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Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Welcome to back to school and Term 2!

This week we have had a team of 4 external reviewers in our school interviewing staff, students, parents and partners as part of our School Review. Schools across Australia are reviewed against the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) which has 9 domains. This process allows schools such as ours to better understand where they are at and the steps necessary to move forward to become a high performing school which effectively caters for the learning of all students.

Staff had the opportunity to hear some of the draft commendations, affirmations and recommendations yesterday afternoon. However, an Executive Summary will not be available for the school community for a few weeks yet, as it needs to be moderated and confirmed by ACER (Australian Council of Education Research) before it is confirmed. I can share however that the reviewers did reinforce for us that we are in an excellent position, with a number of foundations laid over the past 18 months, to make a big impact on our school and student learning here at Fadden. I was especially thrilled to hear that our parents are supportive and have trust in the school and it's leaders. With this base I truly believe the sky is the limit on what we can achieve together.

I would like to genuinely thank all parents that had the opportunity to contribute, whether that was spontaneously meeting a reviewer in the carpark or as a scheduled panel member. Your voices and the information collected through the review will be vital for us to plan our next 5-year improvement journey and take Fadden Primary from good to great!

Today all students participated in an ANZAC Day commemoration run by our Student Leadership Council. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about ANZAC Day and the associated traditions. Classes created wreaths that students then laid at our flagpole at the front of the school. Thank you to the School Leadership Council and Mr Matthews for organising such an important event for us.

Below are some photos of our service today.



Next week apart from a few class excursions and a small group of students representing Tuggeranong in swimming, our main event is our Cross Country, followed by the P&C's fundraising Colour Run.

All students Preschool to Year 6 will be participating in our Fadden Cross Country event on Wednesday 28th April 11.15am – 1.15pm. Thank you to the awesome parents who have volunteered to assist us on the day.

AFTER Cross Country in the afternoon, we will assist our P&C in running the Colour Run from 2.00 – 3.00pm. I would like to clarify for parents that all students are able to participate in the Colour Run, even if they have not been fundraising.

But I must stress that **the Colour Run is an opt out event**. If parents do not wish their child to get covered in the coloured powder, please let your child's teacher know or drop in the form to the office, which went home last term in the material provided by the P&C.

I cannot stress enough that students' clothing **will be covered in colour run powder on this day** and it is advised that students wear white or old clothes that you are happy to get coloured. I personally would advise you to bring a towel when you pick up your child, to save your car. I know from previous schools that this event is lots of fun for students and there is the added bonus for students to get prizes for fundraising. So, I hope families can support this event if they are able, or at least support their children to attend this fun event.

Have a great long weekend. See you all on Tuesday 27th April.



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