

From our *Principal*

Friday 31 August 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C

P&C held its AGM this week – congratulations to Shannyn, our new president, Donna our new treasurer, and Coleen our new secretary. Also thank you to Coleen, Shannyn and Trinity who vacated the same positions. We are very grateful for their hard work over the past year.

P&C meetings are moving to Mondays from 9.30am – the first meeting will be on Monday 10th September. All welcome!

A plea from the P&C meeting – PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY IN THE CARPARK.

Children are at risk of being hit as they do not always keep to the paths. Some families have more than one child to safely put into cars. It is so important to keep to 10km at all times.

Growing School Community

Term 3 is proving to be busy, with lots going on around the school and in education in general.

Currently we are evaluating our progress as a learning community so far – we’re into our seventh term already, and the growth of our population is amazing – we will probably have 85 students before too long, and I would like to share these two photos of our two book weeks so you can see how staff numbers have grown in the time too!



Love the way that our community dresses up too! Thanks for supporting Book Week and donating books to the school. I will admit to having fun wearing an inflatable suit...!

TTFM

Inside the newsletter (page 8) is an invitation to complete a Tell Them From Me survey - please find the time to answer a few questions to help us with our planning. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Julie

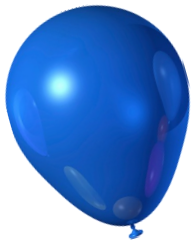
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CONGRATULATIONS to both Kylie & Josh on the arrival of their little boy. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.

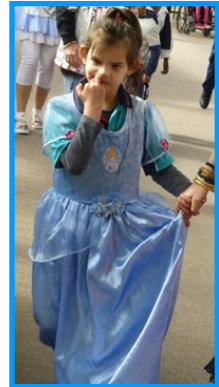
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23/08/18
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54cm long*





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News



Firstly a big congratulations to Kylie (AP, Blue 6) on the arrival of her baby boy on the 23rd August!

Blue Block has had a great few weeks. Last week was our book week which fitted into our Fairy tales theme perfectly, this ended in a wonderful book themed dress up day and parade on Friday. The whole block got involved and had a ball. We had some princesses, Dr Seuss characters, Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf, pirates and animals.

Next week promises more fun as we will be having a musical performance in the morning by a local school.

We want to wish all our dads a very Happy Father's Day and a wonderful weekend.

Kimberley R, Jess, Kirsty, Vicki N, Deb and Kimberley C





HOMEBASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News

Term 3 is going along very nicely for Yellow Block with one of the highlights being Book Week last week. We had a fireman, a princess, Peter Rabbit and Mr Bump to name a few. It was great to see all of the kids go so well walking in the parade and then having so many parents come back to the classrooms for a story and class activities. Well done everyone!

Yellow 3 is settling in nicely to the block. It is lovely to see everyone making friends and the new kindergarten students are learning all about the school routine. We have also been lucky enough to have some great switch and sensory toys loaned to us and the students have been discovering and having fun with them. Yellow Block are looking forward to the sports carnival in Week 8 and all students have been focusing hard on training in our PE lessons and we have been doing plenty of running at lunchtime!!

Julie, Meredith, Donna, Sam, Kerry H, Danielle, Kerry G, Leanne and Vicki S





HOMEBASE ORANGE



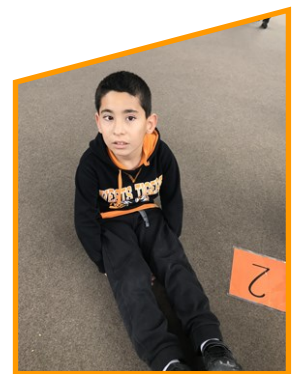
Welcome to Orange Block News

What a busy few weeks we have had in Orange Block. Last week, saw Fernhill School celebrate Book Week with a Character Parade. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up! We saw lots of Disney Princesses, a variety of Harry Potter inspired outfits, some super heroes, a couple of Cat in the Hats and even a witch or two. It was also lovely to have parents and family join us for the parade. We are looking forward to completing more of the Book Week activities that got rained out on the day.

Orange 12 have been reading the Dreamtime story "How the Birds got Their Colours'. We have been working on identifying colours and expressing our preferences using Proloquo2Go. The children in Orange 12 also enjoyed creating an artwork inspired by this story.

On Monday, the students of Fernhill School will have the pleasure of viewing a band performance by students from another school. We're sure the students will enjoy this experience.

