

11 June 2021

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Aren't we lucky that we avoided the wild and snowy weather experienced by much of Victoria and NSW. As a result, we had a very calm and relatively comfortable week here at school. Several of our classes were out and about on excursion.

All our Year 3 and 4 students participated in a set of science investigations at the Academy of Future Skills, located at Caroline Chisholm School – Senior Campus. During their visit our students:

- investigated the suitability of natural and processed materials to produce a sustainable home
- explored how people in design and technology occupations plan the construction of sustainable buildings
- investigated and modelled how sustainable practices, such as heating and cooling solutions, will assist in designing their own sustainable home



We also had Christian Education in Schools pay us a visit and some of our Year 5/6 students have been exploring the use of their desks as white boards during mathematics, working on strategies to enhance their learning.

On Tuesday the Emu group went on their second adventure to Fadden Pines- still with the focus of exploring their environment and the world around them. This time they were special 'nature detectives' and had to find different coloured items on their exploration and place them into their special bag.



Kali did a wonderful Acknowledgment of Country and the children shared what they were grateful for.

Sam: "I am grateful for the trees because they give us oxygen".

Avaya: "I am grateful for the playground".

Levi: "I am grateful for the bushes, because people water them".



They had another play on the playground and enjoyed morning tea in the sun, amongst the leaves. They made an amazing discovery- the pond had no water! Many children were left wondering if there will be enough rain to fill it this winter. They were also fortunate to see some of our stunning wildlife up close.



Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind to our Echidna group and their excursion has been postponed until next week.

This week we also farewelled one of our exceptional teachers, Mrs Audsley who is going off to have her second child. We wish her all the best and can't wait to meet her little bundle of joy. We have welcomed Mrs Hakkinen to our fabulous school who will replace Mrs Audsley on 1/2A. Please say hello when you see her around the school.



### The fence at the senior basketball court

Dear Mrs Jefferson,

As a part of the SLC playground group we have decided that it would be highly helpful, and crucial for childrens satisfaction, that Fadden should have a higher fence at the back of the senior basketball court.

By increasing the height of the fence we will be encouraging multiple students to play on the courts more and be more active, because they wouldn't have to keep going down the hill and onto the footpath to get their ball several times a day.

We surveyed all students in the school asking if they would like the higher fence. 73% of the students said yes they would like the fence to be higher.

The height that we would like the fence to be is 3.2m directly behind the hoop, and 2m for all of the rest of the smaller side barriers. The length added to the bigger fence is 45cm, and the length added to the smaller one is 91cm.

Kind Regards,

SLC Playground Group

Skye <i>Skye</i>	Millie <i>Millie</i>	Miki <i>Miki</i>	Katie <i>Katie</i>
Aarun <i>Aarun</i>	Alice <i>Alice</i>	Isabelle <i>Isabelle</i>	

I was delighted this week to get a letter from one of our Student Leadership Council sub-committees. They have identified an issue, researched the need and find a solution, and are requesting support to make the improvement to our playground. I will now source quotes for this work and take this back to the students, so they can assess the most suitable quote to achieve the best outcome for students and the school. I just love working with students and providing them with these opportunities to develop their leadership skills for the future.

Don't forget school photos on Tuesday. I will have my lipstick ready, and my hair done for the occasion!

Have a safe, warm and relaxing long weekend. See you all on Tuesday.

*Jo Jefferson*

**Principal  
Fadden Primary School**