

18th November 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

On Monday of this week, I had the pleasure of working with our Fadden School Board on approving our **Fadden PBL Wellbeing Procedures** and revising our **School Improvement Plan 2022 – 2026**. These documents will be accessible shortly on our school’s web page <https://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/> under Our School / Policies and Our Community / Board respectively.

We also had the pleasure of introducing two new members who have joined the Board. Esther Hakkinen joined as a Teacher Representative, replacing Shannon Tozzi who is on maternity leave. Mitchell Dahlstrom has also joined as an Appointed Member, which is someone, from outside the immediate school community, who is interested in and committed to public education. Please see a little bit about Mitchell below.

Mitchell Dahlstrom is a Gamilaraay man from Moree, NSW. He is employed as the Director, Longitudinal Studies Engagement & Operations with the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Mitchell brings more than 10 years’ experience working in government and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia; as well as a lived experience of the issues facing the Indigenous community in NSW.

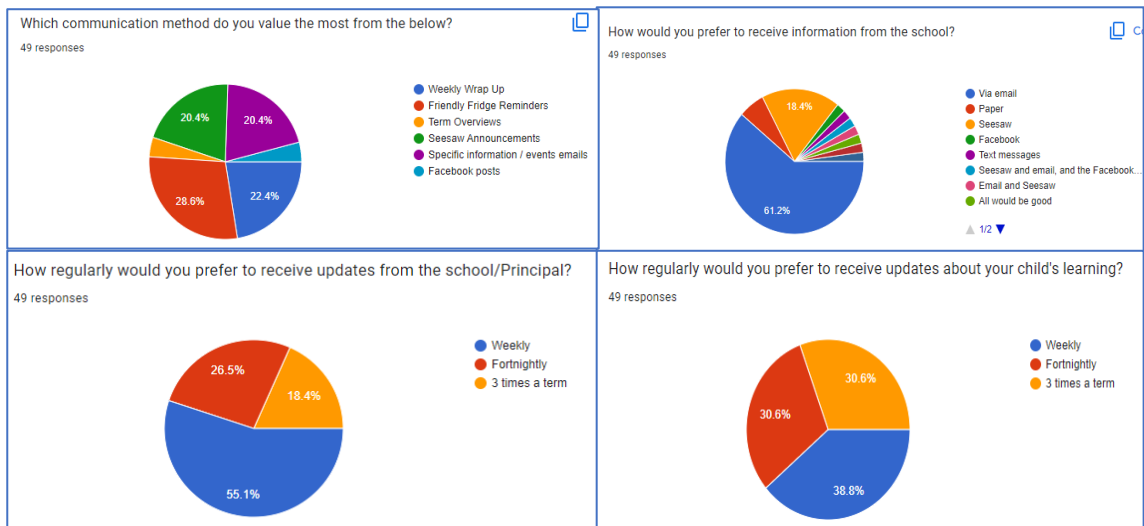
He has successfully led and delivered national policy, programme and engagement outcomes for Government and community. Mitchell has strong foundations in employment, environment, social services, health, Indigenous and electoral matters. He brings experience in government program, policy and contract management settings, executive and ministerial work, community and stakeholders’ engagement, and financials and governance matters. Mitchell is looking forward to his term as an Appointed Member on the Fadden Primary School Board.

2022 Fadden School Board

Parent Members			Appointed Member	Teacher Members		Principal
						
Kali McQuillan	Kate Gascoyne	Beth Chapman	Mitchell Dahlstrom	Esther Hakkinen	Natalie Guest	Jo Jefferson

Thank you to the 49 parents who have so far responded to our Fadden PS Parent Communication Survey. We are getting some great feedback on our communication strategy and will be making some adjustments in 2023, to better meet the needs of our families. We also use the Climate and Perception Survey data which is collected each year from parents, students and staff, to inform our School Improvement Plan focus and strategies.

Here is a sneak peek into what we are being told by our families:



There is still time to have your say and participate in this survey: <https://forms.gle/g9oYkmBFyDmKtxaf6>

Be safe, Be respectful, Be a Learner

During weeks 7 and 8 we are focusing on positive behaviours in our 'Covered Outdoor Learning Area' (C.O.L.A.). All classes will engage in an explicit PBL lesson designed to support students to understand our positive behaviour expectations in this space.

	BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE A LEARNER
C.O.L.A.	We sit down to eat We play here if we don't have a hat	We share the space with others	We stop playing and go to lines when the bell rings

This week we received delivery of our new PBL expectations signs that will soon be visible in all of the different settings within our school. All Settings posters are aqua in colour and all specific settings, such as the 'C.O.L.A.', have yellow backgrounds. These signs serve as a reference for students when they are in each setting and are used by staff to re teach our positive behaviour expectations.



This term we have 12 students who have been recognised with a Platinum Certificate, which are awarded to students when they earn 200 tokens in one specific area. We are hoping to see a **Safe** Platinum award very soon.

Drum roll please..... Our Platinum awarded students are.....

BE RESPECTFUL	BE A LEARNER
Abel J 3/4N Elsie B 5/6S	Mia B 3/4N Jessica B 3/4N Hannah C 5/6S Evelyn B 3/4N Jasper S 3/4N Angus G 1/2H Grace B 3/4N Elsie B 5/6S Delaney G 5/6S Grace S 3/4N Maddie V 3/4N

For those who love a good graph, like I do, please see below a part of our schools Climate and Perception Survey results. This data demonstrates that Students, Staff and Parents & Carers have shared values and approaches, above those at similar schools. Way to go Fadden!



This week I have had two parents let me know of some excellent after school programs, which could be offered and held here at our school after 3.15pm. Both are collecting Expressions of Interest to see if parents would be interested in these activities for their children and which days would suit best. Please check these programs out and register if you are interested in enrolling your child in 2023.

	
<p>https://www.codecamp.com.au/home-v2</p>	<p>https://canberra.young-engineers.com.au/</p>
<p>To register your interest for 2023: https://www.codecamp.com.au/as-eoi/fadden</p>	<p>To register your interest for 2023: https://forms.gle/ZkbYaQxhi4uHRRt5A or follow QR code in flyer.</p>
 <p>Students in Years K-2 We have created a truly special new program. We have launched 'Curious Minds' by Code Camp, an 8-week program exploring how technology and science are shaping our world; from virtual reality to electric cars, crypto currency to super seaweed (carbon handprints and footprints), NFTs and more. Each week we're teaching our littlest students about a BIG IDEA via fun and engaging hands-on activities. Your kids will then be teaching you!</p>  <p>Students in Years 2-6 We have reimagined our coding program - weekly challenges, functions, algorithms, branching, variables, game logic, user experience and maths. An 8-week program with a new project each week, and the fun doesn't have to stop after class! Your child will be provided with their very own Code Camp World account which they can use to continue creating at home and to share their projects with family and friends.</p>	<p>The best STEM program in town Young Engineers STEM LAB</p>  <p>Coming to Fadden Primary School Soon Term 1 2023</p>  <p>Group 1 LEGO Build-up Kindergarten to Year 2 Group 2 Engineering+Robotics Year 3 to Year 6</p> <p>Weekly Classes From 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm</p> <p>Expression of interest to be submitted by Scanning the below QR</p>  <p>Check out for our Engineering & Robotics Summer Holiday Camps Year 1 to 8</p>  <p>Contact us; 0490808138 canberra@young-engineers.com.au www.young-engineers.com.au</p>  

Hope you get to relax this weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Jo Jefferson
Principal