

23rd July 2021

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

This week a number of classes participated in the First Aid in Schools Program, which is a free program providing primary students with lifesaving skills and confidence to act in an emergency. The program is delivered via a 60-minute face-to-face session run by St John Ambulance Educators. On Wednesday Years 1 to 4 took part in the program. Kindergarten and Year 5/6 were supposed to take part on Thursday however, as one of the St John Educators was unwell, the program has been postponed to a later date.



Yesterday Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school and being 100 days smarter! It was fabulous seeing the children embrace the opportunity to dress up as a 100-year-old, they particularly loved their parade throughout the school.



All celebrations linked to the number 100: a 100-day smarter crown with 100 dots, counting 100 objects in bags and counting to 100 in the lead up to the day. It wouldn't be a celebration without a special treat for morning tea and play.

We can't wait to see what the next 100 days of learning has in store for our wonderful Kindergarten cohort.

These gorgeous photos are on the ACT Public Schools Facebook page as 'School of the Week'. Make sure you check us out!



Next week we are all super excited for our Kindergarten to Year 6 Athletics Carnival at Woden Athletic Park. Let's hope the weather improves and that Tuesday is a bright and sunny day. Thank you to those families that have either sent back their child's permission form or provided their classroom teachers with notification if they are not going to attend. Currently we are planning on all students participating in this event.

Woohoo! We have **93 bookings** already for 3 way conferences and/or open classrooms in Preschool. I encourage parents to make their bookings early as possible, so you can get the time/s that suit you best.

Parents will be asked for feedback on these conferences, as we will continue to refine the process together.

I remind parents that if you wish to have a more traditional parent/teacher interview, without your child present, these are always an option and can be arranged with classroom teachers at any time of the year. However, this meeting would be in addition to the 3 way conference, which is a key opportunity for your child's learning, as well as linking you into the individual learning focus of your child in their classroom.



Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code: **sy897**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Thursday 29 July at 3.30pm.



Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from *13 August to 3 September*. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school or have changed your email recently, please call the office.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Just a quick heads up for our Year 3/4 families that a note will be coming home next week to let you know the details of a one-night camp to Birrigai Outdoor School on the 7th and 8th October for your children.



Last but not least we have a fantastic opportunity for parents coming up. The eSafety commissioner runs a series of live webinars that explore the latest research and are a great way for parents to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety's expert education and training team.

This term includes eSafety's parent guide to popular apps. Learn how to help young people safely use popular apps including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13.

It will cover:

- an explanation of the popular apps used by young people
- case studies, research, and targeted advice
- ways you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Dates: Monday 16 August 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 7.30 to 8.30 pm

REGISTER via the website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Have a safe and relaxing end to your week, see you on Monday.

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