

25th March 2022

Dear Friendly Fadden Families

Wow! What an action-packed week we have had at Fadden. This week many exciting opportunities were provided for our students, and I have a number of new initiatives or activities coming soon to share with you all.

Monday

Harmony Day, students worked on an art piece that will be put together and displayed in the school to represent coming together. Unfortunately, due to staff absences we will need to wait for the display next week.



Wednesday

Questacon's Science Circus visited our students in Year 3 to 6 and explored science concepts related to sound and forces.

Established in 1985, the Shell Questacon Science Circus is a successful partnership between Shell, The Australian National University (ANU) and Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre.



Thursday

Footsteps Dance provided free 30-minute lesson to each class (Kindergarten to Year 6), developing a highly engaging dance number at the end of each session. Students loved the opportunity, and we look forward to working with Footsteps more in the future.



Wednesday to Friday

Japanese lessons recommenced this year with the fabulous Akane Sensei. Preschool to Year 2 students will have 30-minute weekly lessons and students in Year 3 to 6 will have 60-minute lessons. Akane Jones is a qualified teacher in Japan, who moved to Australia in 2014 and is working towards transferring her Japanese teacher qualifications to Australia. She will work alongside classroom teachers to deliver a highly interactive Japanese program for all students at Fadden Primary School.



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Thank you once more to our fabulous families and Student Leadership Council for their work in collecting donations for the Flood Appeal last Friday, as part of our focus on Kindness Culture. With the addition of Emu's Preschool donations collected this Monday, we have donated \$495 to the Red Cross Flood Appeal.

OFFICIAL DONATION RECEIPT DETAILS

Jennifer Wynne Fadden Primary School
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Date of donation: 24/03/2022
Donation amount: \$495.00, Qld and NSW Floods Appeal
Receipt reference number: ESA0372030

Donations of \$2 and over is tax-deductible



**Breaking
News**

Thanks to the Fadden P&C a shipping container has arrived this week on the Fadden School oval to store our Loose Parts Play equipment, and we've engaged one of our parents, a Canberran artist, to brighten it up. Tracy Hall, with the help of the Fadden students and families will be creating an ocean scene on both sides of the shipping container.

The artwork will involve the use of spray paint and recycled plastic bottle tops/caps. Along the base of the shipping container will be an area dug out and filled with sand to form the ocean floor.

Our older children will help with spray painting the main images and our younger children will be asked to paint stones or bring along shells to be placed in the sand. This way we have activities for all ages - giving everyone a chance to participate. The images will comprise of an octopus and starfish, made to look like they're floating in water. See example below:



Shipping container location



Once painted, we will be sticking plastic bottle tops onto the images around the tentacles to create a 3D look – and possibly save some plastic from entering the ocean.

Safety gear will be on hand and children will be supervised and instructed on how to participate safely. We are looking for adult helpers or volunteers so please email Tracy Hall if you wish to get involved – traceofcolour@inet.net.au

We also need the great Fadden School Community to get involved by collecting plastic bottle tops. We will need quite a few but they need to be plastic and clean. Starting **Monday 28th March**, Student Leadership Representatives will collect their class bottle caps each day and put them in a bin, which will be placed in the front office.



Next week we are excited to have parents and students join with teachers during **3 Way Conferences**. Bookings for these are now closed and we have approximately 88% of families attending. If you haven't yet booked a time or are unable to attend next week, please contact your child's classroom teacher and organise another a time.



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We have seen some slight changes to COVID restrictions this week. It's with great pleasure that we can confirm that our schools **Cross Country** competition will go ahead and take place in Week 10, on **Wednesday 6th April**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parent spectators, however we will be requiring parent volunteers to assist with the event. If you are available during the school day on Wednesday 6th April and are willing to assist at a check point, please email Dave Matthews our PE Teacher david.matthews@ed.act.edu.au . More information regarding this event will be coming out next week.

As has been shared in the news, there is a **revised rapid antigen tests (RATs) distribution plan**. We will no longer be distributing RATs to every student at once, as we have been doing every two weeks. Instead, families are able to request RAT's for their children, from the school they are enrolled in. To do this we require families to email us at FaddenPSInfo@ed.act.edu.au providing us with their children's names. We will then organise distribution of two RATs per student to be delivered to those students or an alternative method, organised with the parent. A letter will also be sent out separately to the Weekly Wrap Up outlining these changes.

Lastly the **Fadden Parents and Citizen (P&C)** committee will be holding their **AGM** on Thursday evening with any interested parents welcome to attend. All parents are automatic members of the P&C and are encouraged to participate.



Microsoft Teams

P&C AGM for 2022

Thursday 31st March at 6pm via teams.

Link: <https://teams.live.com/meet/9561704151329>

Enjoy your autumn weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal