



# Fadden Primary School

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Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Well we have had a very exciting week again here. I attended Fadden’s first P&C Meeting on Tuesday evening, which was well represented with by new parents, especially Kindergarten. Thank you to all parents who contribute to the P&C, especially Libby and Christine who do an amazing job as President and Treasurer. **The P&C will be holding their AGM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 6pm** in the library and are looking for interested parents who would like to take a position and responsibility within the P&C. It would be great if you could attend.

Last week we sent out an email asking for nominations for the **School Board’s 3 parent vacancies**. One vacancy exists for a P&C Association member and the other two vacancies are for parent representatives of our school community. One is for one year and the other is for two years. This is just a reminder that nominations will close at **11.00am this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. To date we only have one interested parent. The commitment is not huge, with one meeting a term, but the impact is significant as listed below:

- deciding on school policies within the ACT Education and Training Directorate (ETD) guidelines
- determining the purposes for which school funds are to be expended, based on the school's educational priorities
- approval of the school budget,
- overall direction of the school curriculum and development of the School Development Plan
- presenting an annual report to the ACT ETD and the community.

Please consider nominating for this role in 2021. A nomination form is attached to this email and is available on the website or from the front office.

Demonstrating our motto of **Growing Leaders for Tomorrow**, this week we held our Sporting House Captain (year 6) and Vice-Captain (year 5) elections and I was once again blown away with our students’ confidence and ability to passionately engage with these leadership opportunities.

The Sporting Houses met today, listened to the speeches of their nominated Captains and Vice-Captains and voted using voting cards. Two houses had no year 5 nominations; therefore, they will have two year 6 Captains leading them.

Congratulations to our elected **2021 House Captains and Vice-Captains** who already have their first opportunity to lead their teams at the Fadden Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Teams with both Captain & Vice - Captain	Emus	Wombats	Teams with two Captains	Koalas	Kangaroos
	Ada Vulic & Delaney Garland	Sharlize Hatch & Skye Travers		Hayley Neave & Novak Zeljkovic	<i>Due to an issue with the voting ballot papers, we will need to rerun the Kangaroos elections and hope to have an outcome for this house next week.</i>

The next **Student Leadership** opportunity for all students is as Class Representatives, which will be one student from each class being elected by their class next week. These students from kindergarten to year 6, along with the School and House Captains and Vice Captains will then make up the 2021 Student Leadership Council. From the student’s speeches I am excited to hear more about their ideas to improve our school and shape the future direction of Fadden Primary School.

This week I have attached our **Term 1 learning overviews** for all classes. These are a valuable tool for parents to engage in their child’s learning and support that learning at home. Please contact your child’s teacher if

you require any further information. Kylie Dewar is our Team Leader for Preschool to Year 2 and Dave Matthews is our Team Leader for Year 3-6; both are happy to assist if you require anything more.

In the first Weekly Wrap up for this year I let families know that **birthday cakes or celebration food** can once again come into school, as long as it is nut free and individually wrapped or packaged, as we wanted to continue to ensure food hygiene. However, it has come to my attention that homemade cupcakes have come in and foods with high sugar content. Therefore, I asked one of our parents who is a qualified nutritionist, April Connell, to come up with some alternatives that families may consider, when considering celebrating their child's birthday at school. Other than non-food prizes which is another idea, here are a selection of healthy individually wrapped or packaged food alternatives/suggestions.

Healthier options for individually wrapped treats



April has also offered to run a parent workshop on nutrition, to support families with any questions or concerns they have regarding choosing healthy foods for their families. Therefore I have created a **quick survey asking parents to let us know if they would be interested in attending parent workshops** and then what topics they like to know more about for example; nutrition, writing, reading, mathematics, Positive Behaviours for Learning, and then any more ideas that we haven't thought of. Even if you are not interested in attending any parent workshops at school, we would still love to hear from you. Therefore, please have your say on parent workshops via this quick survey link: [Survey on Parent Workshops link](#)

This week I have been made aware that **parking patrols** have been seen in our area of Fadden, so I wanted to ensure everyone was aware that schools are regularly checked by parking inspectors and parents are fined. I have also had recent contact from concerned neighbours which described the impact of cars in their street who are not adhering to the no stopping signs.

Therefore, I have added below a reminder from the ACT Government regarding parking in and around our school.

### **THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!**

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths, driveways or nature strips; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

**Remember** - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

**Consider** - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

**Think** – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

**Be kind** – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

**Note** - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)

Have a fabulous weekend.

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