

# Newsletter

**12 December 2014**

**Week 9 Term 4**

## *Dates to Remember*

Monday 15 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10.00am
Tuesday 16 December	Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.45am
Wednesday 17 December	Term 4 Ends
<b>Friday 19 December</b>	<b>Officemax 2015 book pack orders due</b>
Monday 2 February	Kindergarten begins
Tuesday 3 February	All students return



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

Dear Families

What a fabulous week we have had here at Fadden PS! Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to Kerry Millington and her team of **amazing** parent volunteers (Jackie Dyer, Maree Brown, Jasmina Bacic, Lisa Koch, Miki Mowbray, Sue Reid and Amanda Subritzky) who made last night's Year 6 dinner & disco a special and memorable night for all of the students and families involved. The children all looked gorgeous and suave, and had gone to a lot of effort to get ready for last night's festivities. Events such as last night's dinner and next Monday's Year 6 Graduation Assembly are important milestones in the students' educational journey.

Thank you also to Robin Dehm and our early childhood teachers who coordinated a highly enjoyable Teddy Bears' Picnic yesterday. The wet weather meant that the event had to be relocated into the school hall but the students' enthusiasm meant that nothing could dampen this annual event!

The Year 3/4 excursion to mpowerdome and the Year 5/6 excursion to AMF Bowling were also highly successful – thank you to the teachers for their efforts in organising these popular end of year activities.

At this time of the year we recognise and celebrate the dedication and achievements of the staff who have been at Fadden and who are transferring to new positions next year. Congratulations to Mr Ben Smith who has been successful in winning an executive teacher position at Monash Primary School. We also farewell Mrs Deborah Walkenhorst who is transferring to Wanniasa Hills Primary School, Mrs Barbara Martin who is transferring to Richardson Primary School, Ms Jee Lee who is transferring to Lake Tuggeranong College, Ms Jenna Poore who is taking extended leave to complete additional studies in visual arts and Mrs Cathy Stevens who is relocating to Queensland. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that these teachers have made to the Fadden community, and we all wish them success and happiness in their future endeavours.

We have confirmed the majority of staff who will be joining us in 2015 and are in the process of settling the remaining positions. We welcome Mr Christopher Wark, Mrs Smilja Rajak and Ms Anita Peraic to Fadden Primary School for 2015. All three of these teachers are highly experienced educators and have worked across a variety of ACT public schools within the course of their respective careers.

We are also in the process of finalising class placements for 2015 and are aiming to send home class placement letters early next week. A significant amount of time and effort has gone into this process as we have considered the academic and social factors for each child. I would like to thank all of the staff for their involvement in this process and the level of care they have taken to 'get it as right as possible'.

**The class structures for 2015 are as follows**

<b>Preschool</b>	<b>2 classes</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>3 classes</b>
<b>Year One</b>	<b>3 classes</b>
<b>Year Two</b>	<b>2 classes</b>
<b>Year Three</b>	<b>3 classes</b>
<b>Year Four</b>	<b>2 classes</b>
<b>Year Five</b>	<b>1 class</b>
<b>Year Six</b>	<b>1 class</b>
<b>Year Five/Six</b>	<b>1 class</b>
<b>LSU</b>	

The Japanese Program will be taught in the Art/Craft room as we have grown by a class for 2015. The 2015 school year for Kindergarten students commences on Monday 2 February. Students in Years 1-6 will commence on Tuesday 3 February.

