

28th October 2022

Dear Friendly Fadden Families

Thank you once more to our awesome families for supporting our staff on this Staff Planning Day. Staff shortages are continuing to impact our staff, who are taking extra students into their class daily to supervise their learning, which reduces their capacity to collaborate with their teaching teams. These days are proving to be invaluable by allowing staff to catch up on planning and programming which in turn contributes to quality teaching and learning for our students.

The next Staff Planning Day (pupil free) is scheduled for Monday 28th November 2022. Once more if you require your child/ren to be supervised on this day, we ask that you contact our office to ensure we are aware of their attendance.

As part of the ACT Governments and ACT Education Directorates ongoing commitment to reduce teacher workload, reporting for Semester 2 will be the same as Semester 1. Once again, we will be providing students with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale. Reports this term will go home on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

While semester 2 reports won't include detailed teacher comments, parents are encouraged to speak directly with their child's teacher(s) if they have any questions or concerns about their progress. Our teachers will also continue to communicate directly with you when there are any concerns about student learning or other classroom updates.

This week Preschool was busy! The Emu's had a fabulous day at Birrigai, learning more about how to care for our lands and native animals.



Then our amazing Preschool P&C parents organised a Teddy Bears Picnic to celebrate Children's Week. Luckily the sun broke through just in time for our families to have a lovely picnic in the preschool grounds. Thank you to Anna and Nicky for organising this lovely event.

Next week we will have our classroom extensions in Kindergarten and Year 1/2 blocks finished and we will begin to move back into those spaces. Our next blocks for extension are our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 learning spaces. The areas of construction have been cordoned off since the beginning of this term, so there will be no changes to the existing spaces for students, however there will be some noise expected from this work. Luckily the contractors we are working with have been excellent at working with us to minimise any disruption to students or learning. I will share photos of our new spaces in next week's Wrap Up.

Hoping you enjoy some family time this weekend.

Jo Jefferson
Principal