

22nd July 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Welcome back to Term 3!

Last week I sent a letter to all families about Staying COVID Smart during Term 3. This provided information on steps to minimise any potential disruption to your child's learning while ensuring health and wellbeing of students and school staff. I have again attached it to the Weekly Wrap Up email and encourage all parents to read this and assist us in keeping our students and staff safe at Fadden Primary School.

I specifically draw your attention to:

- Rapid Antigen Tests continue to be available on request from school (2 per week per child)
- Staying home if unwell and getting tested for COVID-19
- Practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Adults to wear a mask when in indoor settings at school
- Pupil Free staff planning days: Friday 5 August and Friday 9 September 2022

I continue to ask families to let the school know if students test positive to COVID so that we can continue to track infections within the school and also let our school community know of possible exposures. You can do this by calling 6142 2460 or email FaddenPSInfo@ed.act.edu.au.

Below is the information we need to determine the risk and actions for our school community:

- Date of onset of symptoms
- Date of positive result and on what type of test - PCR or RAT
- Confirmation that the result has been registered with ACT Health
- Date of when the student will return to school after isolation
- Any support required from school (RATs or learning materials)

The first Pupil Free staff planning day for Term 3 is fast approaching on Friday 5th August 2022. Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on this day. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. To ensure we have the correct level of support in place for any students that are unable to stay at home, please let us know by phone on 6142 2460 or email FaddenPSInfo@ed.act.edu.au as soon as possible.

Another couple of important dates are fast approaching! The P&C is meeting on Tuesday 2nd August at 6.00pm via MS Teams, as well as, holding their major fundraising Trivia Night on Saturday 6th August from 7.00pm here at school. Please see our Friendly Fridge for more information on how to register. This night promises to be loads of fun!

This week we are totally excited about the commencement of our Loose Parts Play initiative. Thank you very much to the P & C for funding this project and to the parents who donated materials. We continue to welcome parents to drop off items that they may wish to donate for Loose Parts Play to the front of the school, near the hall. I just ask that parents be mindful of items that may contain lead paint, have sharp corners or splinters. We need to ensure the objects are safe for students to handle.

Below are some example items of what we are looking for but not exclusive to this list:

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| • old tyres or inner tubes | • piping or tubing | • spools |
| • wooden planks | • large baskets or containers/ crates | • large tarps/blankets |
| • chairs | • seashell pool | • barrels |
| • wheels e.g. bike, steering | | • small pallets (smooth) |

The students have been having an absolute ball demonstrating their creativity and collaboration skills. They have also done an excellent job at following our PBL expectations for Loose Parts Play.



Today I have attached information on our 3 Way Conferences and how to book a time with your child and their classroom teacher. Bookings opened today and are open until Wednesday 3rd August, except for KG who are having their conferences a week earlier, so don't wait too long to book. All the information you need on these conferences and how to book are in the attached flyer.

Have a great weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal

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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.