



Fadden Primary School

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Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 students for finishing their NAPLAN assessments over the last few weeks. All students did their best and mostly enjoyed completing the assessments online. Parents will receive individual student reports later in the year. A big thank you to Mr Matthews for excellent organisation, ably supported by Mr Partridge and Mr Muench.

Yippee! The rain stayed away, and our Emus got to explore on Tuesday when they went to Fadden Pines and continued to explore their inquiry question: "How can we find out about the land on which we stand and how we can look after it?"

Each student collected one special item along the way to take back to preschool for their nature table. They now have a nice collection of special rocks, sticks, feathers and pinecones.



Students saw a family of kangaroos, rainbow lorikeets, white cockatoos, straw neck ibis and an ant's nest on their walk. They played in a leaf storm and took full advantage of holding an Acknowledgment of Country and explored the cold, dark forest. And...it wouldn't be an excursion to Fadden Pines without exploring the playground.



The Rostrum Primary Schools competition has been running for nearly 50 years for schools in the ACT and surrounding NSW. Each school is invited to enter one competitor into the competition after running a selection process in their own school. Years 3-6 are currently working on their 3 minute speeches and will select one representative from each class to compete in the Fadden Primary School Final. This will be held on Tuesday 1 June at 10:30am

in the hall. School Finals shall select a Winner and Reserve (Reserve required if the Winner is unable to attend) to progress on to the Quarter Finals. The topics for this year are:

- A better way
- Assistance animals
- Cars of the future
- Escape from the city
- Glaciers
- Going to Mars
- I took a big risk
- The Year of the Ox

Class representatives will be finalised by Thursday 27th May. Invites to attend the school final will be sent to parents of these students on Friday 28th May.

Please don't hesitate to contact Dave Matthews (Senior SLC) or Sarah Bass (Rostrum Co-ordinator) if you have any questions.

Great news most of the P&C Colour Run prizes have arrived, with a few more expected early next week. We will send out emails and a FaceBook post on the day they are going home and will not give them to students until home time. If you are particularly concerned with how these prizes will make it home, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly to make arrangements.

I have attached a letter from our P&C President Libby that I encourage you to read. Our P&C do a fabulous job and are keen to share more information with the wider parent community.

This week our website has had a face lift and is looking much more modern and refreshed! The School Review Report has also been uploaded for families to read. The report will inform our next 5-year School Improvement Plan. [2021 School Review Report](#)

Have a fantastic weekend.

Jo Jefferson

**Principal
Fadden Primary School**