From all of the staff at Fadden Primary School, I wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing festive season and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Kind regards  
Nina McCabe, Deputy Principal

**Financial Summary of Planned Excursions 2014**

Planned Excursion/Activity	Year Level	Income to date	Expenditure to date
Bushwahzee	K – Year 6	\$1992	\$1960
CSIRO Lab on Legs	Year 3	\$259	\$301
National Zoo & Aquarium	Kindergarten	\$823	\$816
Footsteps Dance Program	K – Year 2	\$3740	\$4177
Blundells Cottage	Year 3	\$588	\$676
Athletics Carnival	K – Year 6	\$1764	\$1959
National Film & Sound Archive	Year 2 & 4	\$775	\$928
St John's School House	Year 2	\$400	\$384
Lanyon Homestead	Year 1	\$988	\$989
Tidbinbilla Space Station	Year 5 & 6	\$600	\$727
Indigenous Performance	K – Year 6	\$1235	\$1410
Dance Program	Year 3 – 6	\$1088	\$1680
Geoscience Centre	Year 4	\$160	\$236
Legislative Assembly	Year 6	\$237	\$236

Sue Boughton, Business Manager

**LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property basket is overflowing.

Please check to see if any items belong to you. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.



## Junior School News

### Kindergarten

It is so hard to believe that the year is drawing to a close and that this is our last Kindergarten newsletter item for the year.

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of our teddies and children as we participated in the Teddy Bears Picnic on Thursday. The sing along was 'bear'tastic and the gross motor activities that Ms Fenson arranged were 'bear'tacular. The children had a 'bear'utiful day and could "bear'ly control their excitement.

We have started to send books and equipment home today. We will be holding on to the reading satchels, oil pastels, whiteboards and scissors. These items will be passed on to the year one teachers. If your child's reading satchel is still at home, please send it with your child on Monday. If you know that your child's reading satchel needs replacing, please be sure to get one in the holidays and send it to school at the beginning of the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful year we have had with your children. Kindergarten is such a tremendous year and to watch ALL the milestones that each and every child has experienced, and to share in their growth has been touching and rewarding for us as teachers. We hope that you have enjoyed the journey as much as we have.

Have a safe and restful Christmas and New Year break.

Trish Donnelly, Barbara Martin, Melanie Sissian

### Year 1

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2014. This week has proven to be a busy week with the completion of our Science Investigations – School Yard Safari. In Maths, we have completed our Stepping Stones units with a sound understanding of our Year 1 mathematical strategies. In History, we are now knowledgeable of the past and present.

In 1S we have been sewing. The children have enjoyed making teddy bears. With the help of Maria (Jasmine's mum 1S),Christine, (Ben J 1S), Kali (Dylan's mum Year 2), Caroline (Ben's grandma Year 2) who have dedicated their time and efforts to assist children in putting together their teddies. Thank you ladies for your time ! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maria for bringing this experience to our learning space and her time spent in the classroom and after hours making sure all children had a teddy.



Our Teddy Bear picnic was a great success; even though the weather prevented us from having it outdoors, this didn't dampen students' spirits. All of the children enjoyed themselves, singing and participating with their teddies in a rotation of great activities. Thank you Mrs Fenson for putting all this together and making our special teddy bears picnic a success. Big thank you to Christine (Ben J's Mum) who assisted with home readers every Friday and made sure booklets were up to date with stickers and bookmark awards. Please continue home reading over the holidays!



We now turn to our Christmas activities, and sending home completed work books and work samples of this year's hard work and dedication. Please don't forget to send in with your child a bag/s so they are able to carry their completed work home.



I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Lambert and Miss Poore for their teaching partnership and dedication. I wish them both the best of luck for 2015.

To the students and parents of 1S and 1LP, Mrs Lambert, Miss Poore and I would like to wish all families and children a safe and well-earned rest. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Julie-Anne Lambert, Jenna Poore, Julie Spencer

## Year 2

Firstly, we would like to begin by saying thank you to all students and families for a fabulous year. We cannot believe that the year is drawing to a close already! We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children this year and we are going to miss them all next year.

On Thursday, the junior school had their Teddy Bear's Picnic. Even though the rainy weather changed the original arrangements it was still a fun day with lots of laughs.

In the science unit 'Push/Pull' students made paper helicopters and investigated how changing the size of the blades effected the speed for which they fell to the ground.

During history, students have continued to examine the changes in technology over time. They viewed a variety of old documents that students brought in from home, some dated back to the 1800's!

