

1st April 2022

Dear Fadden Families

Thank you so much to our families, teachers and students for their work this week during **3 Way Conferences**. I hear that once again these were very successful with students developing their confidence to take the lead and ownership of their learning goals. If you did not get to attend a 3 Way Conference this term, please organise with your child's classroom teacher a time to participate in a conference at your earliest convenience.



Thank you also to our parent volunteers who are supporting us to hold our **Cross Country next week on Wednesday**. Unfortunately, only parent helpers are able to attend. We will post as many pictures as we can of our Preschool to Year 6 Cross Country event.

Thank you also to the outstanding **Fadden P&C** for their hard work and dedication in 2021. Attached is a letter from the Fadden P&C President, Libby Werner-Gibbins, regarding the P&C AGM.

Unfortunately, due to key staff being away, I am unable to announce the newly elected **Fadden Parent Board Member** this week. We will send out an email early next week with this announcement.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

This term all classes have engaged in explicit **Positive Behaviours for Learning** lessons on several specific settings in our school including our play areas, eating areas and line up areas. These lessons support all students to understand our positive behaviour expectations and help to ensure that all staff are giving the same instructions to students in these areas. Next term we will be focussing on indoor walkways, the front of the school, playground equipment, toilets and our new Loose Parts Play.

Several students are quickly approaching our next reward continuum tier – Gold Certificate. A Gold Certificate is presented to students who have earned 100 tokens in one specific area (be safe, be respectful or be a learner). This certificate is presented along with a wrist band to match the expectation eg **safe** is red, **respectful** is blue and **learner** is green. We can't wait to hand out the first Gold and to continue to reward and celebrate positive student behaviour choices.



Exciting news! Each PBL token corresponds to a sporting house point, and these are tallied across the term. As a **reward for the sporting house** with the most tokens in a term, the students in that house will be invited to wear their house colours to school on the last day of term. However, as the P&C is holding a fundraising free dress day on the last day of term the reward for the winning sporting house in Term 1 will happen on Thursday, 7th April. A letter will be sent home to the winning house's parents on Monday, to inform them that their child will be able to come to school in their house colours on Thursday. I look forward to hearing who the winning house will be for Term 1!

This week we have also provided some additional lessons to classes:

Kindergarten to Year 2 have participated in 'Stranger Danger' lessons. Whilst protective behaviours and topics such as stranger danger are covered in our normal programs and curriculum, this week we were made aware of children approaching a stranger walking his dog, asking if they could pat the dog. This of course is very risky behaviour. Therefore we have put in place some extra vigilance in the playground, as well as ensuring each Kindergarten to Year 2 class has participated in a Constable Kenny Koala lesson.



Years 3 to 6 have participated in a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lesson with Miss Coutts, our Assistant Principal. The focus of this lesson was on Integrity (*The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change.*) This was a very interactive session which students enjoyed, and parents were provided with an overview and the resources used in the lesson. Miss Coutts will continue to hold a SEL lesson once per term with students. The next SEL focus will be on Respect.

On Monday and Tuesday next week students will begin to work with artist Tracy Hall to beautify our new container for the Loose Parts Play project. Each class will visit Tracy at the container and a small number of students will be able to participate in beginning to paint the background. Next term she will continue to work on the project with students and include the detail of the octopus. This is when we need the bottle tops. So keep sending those in please, ensuring they are clean and dry. If you would like to volunteer to help Tracy – traceofcolour@inet.net.au.



Wow today has been a cold one, is winter here already? Please ensure you send students to school with a warm jumper from now on. In line with our Air Ventilation Plan we are still needing to open doors and windows to improve air circulation. Therefore, our rooms are cold, especially with this wind. Please ensure every article of clothing or belongings that your child brings to school are clearly named and labelled. As you will see in Libby's Fadden P&C update, there are lots of second-hand jumpers for sale in the uniform shop.

Please have a look at our Friendly Fridge Reminders this week which includes lots of information about things to do on the holidays, as well as what's happening in the school and local area.

Hope you have a warm weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal