

4th March 2022

Dear Fantastic Fadden Families

This week I had the privilege of participating in the final meeting with the 2021 Fadden School Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Daniel Ng, the outgoing Fadden Board Chairperson, for his work and contributions in leading the school board throughout 2021. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our teacher representatives, Mrs Sarah Hakes and Mr Dave Matthews for their input and dedication to the Fadden School Board throughout 2020 and 2021.

Thank You



Mr Daniel Ng



Mrs Sarah Hakes



Mr Dave Matthews

In week 1 of this term, we put the call out that we had a vacancy on our School Board for just 12 months (2022) and asked for nominations from interested parents. It is very exciting that we received two nominations and will now move to conduct an online vote by our parent community. This is the first time that online voting has been a possibility for the election of School Boards.

On Monday 7th March, all parents will receive an email from our Assistant Returning Officer to inform them that they can vote in the ballot and provide them with login details and a copy of the candidate's statements. Voting will be open between 11am, Monday 7 March (Week 6) and 11am, Tuesday 15 March (Week 7). I will then be able to announce the appointment of our parent and staff representatives on 1st April 2022, as part of my Weekly Wrap Up.

The Fadden Parents and Citizen (P&C) committee will be holding their AGM on Thursday evening with any interested parents welcome to attend. All parents are automatic members of the P&C and are encouraged participate.



Microsoft Teams

P&C AGM for 2022

Thursday 10th March at 6pm via teams.


Link: <https://teams.live.com/join/9545754455102>

Talking about leadership! This week we were able to confirm the House Captain and Vice-Captain for the mighty Koala's sporting house for 2022. Next week I will confirm our Student Leadership Council, which includes class representatives from Kindergarten to Year 6. I look forward to working with our student leaders for 2022.

	House Captain	House Vice-Captain
		
	Sava Isidorovic	Sienna Thompson

Our students have been embracing our new PBL expectations and can regularly be overheard talking to each other about the expectations and what they have earned a token for that day. We encourage you to talk to your child/ren about the tokens they have earned and to discuss why they have earned them.

Our focus for this week and next week is 'Eating Areas'. All classes K-6 engaged in a specific 'Eating Areas' lesson on Monday that focused on the expectations in our school wide behaviour matrix.

	BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE A LEARNER
Eating Areas	We sit and eat quietly	We put our belongings away	
	We eat our own food	We chew with our mouths closed	
	We walk to the playground		

Another piece of exciting news is that I can confirm the dates of our 3 Way Conferences (Preschool to Year 6) which are happening in week 9 of this term. Monday 28th to Thursday 31st March 2022.

These conferences are student led and support our motto of **Growing Leaders for Tomorrow**. This means students will contribute as an equal member of the team, along with teachers and parents.

Teachers will be working with their students on building their confidence and competence to run these conferences, with the idea that at the end of the conference there will be two clear individual learning goals for each student, that all three parties (student, parent and teacher) all agree to and know how they can each support the student to achieve their goals over the next term.

We will once more use the online booking system (School Interviews) for parents to book times with their child's classroom teacher. Information on how to do this, will be sent out to parents in the Weekly Wrap Up on Friday 11th March 2022 (next week). Please save these dates in your diary and also ensure that your child will be available to attend with you, for this very important student led conference.



WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- Students develop ownership of their learning
- Students build independence
- Students take pride in their success
- Students identify areas for improvement
- Students share knowledge and skills learned

This week we have a heap of really great information to share with families, that we have included in the Friendly Fridge Reminders attachment/s.

These include:

- A reminder to kindergarten parents to return Kindergarten Health Check Questionnaires by Monday 7th March 2022.
- Information and a flyer for the Child Development Service for children birth to 6 years old and also children up to 12 years.
- Information on a new free program at school and home - Athletic Australia's Active Bands.
- Announcement of School Sport ACT Scholarship Fund – including application form.

Have a great weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal