

From our *Principal*

29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone who attended our Easter hat parade and Harmony Day celebrations – it's always lovely to see so many people enjoying our special events with students and staff!

Car Park

Can I please again stress the need for safety in the car park at all times. We now have tall fences around the school, but sometimes students arrive late/leave early, or siblings slip the hand of a parent and dash into the big spaces. Please, please respect the 10 km speed limit and care for everyone. I would hate to have an accident occur to someone in our community.

A visitor from the bush, perhaps?

One of our neighbours rang the school recently and reported a baby snake in their garden. Nobody at school has seen a snake, but we have decided to put up snake notices so that our community is aware that a snake has been seen in the vicinity.

We have a snake risk assessment in place, and strategies to deal with a snake if one decides to visit us.

Therapy in School

Thank you for your patience and support as we follow the necessary procedures for therapy in school. Our Learning and Support Team is, on a case by case basis, considering requests for a therapist to work in the school with your child, provided that it is supporting the educational program and is not disrupting the classroom routines or the learning of other students. Teachers cannot be distracted from their role of teaching the entire class, and the induction meetings with therapists are made on the basis that they understand that

teachers are not available for a quick catch up in class time. Please be aware that ongoing therapy sessions during school time results in the student being marked 'absent – unapproved leave' on the attendance register.

Coles Sports for Kids

Thanks to everyone for collecting vouchers – we've collected far more than our original target of 10,000 – over 26,000 tickets have come our way! Thanks for such a big effort.

Great First Term

Fernhill School has seemed so much bigger this term – our 11 classes have slotted in well together, and students and staff are enjoying productive learning in the classrooms. Thanks to everyone for working so hard to ensure the smooth transition for all our new staff, students, and families,

Happy Holidays!

School breaks up for a two week holiday on Friday, 13th April – staff return on Monday 30th April, and are learning about the Four Blocks literacy program. Students return to school on Tuesday 1st May. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Have a great weekend,

Julie

Friday 6th April– Autism Awareness Day– please send your child to school in BLUE and show your support.

From our Office

Hi again– wow this term has flown by so quickly!

We have again placed instructions for downloading **SKOOLBAG APP** on page 11 of this issue. Many of our notices will be forwarded through to our families this way.

We recently made an error of dates in the term calendar and was made aware by parents, which was very much appreciated. We were able to make families aware through Skoolbag App but unfortunately the families without the app did not receive the notice, so please do download ASAP.

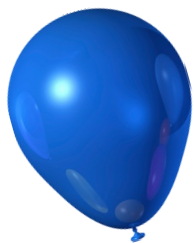
Thank you to our P&C for the **Easter Egg Raffles**. They do an amazing job of wrapping our gifts and this year we have raised over \$700 from Easter Raffle ticket sales. THANK YOU ALL for your support.

SCHOOL FEES: Many thanks to those who have paid their school fees already, there has been a great response for the start of the year. Many families have paid via the online \$Make a Payment Tab on our website. We would encourage you all to pay via this method, it is fast, safe and very convenient– saves a trip to the school office. Office hours for payments are 9am - 2.30pm.

Thank you and Happy Easter to you all.

Kisane, Elisha and Angela





HOME BASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

What a busy time we have been having. We have celebrated Easter and now it is less than two weeks until the end of Term 1.

We had a busy and enjoyable Harmony Day. A couple of students came in their national dress, lots of students in orange and some opted for their uniform. We all participated in a sensory story with Julie Bennett where we sat on a magic carpet to experience an adventure. A group art session saw us with our spaghetti brushes and the colours of the Italian flag creating a masterpiece. We then went into the shared learning area to request and share ingredients making an individual pizza - so yummy.

The classes have all been working hard on making patterns in Mathematics. We make patterns with blocks, cut/paste worksheets, apps on the iPad, on paper using Proloquo2Go and with commercial games.

The annual Easter Hat Parade was a huge success. Blue block classes all enjoyed working in small groups to construct our Easter hats and/or baskets. We all found lots of laminated eggs in the bike track area which we traded for some chocolate eggs.

The combined class music program brings our week to a happy end each Friday. Each group has been linking emotions to music by completing activities on a rotating basis. We have all made a bell percussion instrument and are looking forward to a large group session to share in a happy music experience.

Deb, Kerry, Kimberley, Jess, Kylie, Shania, Linda, Erica and Kirsty





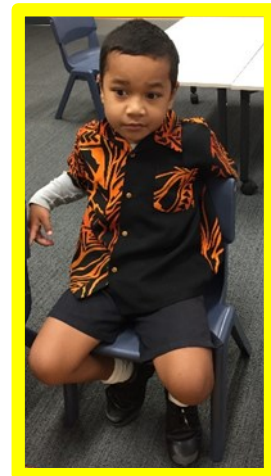
HOMEBASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News

Yellow block has really enjoyed all the special events we have had recently. We loved having parents and friends visit for Harmony Day and enjoyed looking at, smelling and tasting some new food. Soccer and the sensory story were very exciting and we always love a good craft session.

It was wonderful to share the Easter Hat Parade with the whole school community. There were some amazing hats and big smiles on the day, an egg hunt and chocolate! It was great to see everyone getting involved. We have been busy learning in our classrooms and our teachers are so proud of how much we are learning and growing every day!

Leanne, Vicki, Sam, Kerry, Julie, Meredith and Donna





HOME BASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of term. The last few weeks have been busy with several special days and activities.

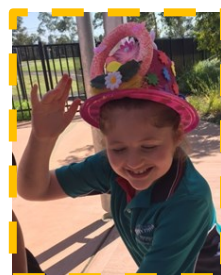
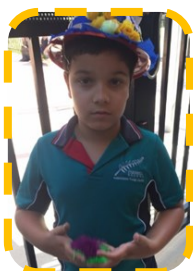
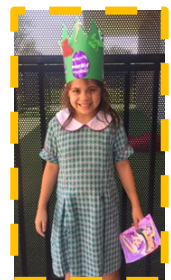
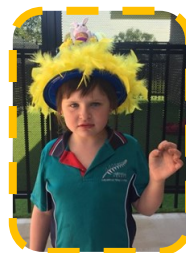
Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for our Harmony Day celebrations and the Easter Hat Parade. It was lovely to have so many of you here. On Harmony Day we had lots of fun learning about New Zealand. We tried some yummy foods – lolly cake, pineapple chunks and P & N drink; looked at New Zealand coins and made some rubbings of them; played a fun game of soccer with the big gym balls; and joined in a great sensory story that Julie read us.

We made Easter hats and masks in class and everyone looked lovely for the parade. There were some great hats sent in from home as well. It was fun looking for laminated Easter eggs that we swapped for a chocolate. The sausage sizzle lunch was a hit too.

Each Friday Orange 9 and Orange 12 join together for sport. There are two mixed groups and two activities at which each group has a turn. There is an obstacle course with a balance beam, hoops to jump in and out of, stepping stones, and bean bags to balance on our heads or throw into a bucket. The other activity is parachute games and we have fun shaking the parachute as we try to stop balls and soft toys from bouncing off. It is also fun to run or sit under the parachute as the teachers wave it up and down.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Alison, Nadine, Tania, Naomi and Vicki





HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

A message from our student author:

What two words describe the best school in the west?

The House that Glenmore Park Built is heading into its last weeks of Term 1! Easter has come and gone, April Fools decreased, and the students are ready to rumble! Fernhill School has done a lot in the past 3 weeks, so we're going to do a recap of what happened.

All the classes marched one by one in the 2nd Annual Fernhill Easter Hat Parade, which was a huge step-up from last year! The students showcased their hats, the school had a raffle, and a big sausage sizzle was held, leaving 97 bellies full! Plus, lots of students' parents visited, and Green Block went on a Easter egg hunt in the bike track! This day was a tremendous success, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

History was a huge factor in the Green block, and it was greater than ever! Green 15 celebrated Harmony Day by becoming Greeks, tasting some food, learning some history, and having a wonderful time. The other classes were hidden behind countries, and did a lot of work. So, it's safe to say that Green Block was in a state of pure utopia!

With Term 1 almost over, it's time for the students to relax. From the 14th of April to the 1st of May, Fernhill will be taking a long break, with many students doing many things at home. But don't worry, we will be back very soon!

And that's it for this report! Until next time, we are the members of Fern Hill!

Bye for now,

Jared



Signing Course Continues

Our AP Hearing teacher, Ray, has been running a key word signing course for parents in The Hub, each Tuesday fortnight at 1.30pm. The course has 3 more sessions to go, remaining dates are as follows:

Last session for Term 1 Tuesday 10th April

Term 2: Tuesday 8th May

Tuesday 22nd May

All welcome – please fill out the slip below so that we can prepare booklets for everyone.

It's NEVER too late to learn

Signing Course

Yes I will be attending the signing course

_____ Number of people attending

Parent's Name/s: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

SAVE THE DATE– Wed 16th May 2018



DSA are a wonderful supporting service and have offered their time to come along and join us at our P&C Meeting

16th May 2018.

