

# Newsletter

**21 February 2013**

**Week 3, Term 1**

*Dates to Remember*

<b>Wednesday 26 Feb</b>	<b>Parent Helper guided reading session 5.30pm - Kindergarten</b>
<b>Friday 28 Feb</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.00pm – 4K compering – All welcome</b>
	<b>House Captain/Vice House Captain presentation</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 Mar</b>	<b>Reading with your child information evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 Mar</b>	<b>Swimming Carnival – Swimmers only</b>
<b>Thursday 6 Mar</b>	<b>Board Meeting 4.00pm</b>



**For more dates:** [http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/calendar](http://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar)

Dear Families

I would like to open today's newsletter with sincere thanks to Richard Barwise for all his work as our P&C President over the last three years and welcome Andrew Blyth as our new President. Richard is a strong advocate for Fadden Primary School and he worked diligently deepening the relationship of the P&C with the school. Thank you again and I'm sure we will continue to enjoy his warm nature and good humour around the BBQ at the next P&C fundraiser.

Wednesday saw what I believe was the heaviest deluge in the shortest time that Fadden Primary has seen. To all our families and surrounding community I sincerely hope that the Wednesday rain swept by without causing hardship or damage.

During the deluge, rain flooded into the area near FAC and cascaded down through the hall and adjoining areas. Minor damage has occurred, mainly in our floor coverings leading to the hall but thanks to Adam and the FAC staff, teachers and some hardy parents I believe we were saved from the worst. Our outdoor areas definitely got the brunt of the storm and we are currently investigating options to replace and clean up mulch, renew our pebbled area and fix sandpits and playground areas. My only regret is that after all our efforts cleaning up the water that flooded into the hall and FAC, I couldn't find this "Noah" that two ducks swam by looking for!

Another milestone this week is the beginning of a new partnership with our local high school Caroline Chisholm. As of next week Mr Phil Perkins will be heading up our Maths challenge program for Years 4 – 6. We welcome Mr Perkins's expertise and knowledge and look forward to this being the start of many more extension opportunities for our students.

Thank you again to all our Parent volunteers that have been hard at work in our classrooms or have signed up for future endeavours. If you are committed to being a regular volunteer throughout the year I would ask you to head down to your nearest shopfront and obtain a Working with Vulnerable People card. The cards are free for volunteers and are a requirement of working with our children on an ongoing volunteer basis. If you would like clarification or more information please do not hesitate to contact me at [john.manders@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:john.manders@ed.act.edu.au). Further information is available at [http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working\\_with\\_vulnerable\\_people](http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people).

Please remember our school is anaphylactic friendly when packing your child or children's lunch box. (No nuts or any food that could contain traces of nuts please).

Finally, congratulations go to our Kindergarten students who have survived PIPs, which is their first official school test. Not as scary as it sounds, it provides us with valuable baseline data that we will use to provide you the parents and carers information regarding the students' academic growth at the end of the year in Reading and Mathematics. Thank you again to the teachers for their hard work preparing and administering the test.

John Manders

## **Uluru News**

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students for their excellent effort that they made during PIPS. They showed us how clever they are while giving us the opportunity to observe what skills and knowledge they are bringing to the classroom.

Today your child received a Sound Book. Please read the cover letter that explains the book's intended purpose. We would like to reiterate that the book does not need to be returned to school.

LETTERS OF THE WEEK: Pp Ii

WORDS OF THE WEEK: I am a cat dog boy girl mum dad

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK: 9 10 0

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered their time to be a part of the Guided Reading Program. In order for the program to run successfully, each class will need a minimum of 5 helpers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can volunteer half an hour of your time from 9.00 – 9.30am on any or all of these days, PLEASE let your child's class teacher know. To help you be an effective tutor, we would ask that you attend the Guided Reading Tutor Workshop that we are running on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. This session will be held in the Kindergarten Unit. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are more than welcome...we need all the help we can get! This is the perfect opportunity for you to become involved in the day to day goings on in Kindergarten.

