

# Weekly Wrap Up

## Term 1 Week 1

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Well what a wonderful week we have had welcoming all our little people back to school. This week classes have been focused on learning everything about Fadden, which culminated today in a special Student and Staff only assembly. Class groups performed a song which celebrated one of our school values and they made us all very proud.



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome those new families that have joined our Fadden Primary School community as well as our new staff below. A big shout out and welcome back also to Mrs Kylie Dewar and Mrs Jillian Gallie from parental leave, it's great to have you join us again.

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| <p>Jenny Wynne – Business Manager</p>   | <p>Aaron Partridge – Year 3/4 Teacher</p>  |
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| <p>Lauren Uhr – Year 5/6 Teacher</p>  | <p>Tanya Stone – Response to Intervention &amp; English as an Additional Language or Dialect Teacher</p> |

Today I have lots to let you know about, so I have tried to make it easier to read by using the table below.

| Topic | Parent Group | Messaging |
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| COVID-19 Strategies          | All parents | <p>On Monday I shared with you the latest ACT Public Schools advice on ensuring schools are COVID safe which saw an easing of restrictions. However I just wanted to let you know some specific changes and some things that will stay the same here at Fadden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday cakes or celebration food can once again come into school, as long as it is nut free and individually wrapped or packaged. We would like to continue to ensure food hygiene. Things like fruit zooper doopers are a great treat for the birthday student to give out during summer.</li> <li>• A named water bottle is highly encouraged for each student. This ensures students are drinking water and remain hydrated throughout the day. It also means they can use their water bottles in classes and don't need to exit to drink, which may potentially mean missed learning.</li> <li>• Parents entering the school are once more welcomed, however if staying longer than 15 minutes or it is not at drop off or pick up times, they will need to sign in at the front office. This is good for both contact tracing and our fire evacuation procedures, so this needs to happen.</li> <li>• Parents and visitors should keep 1.5 metres apart from each other and staff where possible, unless they are from the same family group.</li> <li>• Please sanitize hands on entering any buildings/rooms.</li> <li>• Parents are asked to respect number restrictions on classrooms, which indicate the number of adults allowed in the room, which matches the 1 person per 2 square metres rule.</li> <li>• All other processes such as cleaning and quarantining of library books and readers will continue, as these are good hygiene practices.</li> </ul> <p>If I have missed anything or you have other questions, please let me know.</p> |
| Updated information required | Years K-6   | <p>Today a little pack of forms went home with students asking parents to fill them out and return to school as soon as possible. This is essential information which is needed to ensure our systems have the most up to date information. Please call the office if you have any questions.</p>   |
| Student Leadership           | Years K-6   | <p>This week we have begun our Student Leadership elections for 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 at an assembly next Friday. After which the whole school will vote using voting cards and the preferential voting system. I am very excited to begin 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.</p>  |
| Meet the Teacher             | Year 1-6    | <p>In order to begin to build those relationships which are so important for our students learning we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon for every class. This is an opportunity for students to show their parents their classroom and introduce them to their teacher. This year to ensure we have less than 500 people onsite at any one time, we will hold the 'Meet the Teacher' event over two afternoons.</p>  |

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|                   |              | <p><b>Seniors (year 3-6) Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 4.30 – 5.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Juniors (year 1/2) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 4.30 – 5.30pm</b></p> <p>We will be using the CBR app to ensure contact tracing is possible on these afternoons. Therefore, we ask that every parent uses the QR code which will be outside each classroom on the night. Parents will only need to log in once. Please see the letter attached for more information.</p>  |
| Kindy Interviews  | Kindergarten | <p>Kindergarten Teachers would like to meet with all their parents to get to know their students a little better. They will do this with a pre-booked parent/teacher interview on the same afternoons as our 'Meet the Teacher' events, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the attached letter with the booking information and a Kindergarten Child profile 2021 which teachers would like parents to complete and bring with them to their interview.</p>   |
| Swimming Carnival | Year 2-6     | <p>The Fadden Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 24 February 2021 at Lakeside Leisure Centre in Greenway. To participate in the carnival, students must be proficient swimmers and able to swim at least 25m of a recognisable stroke. <b>Students must be turning 8 years old or older this year to compete (born 2013 or earlier).</b></p> <p>This carnival will be the selection event for the Fadden Swim Team to compete at the Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival later this term (Tuesday 23 March 2021). Due to current restrictions at this time, School Sport ACT have decided that 8 and 9-year olds will be removed from the Regional Carnivals. Therefore, unless this changes, students turning 8 and 9 will not progress any further but we will certainly celebrate their achievements at school.</p> <p>Fadden Primary School encourages participation, and we hope that all children who are capable of swimming the required distance in any or all of the events will attend and participate. Notes have gone home today to our Year 2 to 6 students calling for those students who wish to compete in our school swimming carnival and are due back on Thursday 18 February.</p> |

Last but not least our Year 6 shirts came today. This is a design that students last year in Year 5 created. They look great and our students are wearing them with pride.

Please see our Reminders for the Fridge attachment, which has heaps of information from community groups this week.

Have a great weekend. I can assure you that all staff will be sleeping well and sleeping in this weekend.

*Jo Jefferson*

**Principal  
Fadden Primary School**