- Have you had your NDIS package reviewed or prepared yet?
- Do you even understand it all?
- Why not come along to a brief presentation by DSA and have any concerns answered WITHOUT Commitment or Obligation.

The ladies from DSA will chat informally with you over a cuppa and help you out.

Even if you have your package sorted– why not come along and learn more of how their service DSA could possibly support you in the future.

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coles Sports in Schools Vouchers

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What an awesome community we have!!!

We have exceeded our target of 10000. We have 26820 vouchers and still counting!!!

Thank you so much for getting behind our school, , this means we can get even more sports equipment for our students.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL



**FERNHILL
SCHOOL P&C**



Mother's Day is nearing and our P&C team are looking for donations to be sold at school stall for maximum \$5 each.

Some suggestions of gifts are: mugs, books, chocolates, photo frames, hand creams, gift packs etc however, ANY donation no matter how big or small.

Could all donations be returned to school by 11th April 2018 and P&C would like to thank you in advance for your support.

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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Fantastic
course and
FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!
Enrol now**

Small changes,
big differences.



**Mums, Dads and Carers living in the Penrith LGA
with Children 0-12 years are invited to attend a**

**FREE 8 Week Triple P
Positive Parenting Programme
Be the best parent you can be**

Triple P is a parenting program for all families.
It provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Triple P will help you to promote your child's development and communication skills, manage your child's behavior and emotions, build a good relationship with your child and take care of yourself as a parent.

Term 2 | 2018

DATE: Thursday 10th May 2018 – 28th June 2018 | TIME: 9.30am – 11.30am

Please note that the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May are at the Centre. The 7th, 14th and 21st June are telephone sessions (stay at home). The last session on the 28th June, is at the Centre.

Namatjira Neighbourhood Centre | Corner Henry Lawson & John Batman Ave, Werrington County

Julie (02) 8805 0964 or Lesley (02) 8805 0962

www.triplep.net

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Lego fans check this out!
There is an ASD category in the
Lego competition at the
Hawkesbury Show this year!



To find out more information you can contact the Hawkesbury Gazette on 4588 0880.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

YOUTH WEEK @ THE MONDO

19th April 2018
5:00pm - 8:30pm
A Free YOUTH WEEK event for ages 12 - 24 years

"UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY"

3 PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES
Music, Dance and Miscellaneous

LIVE performances by young people.
Prizes!
Fairy floss, popcorn, slushies.
Inflatable Activities.
Dunk Tank.
Free Hogs Breath BBQ.

For more info call 9673 6133
Drug and Alcohol free event



SENSORY CONCERT

High quality live classical concert in a relaxed setting, designed with special needs in mind. With our onsite occupational therapist and child psychologist, as well as various seating options and retreat space, there's support when you need it.

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FEATURING Grace Kim (piano), Erica Kennedy (violin), Lisa Osmailowski (flute)
DATE Monday 23 April 2018
TIMES 10.45am and 12.00pm
VENUE Lower Mountains Anglican Parish, 1 Wascoe Street Glenbrook, NSW.
CONTACT Louise 0401 418 126 or email sensoryconcerts@gmail.com
FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/sensoryconcerts/>
TICKETS <https://www.trybooking.com/TTID>
General \$25, Family \$65 (2 adults + up to 3 children) Child \$15

Collaborating Professionals: Josey Sharpe, Occupational Therapist & Jane Wearn, Psychologist.



Have you downloaded SKOOLBAG APP yet?
Don't be the last to find out "What's On at Fernhill"- download your app now and get up to date alerts sent to you !



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.





FERNHILL School - Term 2 2018

Term T	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30 th Apr SDD	1 st May STUDENTS RETURN	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May
2	7 th May	8 th May Key sign word course 4 TH SESSION	9 th May	10 th May Mothers day stall	11 th May
3	14 th May	15 th May PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	16 th May P&C MEETING Followed by DSA presentation on NDIS	17 th May	18 th May
4	21 st May	22 nd May Key sign word course 4 TH SESSION	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May
5	28 th May	29 th May PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	30 th May P&C MEETING	31 st May	1 st Jun
6	4 th Jun	5 th Jun	6 th Jun	7 th Jun	8 th Jun
7	11 th Jun QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND	12 th Jun PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	13 th Jun LIVERPOOL DISCO P&C MEETING	14 th Jun	15 th Jun
8	18 th Jun	19 th Jun	20 th Jun	21 st Jun	22 nd Jun
9	25 th Jun	26 th Jun PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	27 th Jun P&C MEETING	28 th Jun	29 th Jun
10	2nd Jul	3 rd Jul	4th Jul	5th Jul	6th Jul NAIDOC DAY
Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols



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