*Trish Donnelly, Barbara Martin, Melanie Sissian*

## **Daintree News**

Another busy week has seen the Year 2 students working hard in their classrooms in maths, literacy and science. We've looked at counting by tens, both on and off the decade, as well as writing three-digit numbers. In literacy, we are working hard on improving our grammar and punctuation, examining commas, alphabetical order and proper nouns.

Our budding scientists continue to explore the world of water, investigating the effects water has on a number of substances outside, as well as talking about how we use water, and how we can be responsible when using water in our daily lives.

Thank you to parents who attended our information session aimed at those who are able to volunteer their time to assist us from time to time, or on special occasions. If you were unable to attend, but wish to lend a helping hand, please talk to your child's teacher.

Our homework went home on Monday, and will now be due on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

*Julie-Anne Lambert, Jenna Poore, Julie Spencer, Tegan Dean, Jaki Fraser, Annette Raats*

## **Kuringai News**

Kuringai has been a hive of activity this week as our units of work get underway. Year 5 students have delved head first into their science unit 'Desert Survivors' and spent science lessons this week observing and describing desert environments. Today, Year 5 students began experimenting to discover how critical water is to the survival of living things by predicting what will happen to bags filled with leaves left in the sun when compared to empty bags. We look forward to observing and explaining what eventuates next week.

Year 6 students have had an equally busy week, with important decisions being made regarding their Year 6 shirts. Congratulations to all our Year 6 students who nominated for house captain and vice captain positions today. It is not easy to stand up and speak in front of a quarter of the school but the teachers were impressed with the confidence and enthusiasm of candidates. Year 6 Parliament will begin next week, with students learning about the various roles and their responsibilities.

*Kerry Millington, Belinda Fenson, Cathy Stevens, Ben Smith*

## Murramarang News

Murramarang students have had a productive Week 3 with the science and history units well on their way. Year 3 students are investigating how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people inhabited Australia. Look out for a letter that will soon be going out relating to their science unit to collect non-living and living specimens.

Year 4 students have been observing bean seeds where they look at a dry and a soaked seed and observe the difference in texture, shape, smell and size.

We have also started our cooperative reading by looking at the different roles of *code breaker*, *investigator*, *discussion manager* and *illustrator*. Within our cooperative groups we understand that reading should be done for enjoyment and we should always celebrate how and when we read.

A reminder that Year 4 homework is due next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

*Sheryl Harris, Luke Marsden, Tristan Kentwell, Deb Walkenhorst*



Congratulations to our Olympians pictured below who were the winners of the Fadden Kurling Championships. The competition was a part of the professional development afternoon I held for staff on Tuesday to introduce the wonderful new gross motor and sports' equipment we now have thanks to the P&C of 2013. The Physical Education storeroom is now bursting with colourful, fun and educational products which will assist in the implementing of the K-2 Gross Motor Program and K-6 Physical Education Program. I look forward to seeing the many smiles this equipment will bring to the faces of our students as they embark on their journey of learning correct skill technique across the various sports.

*Belinda Fenson*



## Japanese News

Konnichiwa,  
Welcome back.

I am so excited to see our students back, especially the new comers to Fadden. In Weeks 1-2, we have been learning to write our names in Katakana (Japanese) and the students have been making bookmarks for themselves and their friends.

Kindergarten students have settled in well and have enjoyed exploring where Japan is located and learning about numbers in Japanese.

I hope this year will be another exciting year for everyone.

*Lee Sensei*

## Fadden After Hours Music Program

The Fadden After School Music Program has held its AGM and the following positions have been filled:

President/Scheduling: Sandra Walpole  
Vice President: Helen Stokes  
Secretary: Naomi Hilborn  
Treasurer: Theresa Mitrousis  
Day Coordinator: Sarah McCabe

We are still hoping to fill the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Scheduling Coordinator, so please contact Sandra Walpole on 0428 161267 if you think you can help us out (meetings are held twice a term).

The music program is currently full, and we have a number of students on our waiting list. Thank you to all the families who have supported the program this year.

