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Dear Fantastic Fadden Families

Finally, we are all back together again! Below are some happy snaps from our Year 3 and 4 students enjoying being back at school for their learning. It's wonderful to see the students reconnecting with friends and their teachers once more.



As students have been returning to face-to-face learning over the last two weeks, learning programs have continued to focus on the learning needs of students. A range of assessment strategies have continued to be used to determine students' progress and achievement.

Student reports will be issued at the end of the semester (15th December 2021); however, they may look a little different from previous school years to reflect the remote learning period. Grades will be issued in subjects where schools have determined it is suitable to do so.

Teachers are trained to make judgements and determinations on students' progress, and this is carried out against clear benchmarks and guided by the Early Years Learning Framework and Australian Curriculum. Our teachers know their students well and are skilled in making judgments on learning.

If you would like any more information about school reports or assessment, please contact your child's classroom teacher or executive teacher (Kylie Dewar P-2 or Katie King 3-6).

Now that we are all back, we are looking forward to our end of year events, preparing transitions for Preschool and Year 6, as well as preparing for 2022 classes. Please see attached to my email a 2022 Intentions form, asking for information to assist us in planning for our 2022 classes.

I ask that all families **return one form for each child at the school by Monday 22nd November**. This information and also the information our students provide their teachers will contribute to how classes are developed for 2022.

If families need to share confidential information, I request that these come directly to me via email:

jo.jefferson@ed.act.edu.au

Thank you so much to the Fadden P&C and the many families that recognised and thanked our teachers on Wednesday, as part of the **Fadden World Teachers Day** celebrations. Below is what I read out over the PA on the day, before students presented teachers with their gifts.



Today at Fadden Primary School we are celebrating and recognising World Teachers' Day which celebrates all teachers around the globe since 1994. At Fadden Primary School we believe everyone who works at our school is here for the education of our students, therefore we recognise all staff as teachers on this day,

It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation - Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions..

One and a half years into the COVID-19 crisis, the 2021 World Teachers' Day will focus on the support teachers need to fully contribute to the recovery process under the theme "Teachers at the heart of education recovery".

Never have teachers been more wanted and needed than today. The educational disruptions and school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have confirmed the crucial role of teachers in maintaining learning continuity, but also in sustaining the very dynamics of households, families, and communities.

As a result, parents, communities, and education systems have engaged in discussions of the importance of teachers that could contribute to develop a renewed appreciation of teachers and their vital role in educational recovery and in supporting the social, economic, and cultural life of societies.

Therefore, I along with our Fadden Primary School P&C, would like to recognise and thank our wonderful teachers here at Fadden Primary School, with a couple of small gifts and cheer from all our grateful students. (cheers)

How are we going with our Parent - 2021 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey I hear you asking?

Fadden Primary School - 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey - as at 04/11/2021	
Number of completed surveys	74 surveys
Percentage of Fadden Primary School families represented	34.5% of families

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey for each of their children at our school. The survey closes next Friday, 12th November, so there is still time.



Just a quick reminder to our Kindergarten families about Kindergarten Health Checks which are taking place on Wednesday 10th November. These health checks are run by ACT Health at school, observing all COVID-19 safe practices.

Have a great weekend and stay dry.

Jo Jefferson
Principal