

From our *Principal*

16th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students in the Carpark

Some of our classes are using the school car park to practice crossing roads at the zebra crossing. Please remember to keep to our 10km speed limit when entering the school grounds in order to keep all of our students safe. It is the responsibility of our whole community to care for every community member – speeding in the school grounds is not acceptable at any time.



P&C

The P&C were all trained by a principal colleague to become members of a teacher selection panel in the first week of term. They then successfully ran a stall selling beautiful gifts for mums, nans, and special carers, and assisted with a BBQ that was held at the school on the 12th May during the local council by-election. Final figures not quite in, but I believe well over \$700 was raised over the two events – thank you to all!

P&C meets fortnightly in The Hub – it's not all about fundraising, a very big part of the meeting is to chat and support each other – all welcome to the next meeting on Wednesday, 23rd May at 9.30am.

Illness

Thanks to all families who are keeping their children home when they are unwell. In a school like ours, we have a large number of students sharing spaces and equipment, and germs can be quickly spread, and some of our students have lowered immune systems that can be severely compromised by a cold, resulting in hospitalisation. Students come to school to learn, and a

cold can be enough to distract some young people from learning. Please consider your child's ability to cope with tasks and the health of their peers when your child is unwell.

External Validation

Our school has been selected by the Department to undergo External Validation (EV) in Term 3. This means that staff are looking at what we do and how we do it, and we will look at how we can explain this to the panel of two principals who will come to the school in late September. It's actually amazing to see all that we have achieved in a short time – I am looking forward to sharing the wonderful community that we are all a part of here at Fernhill School!

Swimming

Thanks to all staff, parents and volunteers who are helping out at swimming. Currently we are cancelling swimming if the class teacher is away. Thanks for your understanding – it is beautiful to see the happy faces in the pool!

Wear Orange for PWS

Next Friday, 25th May, our community is invited to wear orange to raise awareness of Prader-Willi Syndrome - check out their website at <http://www.pws.org.au/> to understand a bit more about PWS.

Have a great weekend,

Julie

From our Office

FEES: Thank you to all those families who have already paid their child's school and technology fees. Those fees go a long way to supporting your child in the classroom. A very big thank you .

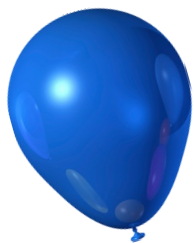
WINTER UNIFORMS EOI:

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have returned the Expression of Interests which were forwarded last week. We have had an overwhelming response in favour of the winter shirts. Expressions of

Interest close next Friday, we have another copy on Page 4 of this issue, so please return your sheets and we will then place the orders .

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Kisane, Elisha & Angela



HOMEBASE BLUE

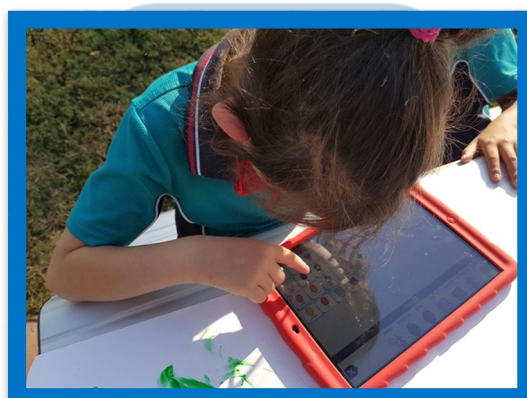
Welcome to Blue Block News

Welcome to Term 2! What an exciting start we have had to the term in Blue Block. All Blue Block classes have started weekly swimming sessions in our school pool. The students are all quickly getting used to the routines associated with swimming, with many wearing big smiles when they carry their swimming equipment into school. It has been wonderful to see the students so confident and happy in the water! Just a reminder to all parents and carers that all students need the appropriate swim nappies and swimwear in order to participate. Thanks for your cooperation!

On our first Friday back at school, we commemorated ANZAC Day. Blue Block joined the rest of the school in a special assembly where we remembered those brave men and women who have fought for our country. We were so proud of how sensible Blue Block students were throughout the assembly, with many students actively participating. Well done, Blue Block!

All classes have resumed their regular teaching programs, with students continuing to focus on sea animals, road safety and transport. Each day, classes can be seen visiting the Bike Track to practise road safety skills, while others are engaging in dramatic play to discover different modes of transport, and others are participating in sensory activities to learn about the ocean! Blue Block continues to be a very busy place full of learning, excitement and fun. We look forward to the term ahead!

Deb, Kimberley, Kylie, Jess, Kerry and Shania



HOMEBASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News



Yellow Block has settled into the term nicely and have been busy learning as much as we can. Two of the classes have commenced using the pool on a weekly basis and it seems that everyone is enjoying this weekly physical activity. It is great to have some parents and new volunteers in the school to help us to enjoy these great activities! The school commemorated Anzac Day by having an assembly with all students doing a fantastic job to participate and show our respect for this day. After the assembly Yellow Block came together to read an Anzac story around Anzac biscuits and then we made some yummy biscuits to eat! Our students seem to relish in these hands on sensory activities.

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





HOMEBASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

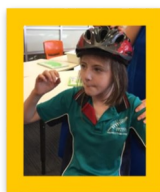
Welcome back to Term 2!

The students in Orange Block have had a settled start to the term. This term we will continue to learn about Ocean Animals in science and Transport in HSIE.

Swimming starts this week in Orange Block. The teachers and students are all very excited. We are grateful for all of the parents who have volunteered to help us out in the pool.

The students in Orange 12 have been learning about bike safety in health lessons over the past few weeks. We have learned about wearing a helmet when riding a bike or tricycle.

Alison, Tania, Meredith, Vicki, Kirsty and Naomi



Friday 11 May 2018

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Winter Polo Shirts

We are asking parents/carers to let us know if they would be interested in purchasing long sleeved polo shirts for students for winter. They would be made out of the same fabric as the summer polo shirts and would be cuffed at the wrist. The approximate cost would be \$35 per shirt.

We would be required to order a minimum number of shirts and they will take approximately 6 weeks to be made and delivered.

Please note: this is not an actual order form, just an expression of interest to see if we can get the numbers to make an order! Please return this form to the school office by **Friday 25th May 2018**, to avoid disappointment. Do **NOT** send in any payments as these shirts are not available yet.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Phone: _____

Item	Price	Size	Qty
Long Sleeved Polo Shirt (Jnr)	Approximately \$35		
Long Sleeved Polo Shirt (Snr)	Approximately \$35		

Sizes Available: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or S, M, L, XL



HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

Term 2 is back with a bang! The students in Green Block have been busy easing back into the school routine and have been producing some fine work! It has been fantastic to have all the students (and staff) back and working hard.

Most excitingly, classes in Green Block have started swimming! We have all enjoyed using the pool to practice our water safety and our swimming skills. It has been great to see everyone stay safe and follow all rules in the pool.

Green 15 have recently started our community access program! Each week we look up the ingredients we need for our class recipe, and figure out how much each item costs. We then take our money to the local Woolworths and take turns finding the item and using the self-service machine to pay for it! All students have done an awesome job of remaining with the group whilst out in the community.

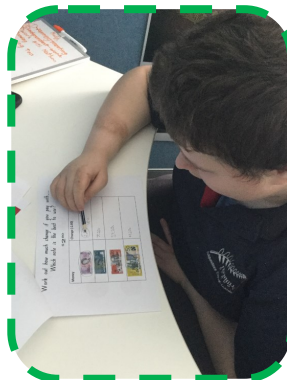
In Green 13, students have been learning to look after our bodies by making healthy choices. We have learned that it's important to keep drinking water (especially when it's hot) and to cut back on sugar drinks.

Green 16 are keeping fit by using the bike track every week! We have learned to put on helmets, and follow all road rules whilst riding their bikes.

It's been a whirlwind start to the term, and everyone in Green Block is looking forward to seeing what the next weeks bring.

Bye for now,

Rachel, Meredith, Alyssa, Nathan, Natasha, Tyrone and Jenny



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



SIBLING SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUP

Ages 10 - 16 years

Siblings of children with disability or chronic illness have particular needs themselves.

The Sibling Social and Support Group allows children to come together, have fun, share experiences and learn different ways of positively dealing with challenges they face.

Date: Every second Friday
Commencing 13 April

Time: 5:00pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$20 contribution (optional)

Contact: Charley - 4751 7504 / 0422 633 206 or charley@creatinglinks.org.au

Venue: Creating Links
Faulconbridge - 3/575 Great Western Highway

Bookings are essential as places are limited.
Childcare is provided



www.creatinglinks.org.au



Creating Links

Creating Links in Faulconbridge are running some great new groups this year for Children with a disability and their siblings.

They run groups for children and adults throughout the school term, bookings are essential as places are limited.

For further information or to make a booking please contact them on 02 4751 7504.



LIFETIME LINKS SOCIAL GROUP

Come and join us for a fun and social outing that focuses on creating lifetime friendships and social opportunities.

You could be attending movie nights, concerts, bowling or other fun and exciting activities.

Are YOU ready to let your hair down and have a GREAT night?

For participants aged 18+

Date: First Friday of every Month - Commences 6 April

Time: 6:00pm - LATE

Cost: Covered by your NDIS funding or contact us for a needs based quote

Contact: Charley - 4751 7504 or 0422 633 206

Venue: Creating Links Faulconbridge meeting place

Bookings are essential as places are limited

www.creatinglinks.org.au



SENIORS CRAFT & COFFEE CLUB

Come and join other local residents for a **FREE** social art group!

Open to any local residents aged 55 yrs and over who wish to explore their creative side as well as mingle with other like minded residents.

Coffee and morning tea is provided.

Don't forget to bring your creative hat!!!

Date: Commences Tuesday 1 May (Runs throughout school term dates)

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: FREE!!

Contact: Charley - 4751 7504 or 0422 633 206

Venue: Creating Links Faulconbridge then travelling to beautiful locations across the Blue Mountains

Bookings are essential as places are limited

www.creatinglinks.org.au



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Go4Fun is a FREE ten week healthy lifestyle program for children 7-13 years old and their families. The programs run during the school term and are led by trained, qualified health professionals.