## P&C News

We had a great turn out at our first P&C meeting for the year on Monday night, thank you to the new parents who attended. We almost have a full committee! We are pleased to announce the following positions have been filled:

**President:** Andrew Blyth  
**Vice President:** Karen Chudleigh  
**Secretary:** Nerissa Richardson  
**Public Officer:** David Addison  
**ACT P&C Council Reps:** Leah Clarke-Vial and Di Watt  
**Fundraising Coordinator:** Carmen Barwise

However, we are still missing a Treasurer. If you think you can help us with this position please let me know as soon as possible. We really do need someone to look after the financials of the P&C. It won't take a lot of your time, the P&C doesn't have any ongoing accounts or invoices that need to be paid. It really is just banking fundraising money and writing cheques for expenses. Attending the P&C meetings on Monday night isn't compulsory either. Please email me if you think you can help.

We also need more fundraising helpers! Keep an eye out next week for further communication on our fundraising plan for Term 1 and Term 2 and how you can help us raise funds for the school.

If you are interested in receiving the minutes from our meetings, please email me and let me know and I will add you to the distribution list.

Regards,  
Nerissa Richardson, Secretary P&C 0402 440 320 FaddenPC@gmail.com

*LAUNDRY ROSTER*

Friday 21 Feb      Jo Honeyman  
Friday 28 Feb      Sherilyn Dean  
Friday 7 Mar        Kim Gardiner



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Our school has received requests by parents for their children to receive Christian Education (CE) as part of our school curriculum, based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project of the ACT Churches' Council provides a coordinated serviced to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive CE sessions, varied each year, prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined on the attached postcard.

Parent permission is essential for children to attend CEIS. Please use the section below to indicate your preferred request for your children. Requests will remain in effect for the school year, but can be changed simply by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in our school newsletter.

For further information please contact the school or visit [www.ceis.org.au](http://www.ceis.org.au) .



PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO YOUR CHILD'S UNIT COLLECTION BOX  
**BY FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY.**

YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

NO, I do not want my child/ren listed below to participate in CEIS.

CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## TUGGERANONG BULLDOGS JAFC

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**JOIN UP WITH THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS FOR AFL IN 2014!!!**

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All first year registered players receive free playing shorts and socks

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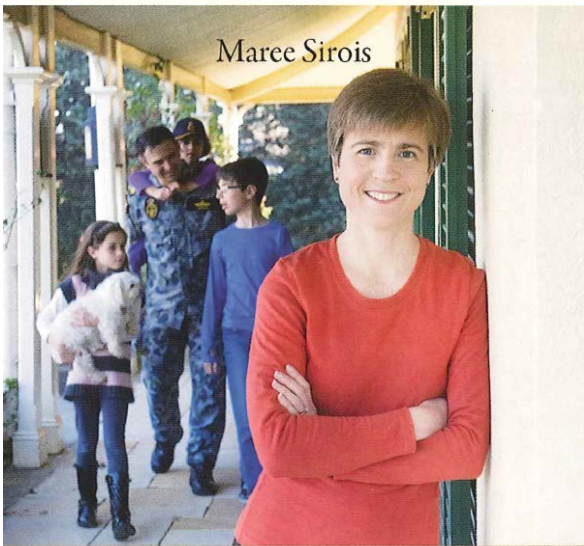
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A come and try option is also available.

For more information please email [bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au](mailto:bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au)

## Commanding the *Home Front*

Maree Sirois



True stories from the families who support the  
modern-day Australian Defence Force

## Commanding the Home Front

Maree was a seasoned military spouse living in Sydney in 2008 when her Navy husband Mark was posted to a ship based in Western Australia. The following two years, during which she largely parented their three children alone, were a challenge to both her and her marriage. In this intimate book, Maree takes the reader inside not only her relationships, but also those of the 17 other military family members she interviewed. Feel the fear, thankfulness, exhaustion, courage, sadness and love of these modern-day military family members in this honest and captivating book.

You're invited to the launch

3-5 pm, 5 April 2014

Duntroon Community Centre

Royal Military College - Duntroon

Aerodrome Road, Canberra

RSVP to author Maree Sirois by 2 April

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There will be games and activities for children.

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