motor skills and of course are a source of great fun and self-expression.



The children have been observing the final stages of the life cycle of the silkworms with the moths emerging from their cocoons this week. They have watched them with great fascinating fluttering about, joining and then finally laying their eggs.

The year four buddies have taken both classes for a tour of the school this week. They started by showing them their classroom, then took them for a play on the senior playground before reading them a book in the library. They finished with a play on the junior school playground before farewelling them until 2019. Only two weeks to go!

Important Dates:

Emus concert:	Tuesday 11 December 9:30am
Echidnas concert:	Thursday 13 December 9:30am
Emus last day:	Wednesday 19 December
Echidnas last day:	Friday 21 December
Reports go home:	Wednesday 12 December
Kindy information session:	December 19 - 9:15- 10.00am in the school library

Susan & Sandi

Kindergarten News

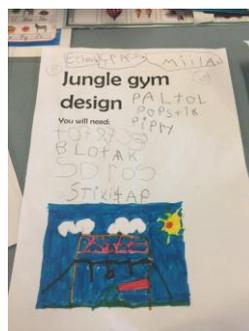
These past few weeks have been jam-packed but we have still had time to continue with our inquiry into Play! Through a design technology lens, kindy were asked to design and make a pet rock. Children then had opportunities to develop their pet rock characters including how they liked to play!

Children worked individually to design and create a home for their pets, thinking about what their rock may need. They worked in groups to design and make playgrounds, twisty slides and jungle gyms, drawing from their experiences at Moncrieff playground.

All pet rocks have been sent home to continue to have fun with you over the holidays!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful kindergarten families for their ongoing support this year. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing your smiling children learn every day at school. Have a wonderful Christmas break,

Anita Peraic, Karen Barling & Sarah Synnott



Year 1 News

We can't believe the end of the year is near! It has been wonderful to see how much the year ones have grown and learnt throughout the year. We are so proud of how far they have come both socially and academically. We are looking forward to some end of year celebrations including our excursion to the National Gallery today and the Noah's Ark Petting Zoo in week 10. We hope you enjoyed our performance at the Christmas concert...surely, we've convinced Santa to wear his shorts this Christmas!



Thank you all for a wonderful year. We have enjoyed teaching the Happy Hippos and Brave Bears. We will miss them all but wish them the very best for 2019. Have a safe and happy summer break!

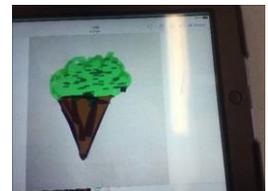
Alyssa Audsley & Alex George

Year 2 News

Year 2 have been using technology to consolidate and complement all inquiry units. Students have developed their skills over the entire year focusing on using iPads and Chromebooks to research, gather information and create. We have been so impressed with their originality and the enthusiasm demonstrated when investigating with technology.

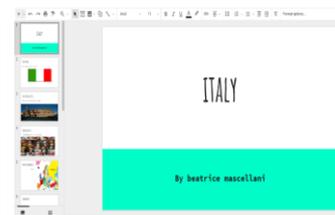
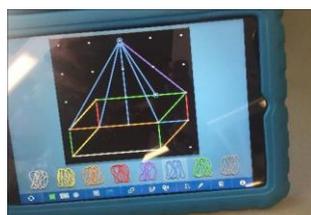
Some of our most valuable experiences have been:

- Programming Beebots to travel to different cities in Australia.
- Programming Beebots to navigate a map of the suburb and visit student's homes.
- Using mark-up tool within the camera app to create an artwork using lines.
- Creating an image in response to a narrative using Sketches on the iPad.
- Using piccollage to solve maths problems with the different operations.
- Selecting Geoboards and creating pictures using knowledge of 2D, 3D shape including transformations and symmetry.
- Retelling stories through time lapse or creating story maps on Draw and Tell.
- Creating google slide presentations for chosen countries around the world.
- Presenting persuasive arguments using the Clips app.
- Using piccollage to create posters to inform the community on healthy food choices.
- Documenting personal travels around Australia using the mark-up tool to edit a map



We would like to congratulate all of Year 2 on a fantastic year. Every student has grown in their abilities and have gained confidence in their learning strengths.

