

11th February 2022

Dear Amazing Fadden Families

Although it's been a busy time, it's also been an awesome week for students settling into routines and building those productive relationships with their new classroom teachers.

Normally at this time we would be planning a **Meet and Greet** session, for parents to come and meet the teacher and share important information which would assist their child's experience and learning at school. However, as I highlighted last week, we will be unable to hold our normal Meet and Greet evening this year.

Our plan is to still exchange that much needed information in a COVID safe way by:

1. sending out a video from classroom teachers to parents, via Seesaw, introducing themselves and showing you the classroom learning space
2. collecting information from families about their child on the 'Know My Child' form which was sent home in Week 1.

I therefore strongly encourage you to send back the notes you received by both email and in hard copy, which included the Seesaw permission form and the Know My Child note, as soon as possible.

Thank you to our **Fadden Parents & Citizen's** for purchasing the Seesaw licence for last year and this year. The P&C saw this as a key tool to assist the communication with families. The P&C is an important part of our school which is built on the contribution of all parents. Tuesday next week the P&C will be holding their first meeting of the year, online. I encourage all parents who would like to know more about what the P&C do or if they have a great idea to improve our school, to join in and see what is going on.



Microsoft Teams

Fadden's first P&C meeting for 2022

Tuesday 15th February – 6.00pm

Via Teams

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9527524795309>

Another very important group that contributes massively to our school, is the **Fadden School Board**.

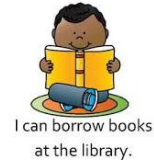
Nominations for one 12-month parent vacancy opened this week. But unfortunately, we have not yet had any interest in this position. Nominations close at 11am Monday 21 February 2022. If you are interested, please read the information provided in the Friendly Fridge Reminder, attached to this email.

This week I have attached both the relevant Australian Curriculum guide for parents and the Fadden **Term 1 learning overviews** for all classes. These are valuable tools for parents to engage in their child's learning and support that learning at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you require any further information. Kylie Dewar is our Team Leader for Preschool to Year 2 and Sarah Bass is our Team Leader for Year 3-6; both are happy to assist if you require anything more.

This week nomination forms have gone out for our student **School Captains (Year 6) and Vice-Captains (Year 5)**. Our process is calling for nominations, accepting nominations so that candidates can then run a campaign, finishing in a speech next Friday to the whole student body via Google Meets. After which the whole school will vote using voting cards and the preferential voting system. I am very excited to continue living our motto of 'Growing Leaders for Tomorrow'. After our School Captain elections, we will then run House Captain and Vice-Captain elections and finally class representatives from Kindergarten to Year 5/6.

Please see attached the **Fadden Primary School's Homework Policy** which provides parents with the opportunity to opt out of homework at the beginning of each year. I would like to remind parents to contact their child's classroom teacher if you don't wish for your child to receive homework and know that you can at any time change your wishes.

Good news! We will commence borrowing from the library next week during library lessons. Students will need to bring in a library bag or pillowcase to be able to borrow books to take home. We will have in place a process for cleaning books as they are returned before they are put back in circulation in the library.



Although many events have been either cancelled or postponed this term, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm that we have secured another booking for our **Year 5/6 camp**, which was to take place this week. The camp is now scheduled for Monday to Wednesday 15th – 17th August 2022 at Borambola NSW. All funds that have already been paid will be transferred to this new date.

Tuesday and Wednesday next week we will again be distributing the **Rapid Antigen Tests** via our student's school bags. However, this time we will be providing families with 2 weeks' worth (Week 3 and 4). This means that a single student will receive 4 RATs to be used over the two weeks. We will again distribute these to the eldest student in each family. If your family has 3 students at school, this means the eldest student in the family will received 12 RATs. Attached is an information sheet for families regarding Rapid Antigen Tests from the ACT Government.

Once again if you require an alternative method to pick up the RATs, or, your child records a positive result on a RAT, please email me directly as soon as possible at jo.jefferson@ed.act.edu.au .

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal