

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Friendly Fadden Families

This week the election of School Captains and Vice-Captains took place. The role of the School Captain and Vice-Captain are to be the official representatives of the whole student body at Fadden Primary School. They will be asked to attend meetings with the Principal and others to discuss future plans for Fadden Primary, as well as work towards a better school and school environment with the whole of the Student Leadership Council body. They may also be asked to speak on behalf of the school and formally greet important visitors.

Candidates delivered their speeches to all students via Google Meet before then all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 voted using preferential voting cards.



It's with great pleasure that I announce today the School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2022.

2022 School Captains	
	
Skye Travers	Rosy Zhu
2022 School Vice-Captains	
	
Hannah Coats	Cooper Arnold

This week I also joined the Fadden P&C for their first meeting of the year on Tuesday evening. Part of the conversation was around fundraising and ways to contribute to the improvement of the school. The P&C has agreed to fund a 'Loose Parts Play' initiative at Fadden Primary School, which will provide students with a creative outlet during play breaks, using found materials to build, create and use on the oval.

Research indicates the following benefits:

- **Loose parts enable children to take risks.**
- **Loose parts spark creativity and imagination.**
- **Loose parts contribute to determination and resilience.**
- **Loose parts cultivate independence and confidence.**
- **Loose parts build relationships and leadership.**



I will continue to update the community on this exciting project, which will provide all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 with more to do and explore during play breaks.

Thank you to all the families that are continuing to return several very important notes that went out Week 1. Just a reminder that we still need all of these notes returned.

I hope families enjoyed their child's classroom teacher/s video that was shared via SeeSaw on Wednesday. Whilst we all would prefer to be welcoming families into school's face to face, we hope that the videos provided you with some insight into your child's learning environment and who their teacher is.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any time via email. They are able to meet with parents, for prearranged meetings or give you a call when they are able to. Classroom teachers are always the first port of call if you are needing to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing. If you are having trouble or have a situation that is urgent, then please contact the Executive Teacher for your child's class. Kylie Dewar (Preschool to Year 2) and Sarah Bass (Year 3 to Year 6). Ashley Coutts (Deputy Principal) and I are always happy to assist as well, if you are needing further support or information, which might not directly link to your child's learning or wellbeing.

Calling all SWIMMERS!!!! **For 2022 only**, due to the inability to conduct School and Regional Swimming Carnivals as qualifying events, School Sports ACT are planning for the 12&U to be conducted as a State Team Selection Trial (10-12 years), as well as determining ACT Champion for all age groups including, 8 and 9 years. Students will be competing to gain a position on the SSACT Swim Team to represent the ACT at the School Sport Australian Championships currently scheduled for August and held in Brisbane. Attached to this week's email is a letter from Mr Matthews for how to nominate your child.



This week it was announced that the Rapid Antigen Test program in ACT Schools will continue for another 4 weeks - until the end of week 8, term 1 2022. Fadden Primary School will continue to distribute these RATs on a Tuesday afternoon via students' school bags, except for Echidna Preschool group, who will get theirs on Wednesday.

Last week I said I would send home a Fact Sheet on RATs for Families, this file was too big and didn't go, therefore I have attached it again along with COVID reminders from ACT Health for families which include information on testing, quarantine periods and vaccinations.

Whilst we are hearing of easing restrictions in other parts of the country. ACT Schools are still following the Term 1 2022 plan which I have also attached to this email for your reference. This includes adults continuing to wear masks inside and checking in via the CBR app.

Hope you get to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend.

Jo Jefferson  
Principal