

20th May 2022

Dear Fantastic Fadden Families

Thank you so much for being so vigilant with COVID and illness, as well as, supporting staff by keeping students at home during our Staff Planning Day yesterday. I know that COVID is impacting everyone, however yesterday's opportunity for staff to plan and work on reporting together, uninterrupted was extremely valuable and will in turn mean better support for our students in the long run. Our next Staff Planning Day is Tuesday 21st June 2022.

Fadden parents you really are the best!



Whilst we still have a large number of students away this week, I have noticed a decrease in the number of reported positive COVID cases in the school. Let's hope that our exposure notifications decrease even further next week due to everyone being so cautious and diligent. I encourage families to continue to use RATs regularly and follow up with PCRs if students are displaying symptoms but recording a negative RAT result. Please contact us if you need more RAT's at home, we have them here for you.

Today we began our assemblies for the first time this year. The model we are using is to run with two assemblies, twice a term for both Junior Primary (Preschool to Year 2) and Senior Primary (Year 3 to Year 6). Today was our Seniors first assembly, with our Juniors first assembly scheduled for Monday. We are not inviting parents to our first assemblies, as we work out the kinks with students. We will be inviting parents to our subsequent assemblies though this will likely be parents of the class presenting or of student receiving awards. This allows us to keep numbers down and maintain COVID safe practises whilst being in an inside space.

Drum roll please! Today I got to present our first Gold PBL Certificate to Hannah Coats for collecting 100 Learner tokens. Congratulations Hannah and well done for being such an excellent role model as School Vice-Captain and PBL champion.



Today was also the last day that we could administer NAPLAN assessments to our Year 3 and 5 students. Unfortunately, it was a difficult couple of weeks to try and work around absences, but we did the best that we could, and I applaud Mrs Bass for her efforts over the last two weeks. I will contact the parents of students that missed some of the assessments directly and keep everyone posted on when results come back later in the year.

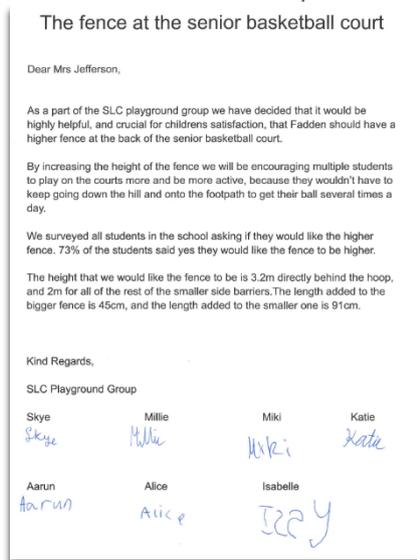
As part of our commitment to all students making academic growth, our staff regularly look at student achievement data. A few weeks ago, we looked at our 2021 NAPLAN data which represents our current Year 4 and Year 6 students. Below is an example of one of the data sets we investigated. This shows us that whilst we

2021 NAPLAN Reading (Yr 3 and Yr 5)

Percentage of students	Below %	At %	Above %
	Bands 1 to 2	Bands 3 & 4	Bands 5 to 10
Fadden Year 3	6.5%	42%	51.6%
Similar Students	4.7%	27.3%	67.9%
Percentage of students	Below %	At %	Above %
	Bands 1 to 4	Bands 5 & 6	Bands 7 to 10
Fadden Year 5	12.1%	39.4%	48.5%
Similar Students	5.6%	41.6%	52.8%

have very few students below in reading, when we compared our data to those of similar schools, we need to focus on extending our student and supporting them to move into the top bands (above).

Last June I shared with the community the work of one of our Student Leadership Council sub-committees, who was focused on improving the playground. Well, this week we finally had the higher fence behind the basketball court completed. This is a good demonstration of the leadership we feel is important for our students to experience and develop in order to be leaders of tomorrow. Their ability to recognise a need, plan a strategy to achieve the desired outcome and see it through is a fantastic learning opportunity for these students. Although in this case, not a quick one. Congratulations SLC.



Next week we have a number of exciting events happening; Tuggeranong Cross Country on Tuesday for those qualifying students (good luck). National Simultaneous Story time 11.00am on Wednesday 25th May, which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) (<https://www.alia.org.au/nss>) and Fadden Rostrum finals.

Last but not least, just a quick shout out to our wonderful Fadden P&C for organising the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. If you were unable to volunteer at the BBQ on Saturday 21st May 2022, please show your support by cooking a sweet treat or cake to sell at the Cake Stall. Simply drop it off in the morning and the lovely volunteers will take care of the rest.



All money raised by the P&C is used to support our students!

Also ensure you swing past the school and make a purchase on Saturday, even if you have already voted. I'll be there between 10am and 12pm and look forward to seeing you.

Jo Jefferson
Principal

Our mission	
Empower learners to be tomorrow's active citizens.	
Priority 1: All students will make academic growth.	Priority 2: All students will be equipped for the future.