

16th July 2021

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

As we welcome back students for the start of Term 3, there are some minor changes to school operations for ACT public schools as we continue to adapt to living with the COVID-19 pandemic.

These changes relate to the use of the Check in CBR app and interstate excursions.

The Chief Health Officer is now strongly encouraging all adult visitors to schools, including parents and carers dropping off children, to use the Check In CBR app.

We are asking adults – parents, carers and visitors to use the Check In CBR app when they enter school grounds. The general rule is that if leave your vehicle and enter school grounds, find a QR code and check in.

Although schools do have sign-in requirements via their front offices, not all visitors to schools enter through the front office – for example, parents and carers dropping off or picking up their children from playgrounds. This will make contact tracing far easier if we have a confirmed case at school.

The ACT Directorate has now mandated that most interstate excursions should not proceed at this time, given the recent outbreaks in Australia and the risk posed by travel.

However, lower risk camps and excursions to the local area can still go ahead. Luckily here at Fadden we do not have any interstate camps or excursions planned for this year. So this will not impact our students.

A reminder that families who have travelled interstate during the school holidays should check the [ACT Government's COVID-19 website](#) and follow the health advice if you have been in any of the exposure locations listed.

It is also important to remember that everyone in the ACT should be following COVID Safe practices. **If your child is unwell, they need to stay home and get tested with even mild symptoms.**

You can find updated questions and answers and the revised [ACT public schools COVID-19 document](#) on our COVID-19 school arrangements page

Fadden Primary School has welcomed our new permanent Deputy Principal Miss Ashley Coutts this week.

Ashley has joined us from Calwell Primary School where she has been a school leader since 2016 and Deputy Principal for the last 2 years.

Ashley is an extremely passionate and thoughtful educational leader who made significant contributions to the schools in which she has worked. Her deep understanding of curriculum, pedagogy and building a positive school culture will be assets for us here at Fadden Primary School.

Ashley has set herself a goal to know all student names by the end of the term and she has done remarkably well in her first week with us. I trust you will say hello when you see her around our school in the coming weeks.



Due to the appointment of a permanent Deputy Principal, this means that Mrs Katie King and Mr Dave Matthews, who both did a fantastic job in their acting leadership positions, have moved back into their substantive positions. Mr Matthews is our Physical Education Specialist Teacher and Executive Teacher for Preschool to Year 2 classes on Fridays, and Mrs King is our Executive Teacher for Year 3 to 6 classes.



On Tuesday evening Cesc Werner-Gibbins represented Fadden Primary School at the Rostrum quarter finals.

Whilst Cesc did not move through to the next stage, the adjudicators did have a very difficult task of choosing the 2 winners and commended all the speakers on such high quality and well delivered rostrum speeches.

Congratulations Cesc on speaking so exceptionally well and representing us so proudly.

As I let you know last term, we will once again be holding 3 Way Conferences (2nd – 5th August).

Remember that these conferences are a little different to normal parent/teacher interviews because we want our students to not only be present at the meetings, but to lead the meetings. Our motto is Growing Leaders for Tomorrow, this means students need to not only have a voice in their own learning, but to contribute to it as an equal member of the team, along with teachers and parents. So, make sure when you book that your child can also be at the meeting with you and their teacher.



Our online booking system will be open for bookings at 10am Thursday 22nd July until Thursday 29th July 2021. More information will be sent home next week on how to book.

I hope you can manage to keep warm and dry this weekend, see you on Monday.

Jo Jefferson

**Principal
Fadden Primary School**