

21st October 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

Today it was with great excitement that the Colour Explosion Fun Run rewards went home with students. Thank you to all families who assisted the P&C with this fundraising event. I can confirm that the P&C raised \$5,147.53 from this event and plan to use this money for a free community event for all families later in Term 4.

A huge congratulations to Logan Osley and his family for being the top fundraiser, raising \$520! Logan has been awarded a medal and special gift in recognition of his efforts. Our top fundraising class was 1/2ES.



Yesterday our Echidna preschool class went to Birrigai to continue their learning about the environment in which we live, and how they can care for both the land and animals. They had a sensational day exploring Ngunnawal land by investigating any nests they could find, finding wombat holes, learning about tea tree plants and exploring rock shelters. They had a 'Birrigai biscuit' whilst sitting on the rocks overlooking the land and creating artworks using Aboriginal symbols. In the afternoon, the students experienced a campfire and cooked their own damper on long sticks, topped off with some delicious Golden Syrup. A big thank you to Susan, Kali, Mrs Dewar (Kylie) and our parent/grandparents for supporting our children to have such a rich hands-on learning experience.



This year Fadden Primary entered our first team in the Readers' Cup. Students had to read five books and participate in a quiz independently held at Radford College, testing their knowledge, and understanding of each text. This year's participation was a wonderful experience for all involved and I thank Mr Partridge for organising this opportunity for our students, including supervising the group on Wednesday evening. The book list enthused our students from Fadden to demonstrate their keen literary knowledge and outstanding teamwork.



We congratulate Katie, Rosy, Skye, Grace B. and Grace S. for their involvement in preparation for the Readers' Cup. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts!





This year for Children's Week our school community has been successful in obtaining 2 grants from the ACT Children's Week committee. One for the P&C and one for the school. Therefore, Children's Week at Fadden will be celebrated on two days, Wednesday 26th October for Preschool only and Wednesday 2nd November for Preschool to Year 6.

Our P&C are organising a Teddy Bears Picnic for all Preschool students and families on Wednesday 26th October 12pm to 1pm in the Preschool playground, with a light lunch provided. Please see flyer in this week's Friendly Fridge Reminders.

For our Preschool to Year 6 classes, the focus is on promoting child agency and the teaching and learning of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). For this age group each student will participate in STEM related activities during the morning of Wednesday 2nd November, as voted by them. Please look out on Seesaw following the morning, as students/teachers will be sharing the activities and experiences with you!



Please be reminded that next Friday is the first of two staff planning days (pupil free) scheduled for Term 4. Students who can't stay at home on Friday 28 October 2022 will be able to attend school and be supervised whilst undertaking general learning activities. Please confirm attendance with the front office on 6142 2460 as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct support available for these students.

Next Friday 28th October is also the day that Australia recognises World Teacher's Day. On this day I will be thanking all of our staff for the work they do to support the learning of our students. If you would also like to thank your child's classroom teacher or a staff member that makes a difference to your child's experience at school, please do that on Thursday 27th October, due to the pupil free day on the Friday.



Thank you to those parents who provided us with notice regarding 2023, on the 2023 Class Intentions Form. Whilst the chance to provide feedback on the makeup of your child's class placement is now closed. I do ask that if your plans for 2023 change and you do move schools, that you inform us as soon as possible so that we can factor that into our work in preparing for 2023.

Hoping you have a great weekend, despite the rain.

Jo Jefferson
Principal