Just a friendly reminder to pack your child a strong carry bag next week so that we can continue to send work and belongings home.

Year 2 students will be having their end of year celebration on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. A note went home the other day indicating the item that your child wanted to bring to share with the group. If you have any questions or concerns about this please don't hesitate to speak with us.

Tegan Dean, Jaki Fraser, Annette Raats

## Science- Helicopters



## **Murramarang News**

Mr Marsden, Mrs Harris, Miss Kentwell and Mrs W want to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. It has been a pleasure to see the growth and development over the year and we are very proud of all of their efforts this year.

Looking forward to seeing them in Year 4 and 5 next year. We are sure they will make us proud.

Sheryl Harris, Luke Marsden, Tristan Kentwell, Deb Walkenhorst

## **Kuringai News**

When reflecting on the achievements of 2014 in Kuringai, there are many events that come to mind, but what really will stick in our minds is the learning and growing that has taken place around these activities. Seeing students have those 'aha' moments when something suddenly clicks into place for them and they are able to progress in their learning; watching as their confidence grows, allowing them to tackle and overcome previously daunting challenges, and witnessing incredible moments of kindness when they go out of their way to look out for each other and show concern for the wellbeing of others in the Fadden community. These are the things that we will think of when we remember the students of 2014.

We would like to extend a fond farewell to our Year 6 students. We send you off to high school knowing that you are ready to begin this new and important next step in your lives. We wish you well and every success for the future.

A special thanks to our amazing parent crew, Jackie Dyer, Maree Brown, Jasmina Bacic, Sue Reid, Miki Mowbray, Lisa Koch, Amanda Subritzky and their band of helpers who worked tirelessly to organise the year six graduation dinner, what an amazing night it was. One student has told me it was 'the funniest night ever!'

To all parents, we say thank you for entrusting us with your children's education this year. We have had a busy, exciting, joyful, sometimes challenging, but ultimately rewarding year. Just as it should be!

We wish you and your families all the best for a relaxing and safe holiday.

Kerry Millington, Heleyna Ives, Cathy Stevens, Ben Smith



Year 6 Graduation

## Freycinet News

Here we are at the end of another year. So much has happened, from carnivals and camps to studies on space and dinosaurs and cooking up cakes and noodles. It has been a joy to see the students develop in their confidence and ability throughout the year.

Enjoy your break and come back refreshed and ready for a new year of fun and interesting challenges.

Merrilyn Sparks

### LAUNDRY ROSTER

*Friday 12 Dec*

*Joanne Hagan*

*Wednesday 17 Dec*

*René Garland*



*Thank you to everyone who volunteered  
to do the washing for 2014.*



### “RHEE TAEKWONDO AT FADDEN PRIMARY HALL

**Rhee Taekwondo** will be shutting down over the Christmas break and will recommence in February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015. Class times in 2015 will be 6:30pm to 7:30 pm, Monday and Wednesday evenings. New students welcome. All enquiries can be made through Benjamin Smith on 0409963029 or Jaid Dawson on 0416163817.



**Order your child's school supplies today.**

**Reminder: Book pack orders for 2015 are due Friday 19 December.**

We all know how busy it can be getting organised for the new year. And with 2015 fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about Back to School.

Your school has already given us their recommended list for next year. This is now loaded to [officemaxschools.com.au](http://officemaxschools.com.au), so all you need to do is view the list, make any changes you'd like for your child and order away. **And, if you're ordering for multiple children with delivery direct to your door, you can place their orders at the same time and pay only one fee.** So why not visit [officemaxschools.com.au](http://officemaxschools.com.au) and get it done now?

There are some terrific incentives to get your order in before 19 December 2014:

- You'll go in the draw to win 1 of 75 \$100 Visa Debit Cards
- You'll get delivery to your child's school with free delivery

Plus for every dollar you spend, your child's school benefits by receiving a proportion of the value which they can invest back into the classroom.

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