

11th March 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

I would just like to thank every single parent of our community!!!!!!

Everyone and I mean everyone, are being so amazingly supportive in keeping our community and students safe with COVID-19. I appreciate families keeping their children home with the smallest of illness', following up with PCR tests, even when the RATs are saying negative and letting us know as soon as possible if there is a positive result. It's through your diligence and support that we have kept our case numbers low.



Next week on Tuesday will be another **RATs distribution** day. Please check your child's school bag on Tuesday for their Week 7 and 8 rapid antigen tests. Please note that this time we've been supplied with nasal swabs for our students and not the saliva ones.



This week all parents received an email, inviting them to vote for our 12-month parent vacancy for the Fadden School Board. Thank you to Kali and Tim for your nominations. Voting will close on Wednesday 16th March at 11am and we will be able to announce the results in the week of 28th - 31st March.

Today we have attached information on our **3 Way Conferences** and how to book a time with your child and their classroom teacher. Bookings opened today until Wednesday 23rd March, so don't wait too long to book. All the information you need on these conferences and how to book are in the attached flyer.

It's with great excitement that I can share with our community **ALL our student leaders for 2022.**

Role	Student	House/Class
School Captains	Skye Travis	
	Rosy Zhu	
School Vice Captains	Hannah Coats	
	Cooper Arnold	
House Captains	Adelynn Dobry	Wombats
	Delaney Garland	Emus
	Grace Lewis	Kangaroos
House Vice Captains	Sava Isidorovic	Koalas
	Eli Bates	Wombats
	Isobel Walters	Emus
Class Representatives	Blake Cargill	Kangaroos
	Sienna Thompson	Koalas
	Katie Webb	5/6M
	Blake Fairhall	5/6S
	Sophie Waddell	5/6E
	Grace Slatts	3/4N
	Rory Kearon	3/4S
	Ana Vulic	3/4B
	Rebecca Roy	1/2T
	Ryan McGladdery	1/2H
	Hudson Schiwy	1/2ES
	Ashlyn Joshy	1/2TS
	Elliott Bruen	KL
	Levi Badman	KG

Next week our student leaders will assist us in holding a **free dress day on Friday 18th March**, to recognise the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and raise money for victims of the recent floods in Northern NSW, as part of the kindness theme.



The theme of 'Bullying. No Way!' for 2022 is Kindness Culture. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia. Students will also participate in a lesson that day, which promotes kindness and the concept of 'filling ours and someone else's bucket'.

Bullying. No Way! has teamed up with the eSafety Commission to provide parents with information and workshops on cyberbullying and online drama. They present excellent information and supports for parents, and I encourage all parents to have a look and participate if you can.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

In this week's Friendly Fridge Reminders, I have included some information on **Support for Young People**. This includes Menslink, MindMap and COVID-19 vaccination social scripts for families to read with their children. I encourage all families to take a look and reach out to these free services. There is also information on how parents can contribute to the inclusive education survey on disability and education in ACT Public Schools.

As you may be aware; a distressing incident occurred at Fadden Pines after school one afternoon a few weeks ago, involving a student from a neighbouring school. This is a reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website for tips on Child Safety or the Safety4Kids non-government website for useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents.

The impacted school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

Finally, a small reminder to parents around our carpark and road safety. This week we have had several members of our community provide feedback on unsafe parking and driving practices they have witnessed around pick up time. We ask that everyone follow the road rules, road markings and signage, both on school grounds and on the public road. There is strictly no parking or leaving your vehicle on the public road or in our drop and go zone (see red line). Also, there is no double parking, parking in non-designated spots or driving on the wrong side of the road. Please keep all of our children AND other drivers safe by observing the road rules.

Enjoy the sunshine and long weekend celebrating Canberra Day.

Jo Jefferson
Principal