Alison, Meredith, Lorette, Shayal, Tania, Naomi and Linda





HOMEBASE GREEN



Welcome to Green Block News

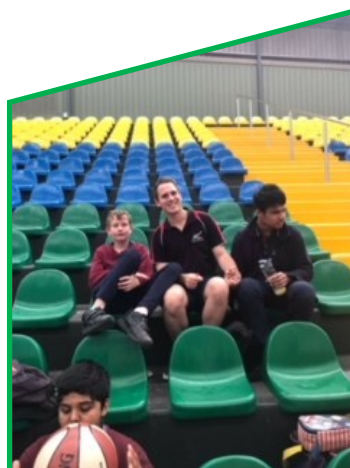
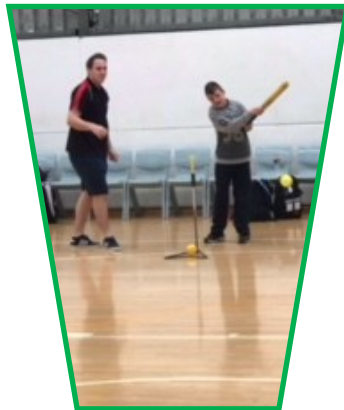
Green Block has had a massive few weeks so let's jump right in! Last Friday, our Green Block classes celebrated book week by dressing up as our favourite characters. Everyone from Willy Wonka to Captain Hook made an appearance and all costumes really did look spectacular! A big thank you to everyone who donated books.

Yesterday, students from Green Block were lucky enough to participate in the Penrith Valley Multi-Sports Day. Green Block showed their athletics skills by participating in cricket tee-ball and netball skills and it was amazing to see how engaged and happy our students were! Awesome stuff everyone!

Green Block have continued working hard during class. We've all made great progress in our dollar more shopping unit. In English, our groups have been engaged in the stories of Shakespeare through shared reading and role-playing. Awesome effort Green Block!

'Til we talk again,

Alyssa, Natasha, Nathan, Jenny, Rachael, Meredith, Tyrone and Shania



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIFE SKILLS GROUP

Ideal for those aged 12-18, the program is offered in different levels depending on age, skill levels and nature of disability.

The programs are conducted by our Skills 4 Life Team Leader.

Group sessions will focus on

- Independent living skills
- Health and wellbeing
- Job readiness
- Communication
- Money management
- Travel training
- Nutrition


Activities include


- Cooking
- Computer skills
- Travel training


Participants are required to attend an informal assessment prior to enrolment in order to determine suitability and individual goals.


Where:
13 Walters Road Blacktown,
NSW 2148


When: After school hours

 (02) 9622 1823

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Skills 4 Life - Life Skills Group

Skills 4 Life are conducting life skills programs for children aged 12-18 years in Blacktown. The sessions focus on independent living skills, health and wellbeing, job readiness, money management and much more.

Activities include cooking, computer skills and travel training.

The groups take place after school hours so if you are interested or would like more information please contact them on 02 9622 1823.

Skills 4 Life - Social Skills Group Classes

Skills 4 Life are running social skills group classes for children aged 8-14 years in Blacktown. There are 3 sessions:

- Wednesday 5th September: Importance of friendship and respect
- Wednesday 19th September: Listening to others
- Wednesday 26th September: Perspective taking

Some activities include arts & craft, food activities, challenge centre and much more.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact them on 02 9622 1823.

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP CLASSES

Ages 8—14

Our programs are designed and facilitated by Skills4Life allied health clinicians

Group therapy topics will focus on:

- 5th September:** Importance of friendship and respect
- 19th September:** Listening to others
- 26th September:** Perspective taking

Activities include

- Arts & Crafts
- Challenge centre
- Food activities
- And more!

Participants are required to attend an informal assessment prior to enrolment in order to determine suitability and individual goals.

When?
Wednesday 4pm to 5pm

Where?
13 Walters Road, Blacktown
2148

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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



FREE ENTRY

**nepean
DISABILITY
expo**

Fri 14th & Sat 15th, September 2018
Exhibition Marquee, Penrith Panthers

RealChoice

disabilityexpo.org.au/attendexpo/

OVER 120 EXHIBITORS **ndis SPEAKERS** **KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**



NEPEAN DISABILITY EXPO

**Friday 14th & Saturday
15th September 2018**

9am—3pm

**Exhibition Marquee,
Penrith Panthers**

**123 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith
NSW 2750**

Expo Guide

The Nepean Disability Expo is run by the community for the community. It is the leading opportunity to connect with people with a disability in the Nepean, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Western Sydney and broader Sydney area.

Now that the National Disability Insurance Scheme has become a reality, almost 14,000 Nepean residents with disabilities will gain greater control over their lives and the services they choose.

