Dear Families,

What a fabulous time the Year 6 students had on camp. I am sure they all slept extremely well (teachers also) on Friday night. A huge thank you to Mrs Millington for all her organisation and all the others that attended.

As the leaves start to turn to their autumn colours we know we are half way through the term with lots of learning already achieved! Enjoy the break this Canberra Day on Monday. We recently received notice that there would be an additional ACT Public Service holiday on the Monday 27 April following ANZAC Day. This means school recommences for second term on the Tuesday 28 April, a day later than most calendars show. It would be a good idea to note that now, in case it impacts on family arrangements.

We have forwarded to the Directorate governance section, our three nominees for parent representatives on the Fadden School Board, Andrew Callaway, Lisa Grieves and Karen Chudleigh together with new staff member, Nina McCabe. We will receive confirmation of their positions being confirmed ready to take up office on April 1st.

Reminder, this is a short newsletter week.

Warm regards, Lindsay and Nina

Sports News

Congratulations to the students who competed at our school swimming carnival on Wednesday. It was wonderful to watch you all trying your best and finishing your races with a smile! I particularly enjoyed hearing the comments of congratulations amongst competitors towards each other as they finished their race. I would like to thank our fabulous Fadden parent helpers, teachers and House captains for helping to make the day run so smoothly. A very big thank you to the students from Erindale College who assisted with time keeping on the day. Presentation of ribbons (to the fastest four overall from each event ) and age champion certificates will take place at the next assembly on 13th March.

BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR 2015 – HERE’S HOW TO ORDER

We are able to offer Book Club again this year thanks to our kind volunteers, Melanie Hudson and Tamara Cottrell. Brochures for our first issue of Book Club were handed out today. Orders are due on or before next Wednesday 11 March. There are three ways to order:

- **Cash**: Complete the order form, place it in an envelope with the correct amount of cash and return it to the Book Club Box at the Front Office
- **Credit card by phone**: Complete the order form, pay with your card by phone, write your receipt number on the order form and return the form to the Book Club Box at the Front Office
Credit card on-line: Go on-line and complete your order; you do not need to return your order form to the school.

Orders are usually handed out to the children, but it is possible for us to hold them at the Front Office if you want to collect them in person. This is handy for birthdays, for example. If you want us to hold books, you can leave a note in the Book Club box or e-mail the school on info@faddenps.act.edu.au. Include the name(s) of the child(ren) that appear on the order and your own contact details.

It usually takes two weeks for the orders to be ready. For this particular issue, it will take three weeks due to other commitments for our volunteers.

When you make a purchase from Book Club the school earns commission which we use to purchase books for the Library. This helps to keep our collection current and interesting and the children really look forward to getting the new titles. Being able to choose something from Book Club also encourages children to pursue their own reading interests.

Jo Anne Pulko, Teacher-Librarian

LIBRARY BAGS

Library bags are usually available for purchase from the Front Office. At present they are out of stock and we are waiting for a new batch. Kinder to Year 4 students need to bring a cloth library bag to be able to borrow. Plastic bags are not to be used, but a clean cloth supermarket bag or a pillow case would be fine. Please make sure your child’s name is marked clearly on whatever bag he or she is using. Thank you.

Jo Anne Pulko, Teacher-Librarian

LAUNDRY ROSTER

Friday 6 March  Lousie Perez
Friday 13 March  Marnie Barton
Friday 20 March  Melinda Mitchell