




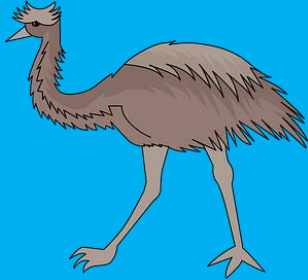







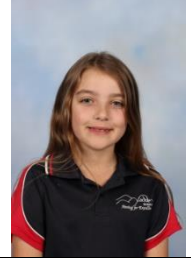
25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

This week the election of House Captains (Yr 6) and House Vice-Captains (Yr 5) took place. The role of the House Captain and House Vice-Captain is to be the official representative for their sporting house at Fadden Primary School. They will speak on behalf of their sporting house at whole school events and activities, as well as be the inspiration for their team and team spirit.

Today all students met within both their COVID safe bubble and sporting house, to listen to pre-recorded speeches from candidates and then voted using preferential voting cards for their house representatives.

It's with great pleasure that I announce today the House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2022.

	House Captain	House Vice-Captain
 <b>Wombats</b>	 <b>Adelynn Dobry</b>	 <b>Eli Bates</b>
 <b>Emus</b>	 <b>Delaney Garland</b>	 <b>Isobel Walters</b>
 <b>Kangaroos</b>	 <b>Grace Lewis</b>	 <b>Blake Cargill</b>
 <b>Koalas</b>	 <b>Currently vacant</b>	 <b>Sienna Thompson</b>



I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a warm welcome to a new teacher to Fadden. Miss Cloe Cheshire has joined our teaching team this semester and will be taking classes from Preschool to Year 6, when teachers are away. She is also our teacher for Year 1/2T on a Friday. Cloe is a Canberra local who has returned from Sydney to teach at Fadden Primary School.

Due to the difficulty of finding teachers generally; especially specialist teachers, such as Japanese teachers, I am just alerting families that we have not begun our Japanese language and culture classes yet for this year. I am currently recruiting for a Japanese Tutor, who would join classroom teachers to teach Japanese lessons once per week. Once I have successfully found the right tutor to join our team, I will alert families as to when our Japanese program will commence.



It's been great to see the engagement with families through Seesaw. And whilst this provides us with another tool to communicate with families, I do remind families that this is not a communication pathway which is checked regularly by teachers. Therefore, please continue to contact your child's teacher via email or through the front office rather than using Seesaw as a means of communication.

Did you know? That apart from lunch and recess breaks, when students eat their main meals, we also have a Fruit Break each day at 10am. This is a time for students to have a small snack of fruit or vegetables, as well as a drink of water. This ensures their brains are hydrated and have the energy to keep learning during the largest block of learning in the morning. Students are only able to have whole fruits and vegetables at this time and will be asked to leave things like yoghurt or processed fruit snacks for their meal breaks (lunch or recess). Below are some ideas of what to pack for your child's Fruit Break each day.



Tuesday next week we will once more be distributing 2 weeks' worth of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) via students' school bags, except for Echidna Preschool group, who will get theirs on Wednesday. I thank those parents who have informed me of their child's positive result, as this enables me to alert all relevant families of the possible exposure. Please continue to inform me and also to lodge the positive result with ACT Health.

Whilst masks are no longer required in most situations in the ACT from tonight. The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at schools and early childhood education and care settings.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

Have a great weekend. I might see you at the Canberra Show.

Jo Jefferson  
Principal