The keenly anticipated, biennial Nepean Disability Expo offers a crucial opportunity:

- For people with a disability to find out about the latest products, services, technology, aids and equipment
- For service providers to build networks and find out about the latest products, services, technology, aids and equipment
- For product and service providers to share what they offer with people with a disability, their families and other services

The Expo brings together service providers and specialist businesses with consumers and their families, case workers, teachers and carers, and aims to enhance the lives of people with a disability.

The Tell Them From Me parent survey (Term 3, 2018)

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parent's and carer's perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between Monday 27th August and Friday 26th October 2018. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Parent FAQ document for the parent survey:

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T32018.pdf

To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fernhill18>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Book Week Donations

A great big THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who donated books to our school library for Book Week!

We will enjoy reading them!



School Holiday Fun



School Holiday Program (October 2018) for young people with disability

Want to give your child an invaluable experience these school holidays?

During the school holidays, The Salvation Army – Youthlink Skills 4 Life Service will run a variety of programs for young people with disabilities (NDIS eligible only). The program is an evidence based program, designed and facilitated by Occupational Therapists, Psychologists and Outdoor Recreation experts. The July school holiday program will be available for the following age and functional criteria:

Skills 4 Life Explorers: October 2nd – 5th (4 days)
(Students age 8-18 Limited verbal communication, supervision or assistance with self-care.)

Skills 4 Life Challengers: October 8th-13th (5 days)
(Students age 8-18 verbal communication, independent with self-care.)

Activities will include outdoor recreation, arts and crafts and other centre-based activities including the Sargents Challenge Centre.

Goals of the program include development and improvement on social, sensory, motor, and life skills, as well as increased self-confidence, motivation, team work, leadership, and improved physical health and wellbeing.

Dates: October 2nd -5th (Tuesday-Friday) and October 8th -13th (Monday-Friday)

***Note:** Can book for all or some of program days

Start and finish time: 9am-3pm

Drop off and pick up location: 13 Walters Rd, Blacktown, NSW (Youthlink Sargent's Challenge Centre)

What you can expect program to cover:

- ✓ Outdoor recreation experiences
- ✓ All equipment and program materials provided
- ✓ Qualified, experienced and caring staff
- ✓ Insurances and national park fees covered
- ✓ Loads of fun and memorable experiences!

Program Costs: All costs are covered under NDIS plan.

Enrolments: Registration opens Monday 20th August 2018 and closes Friday 14th September 2018

Bookings or more info: Call (02) 9622 1823 or email skills4life@aue.salvationarmy.org



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

What a great opportunity to take a stroll in the fresh air , whilst raising money for a great cause..

Register now and bring a friend along!

Turn the River **Pink**

Raising funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation



One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. NBCF has an aspirational goal of zero deaths from breast cancer by 2030 and they rely on the support of the community to help achieve this goal. Come join us for a fun filled morning and get behind such a great cause.

Details:

Join us for our second annual pink run/walk around the Nepean River to create awareness and raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dress in your craziest pink outfit!!!

A BBQ breakfast will be available at the end of the run for a gold coin donation and the event should finish no later than 11:00am

Registration can be done online at www.ttrp.com.au

Don't forget to click "going" on our Turn The River Pink 2018 Facebook Page!

Registration: 7:30am

Start Time: 8:00am

Date: Saturday 6th October

Where: Nepean River – Penrith (Refer Map on back)

Distance: Approximately 7km

Cost: Under 12 years are FREE, 12 - 18 \$10, 18+ \$25



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANDRIOD USERS

For our parents/carers who are having difficulty finding FERNHILL SCHOOL from an Android phone, Skoolbag App have assured me they have rectified the problem.

Please use the link below: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.singleapp>

Once you have downloaded the app and logged in follow the below steps:

- go to “MORE” Tab
- Click on “CHANGE SCHOOL”
- Click on “ADD”
- Search for your school– Fernhill School

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

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 FERNHILL School - Term 3 2018					
Term	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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6	27 th Aug	28 th Aug	29 th Aug P&C AGM MEETING 9.30	30 th Aug	31 st Aug
7	3 rd Sept NORTHBRIDGE P.S. BAND PERFORMANCE	4 th Sept PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept
8	10 th Sept P&C MEETING 9.30	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept
9	17 th Sept	18 th Sept PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	19 th Sept PIRATE DAY	20 th Sept	21 st Sept
10	24 th Sept P&C MEETING 9.30	25 th Sept	26 th Sept	27 th Sept	28 th Sept JERSEY DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION
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