Nicky Sandeman & Julie Spencer



Year 3 News

In Year 3 students have been finishing inquiries into Civics and Citizenship in which they investigated the roles of government. Students explored the concept of democracy and how it applies in Australia. They were given a hypothetical local community challenge where a theme park would be added to Mount Taylor. Students had to identify community points of view, possible strengths and areas for concern and follow up actions.

Year 3 have completed a mini inquiry into Earth Sciences. They examined earth's position in the solar system. Students investigated some characteristics and the size of the earth, sun and moon. Children collected data about the sun's position in the sky and how this relates to time using their own playground sundials. This inquiry culminated in student presentations about night and day and the seasons.

Beth Ivanoff & Sarah Bowtell

Year 4 News

This term the students have been working hard to design and make their solar ovens. To assist the students in making an efficient design we participated in a number of experiments to determine materials that conduct and retain heat. The students collected data about the temperature in 30 second intervals to help us determine which materials would work best in our solar ovens. The students worked extremely hard on their solar ovens and were very excited to test how hot they got when placed in the sun. Students were able to get temperatures up to about 48 degrees inside their solar ovens!

We have also been busy preparing for the end of year Christmas concert. We wanted to choose a song that the students were passionate about, so we selected Thunder by Imagine Dragons. We then wrote Christmas lyrics to the music of this song and the students helped us to refine the chorus. The students also made props to enhance our performance and helped us to come up with dance moves to match. We really hope you enjoyed our performance!

We want to thank students for a wonderful year. We have appreciated the hard work and dedication that they have showed to their learning. We have also loved the humour and fun that they have brought to school each day. We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of the year at events such as our excursion to the movies. We have really enjoyed teaching the moustaches and detectives this year and will miss them so much!

Trish Bond & Rebecca Flux

Year 5 & 6 News

Market Day

Congratulations to the entrepreneurial senior students for creating such an enjoyable Market Day! Despite the rain, there were smiles all round and a buzz in the air. The experience of budgeting and running a small business was truly inquiry in action. Thank you to the many parents whose generosity helped to make the day happen.

Sandra Stemmet, Amelia Frantz, Rebecca Legge & Christine Nuttall



Sports News



It's Back! The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is returning to Canberra on Sunday 10th February and **Fadden Primary School** has a special discount for the **first 15** children to register. Enter code: **SWKT19Fadden10%** to receive 10% off the registration cost. Also, if 15 or more kids from **Fadden Primary School** register and nominate the school we will go in the draw for \$5,000 worth of school supplies thanks to Mapped!

The Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra will come alive with over 1,700 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathletes cheered on as they swim, ride and run by thousands of supporters. TRYathletes will use the very same facilities where many great Australian sporting careers have begun. Check out the amazing event by watching this [video](#). Registrations are selling 20% faster than previous years, so register now to secure your place! www.tryathlon.com.au

SCHOOL BOARD

Two parent board member positions will be available from 31 March 2019.

Nomination forms will be available upon request.

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Fri 7 Dec Emily Magro

Fri 14 Dec Bec Thorpe

Fri 21 Dec Jo Honeyman



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Families,

You are invited to attend an information session for parents/carers who have children commencing kindergarten in 2019. The 2019 kindergarten teachers and members of leadership will be on hand to share information with you such as:

- What learning looks like across the curriculum
 - Preparing for kindergarten
- What the first day will look like and a typical day in the life of a kindergarten student
 - What to pack for your child/ren
 - Specialist learning subjects
 - Play time @ Fadden
 - Communication avenues
- How you can be an active participant in your child's schooling
 - Answer any questions you may have

WHEN: Wednesday 19 December 2018

WHERE: Library

TIME: 9:15-10:00am

RSVP: amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au

by Monday 17 December 2018