For further information or to register your child, please visit www.go4fun.com.au or you can free call 1800 780 900.



Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids



FREE Fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier

Help your 7-13 year old child get healthy, active and happy with Go4Fun®.

Go4Fun® is a ten week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight, and their families. Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during term. Registrations are now open. Call to find out about your local program.



TO REGISTER: FREE CALL 1800 780 900

SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back
Register online at www.go4fun.com.au
www.facebook.com/go4funprogram/

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FIRE & RESCUE NSW OPEN DAY

Saturday 19th May 2018

Winter is just around the corner so it's a great time to visit your local Fire & Rescue NSW Fire Station and learn more about how to be home fire safe.

In an effort to educate the community about fire protection and safety, Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 19th May 2018, between 10am and 2.00pm.

You and your family are invited to visit your local station for home fire safety tips, hop on a fire truck and chat with firefighters to learn more about what they do everyday.

For more information please visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au, make sure to mark it in your diary and come join in on the day!



FIRE + RESCUE
PREPARED FOR ANYTHING

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN DAY.

Come and meet your local Fire and Rescue team.
Learn how we are keeping you, your friends and family safe.
Explore inside the station, sit in the truck and watch exciting safety demonstrations.
Search FRNSW Open Day to find your nearest participating station.

**10-2PM
SATURDAY
19 MAY**

NSW GOVERNMENT | **FIRE + RESCUE** | **000 EMERGENCY**

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE FAMILY EVENT WITH
SPECIAL ACCESS ZONE
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIFIC
ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

TUMBALONG LIGHTS

Tumbalong Lights is an inclusive experience where all children and their families can enjoy the magic of Vivid Sydney in its 10th anniversary year. Tumbalong Lights is a collection of four interactive-play installations that form an inclusive and accessible Vivid Light experience for both children and the young at heart.



The four under-the-sea-themed installations enable children and their families to interact with creative, awe-inspiring light experiences that help produce a sense of empowerment, a sense of control and a sense of community, while at the same time inspiring fun and playfulness. Each of the four installations are separated within an enclosed space. There is a quiet area for you to revert to if need be and participant numbers at any time will be managed by volunteers.

The interactive experiences offered by this extraordinary play area will enchant children of all ages. And it is remarkable to see how the innovative incorporation of inclusive design principles adds to the overall quality of the experience while opening up possibilities of play, engagement and wonder for children with a disability.

Pre booked Special Access Zone tickets are available to assist families with specific access requirements only, however the general public can access Tumbalong Lights nightly during Vivid Sydney from 6.00pm without a booking.

For further information or to pre book (free) tickets to the Special Access Zone please visit <https://www.cwtumbalonglights.com/cushwake-play>. There are limited tickets available per session.

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ability Links Family Fun Day

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporations Aboriginal Ability Links program is holding a Family Fun Day on Tuesday the 29th of May, 2018 from 10am – 2pm. The event will be held at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park NSW 2747.

We are inviting all ALO, Indigenous students and teachers to attend. Particularly those who are living with a disability or if someone in their family or that they work with is, to attend the day. We will be providing a FREE sausage sizzle and fruit for attendees.

The event is open to the whole community. We will be providing a FREE SHUTTLE BUS to and from the event via Kingswood & Werrington Station on the day. Running in a continuous loop every 30 minutes.

To RSVP or for further information please contact us on 02 4721 1536 or info@srac.ngo.



Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation
ABILITY LINKS
Family Fun Day

Ability Links supports people living with a disability, their carers and families to link into local services, business and informal supports.

Our **FREE** event is open to the whole community.
We would love to see you, your family and friends there.

Tuesday, 29th May 2018
10:00am - 2:00pm
Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre
30 Herbert St,
Cambridge Park NSW 2747



- **FREE Sausage Sizzle**
- **Jumping Castles**
- **Face Painting**
- **Kids Sensory Activities**
- **Information Stalls**
- **Skills & Drills**
- **Dreamtime Stories**
- **Art Exhibition**

FREE SHUTTLE BUS to and from the event via Kingswood & Werrington Station. Running in a continuous loop every 30 minutes.

(02) 4721 1536

Kylie's Kitchen Budget Tips



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to help parents *Eat It To Beat It*.

Want to learn more about getting your family to eat well to reduce cancer risk, and empower other parents to do the same?

Join Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat It* program as a volunteer Program Facilitator.

We will train and support you to deliver free Healthy Lunch Box sessions and Fruit & Veg Sense workshops that:

- Help families to reduce their cancer risk.
- Make a difference in your community.
- Increase your confidence and improve your presentation skills.



For more information email eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au or phone (02) 4923 0710.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District



*Fun easy
recipes & tips
to follow at
home for all
the family*



We have reached 55 App downloads!
Download it today to keep up to date on our school events!



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 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 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 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 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 Mother's 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 Prader Willi Day Wear orange for gold coin donation
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	2 nd Jul	3 rd Jul	4 th Jul	5 th Jul	6 th Jul NAIDOC DAY
Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols



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