

27th May 2022

Dear Fabulous Fadden Families

We've had an exciting and busy week here at school with many events.

Monday: Students in Preschool to Year 2 participated in the first Junior Assembly of the year.

Tuesday: Students who qualified for the Tuggeranong Cross Country represented Fadden Primary School with pride at Mt Stromlo. Our best placed student was Lachlan Gronn in year 5 who came 5th for his age group. Congratulations Lachlan!



Wednesday: Students across the school participated in National Simultaneous Story time at 11.00am, reading the book 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke.

Rostrum finals for students in years 3 to 6 took place with Elsie Bowler being recognised as the winner and Grace Lewis our runner up. Elsie will now represent Fadden Primary School at the quarter finals in July. Congratulations to all our students who took part.



Friday: Today our home reading program has begun once more for students in kindergarten to year 2. Each Friday students will take home 5 books in their home learning pouch and return them the following Friday. PM online readers are still available for K-2 families to further supplement and encourage reading at home.

Throughout this week and next, classes will be looking at indigenous stories and developing an art display as part of reconciliation activities. This year's Reconciliation Day event will be held on Monday 30 May 2022 at the National Arboretum Canberra, from 10am - 3pm. The event will feature a 'Sea of Hands' exhibit made up of paper or cardboard hands planted in the lawns of the Arboretum.



Our Student Leaders Council have once more been looking at how they can make improvements to the playground for all students. They have identified a list of improvements that they would like:

- New sandpit toys for both sandpits
- Renewed line marking for courts (basketball, netball and handball)
- Inclusion of higher handrails for taller students on 'roller' part of senior playground
- A chalk drawing wall for senior playground and a revamp for the one in junior playground

Our Student Leaders have begun to organise fundraising events to raise money to put towards these improvements. Their first fundraiser is a Pyjama Day on Friday 3rd June for Echidnas and Kindergarten to Year 6 and Monday 6th June for Emus. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas on this day and bring in a donation that will go towards these playground improvements.

Be safe, Be respectful, Be a Learner

This week we started our focus on positive behaviours in 'Loose Parts Play'. This is our new play area that will be available for students to use during lunch time on the oval. We are hoping to be able to open this play area towards the end of term.

| | Safe | Respectful | Learner |
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| Loose Parts Play | We use equipment safely We pack the equipment away We play in the right space We let the teacher know if something is broken We keep our shoes on | We negotiate the use of equipment We start packing away before the bell | We problem solve We play cooperatively We create together |

We are pleased to announce that we have presented our first Gold award for being a Learner to Hannah C in 5/6S. Hannah has earned 100 tokens through demonstrating positive Learner behaviours e.g. using initiative, being prepared for learning and being in the right place at the right time. Well done Hannah!



Now that jumpers are needed regularly with the colder weather, we have seen our lost property increase dramatically. However only approximately 25% of lost property is named! This means we are unable to return the items to their rightful owners and have had to throw away a lot of unnamed items that have been with us for some time. Please ensure that everything you send with your child to school, that you want returned, is labelled with their full name. If you are missing a stack of jumpers, please come in and have a look through lost property in our front foyer.

The good news for lost property is that next week begins our period of 'hats off'. Students are not required to wear hats in June or July, so at least that's one item that can stay at home and not be lost at school.

Have a fantastic long 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. |