

From our Principal

Friday 1st November 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Community Members,

I write this from the NSW Primary Principals Conference where I am enjoying professional learning with 700 other principals. We are all united in our sense of privilege and honour at being public school principals. I am also so fortunate to work in a supportive community, and watch students and staff learn and grow on a daily basis. Lucky me – it's an exciting place to be! **Education for a good life.**

I thought I would take the opportunity to share some thoughts from my learning. Dr Jane Hunter gave a really interesting talk about "High Possibility Classrooms" which really resonated with me as she argued for active learning amongst other ideas and asked "What has happened to education for a good life?" I have reflected upon this question and fervently hope that we at Fernhill are on a journey to ensure that all of our students are receiving an education that is providing them all with skills that they need and a love of inquiry to carry through their lives. My discussion with colleagues from SSPs led us to reflect that we strive to embed inquiry, technology and a joy for learning in all of our programs, increasing students' options in on a daily basis. We at Fernhill work with students to increase their capabilities in communication, movement, regulation and entice the students to develop joy in their learning, which I believe to be my interpretation of "education for a good life" for the students enrolled at our school.

"Planning hard to teach easy"

Indulge me further – I also loved this remark from Jane – "planning hard to teach easy". Our teachers are currently collaborating on rich learning programs for 2020, planning hard to share knowledge and skills to

benefit all.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Krista currently at Holroyd School, as an Assistant Principal next year. Krista will bring with her a love of communication and skills in helping students with physical support needs to increase their independence – we are excited for the skills and knowledge that she will add to our programs and assist in providing education for a good life across the school.

Therapy in school

Back to business – just a reminder that therapists who come to school are working to assist the students and are guests in the school. They are not able to chat to teachers in class because teachers are busy teaching all of the class. Therapy is helping our students – but the school day is a time when teachers at Fernhill are busy assisting our students to achieve their best through challenging their minds.

Our first formal!

We are looking forward to the school's first formal, farewelling our Year 12 students, Lili and Joey. Massive thanks to the formal team – so looking forward to it on Saturday night!

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day this year is scheduled for 9.30am on Thursday 5th December. All are welcome, and any students who will be receiving a special award will have an invitation sent home to parents/carers. It be a very special occasion, more details closer to the date.

Kind regards,

Julia

From our Office

REMINDER– Outstanding School Fees

As our school year draws near to an end, this is a reminder that students unpaid school fee \$50 and technology fee \$30 do roll over to the following year and keep accumulating. Fernhill fees are used to pay for such things as access for the students to online learning programs, daily class activities gloves and nappy bags.

Your contribution goes a long way to supporting the school deliver the best student outcomes possible.

Final statements with outstanding monies, will be sent home shortly

Could you please have any outstanding monies paid to office by Friday 6th December 2019 (Week 8) this term to ensure your outstanding fees are not rolled into 2020. If you need to make small regular payments until then– they are much accepted and appreciated.

RETIRED SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Quite often, we have a student that has an accident at school, spilling a drink or food or paint etc and we need a change of clothes for them. We were hoping that there may be some families out there that their child has outgrown their school uniform already and unsure what to do with it. We are asking that you please give consideration to sending any unused uniforms into school and we can put them to use in with our spare items. All donation are gratefully appreciated.

Regards

Kisane, Angela, Elisha & Chris

HOME BASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News



Term 4 has shown us what a dynamic, engaging but very hot term it is going to be. We have already enjoyed our Sports Carnival. It was great to see so many kids having a go at the activities. We also thought it was so much fun to have parents come and join us on what was a very hot but really good day.

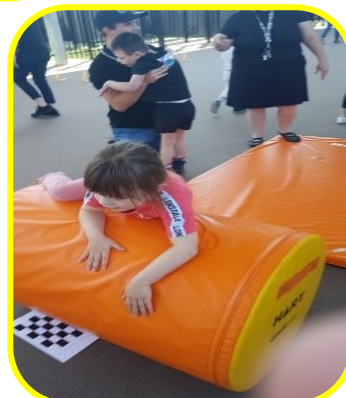
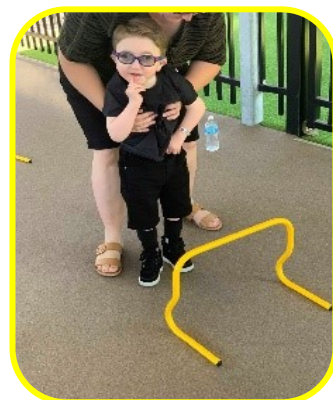
We are all looking forward to science day and the Planetarium visit and there are some great experiments and activities planned to support our learning and help us be scientists for the day. What better way than exploring space to help the students develop a sense of curiosity and wonder. If you get a chance, take them out to look at the moon and stars.

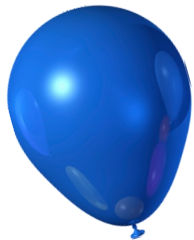
Another good place to visit would be Warragamba Dam. This semester we have been learning about the history of the local area including the dreaming story of the landscape creation and the building of Warragamba Dam including the purpose of the dam as a supplier of our drinking water. The students have been really engaged and would enjoy a visit. Check the website to see when it is open for visitors before you go. <https://www.waternsw.com.au/supply/visit/warragamba-dam>

The weather has already become very hot so please remember to send in water bottles and hats. Please make sure all students' belongings are labelled with their name, it helps us get them home!

We can't thank you enough for the warmth and partnership Yellow Block staff have felt from our families this year. As we move into our final term together, we are looking forward to celebrating what has been a memorable year.

Leanne, Daniel, Rebecca, Lorette, Sam, Kimberley, Julie, Shayal and Donna.





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

Welcome to Term 4 and we are off to a busy start. Swimming has continued for Blue 5 and 6 and Blue 7 and 8 have started with a big splash - so much excitement. To ensure each student takes home the swimming gear that they bring everything needs to be labelled with their name.

We continue to really celebrate our friends' birthdays - take a look at our parties, balloons, enjoyment and singing. November is also going to be a busy month for Blue Block birthdays.

The recent sports carnival was so much fun. We ran an obstacle course, rolled tyres, threw bean bags, played soccer, ran races and played with the parachute. At the end we celebrated with an ice block.

We have all been looking at the history of Warragamba Dam and classes have been making their own dams to assist in understanding how they work.

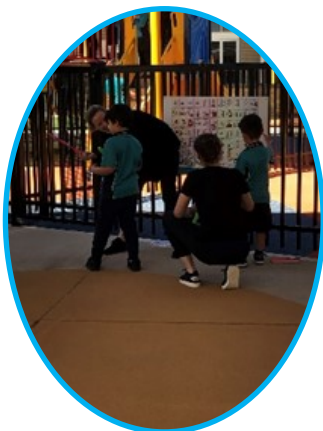
Betty and her speech therapy students have been busy in the playground with students. The students look forward to seeing them arrive with different activities. Students take their dedicated communication devices out to the playground and the interactions between them is growing.

At the end of last term, we all said goodbye to a popular Blue Block member - Melanie. We have heard that she has settled into her new school and the family are enjoying their sea change.

Every Friday we have been combining classes and enjoying singing with Ben. Students are invited to select a song from a choice board and we now have some firm favourites.

Take care from your Blue Block teachers

***Tara D, Kimberley R, Deb, Ashleigh, Vicki N,
Shania, Linda, Cheryl, Ben and Mirelle.***



HOMEBASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

Wow! Time flies when you're having fun! Term Four is set to be a fun filled term with lots happening. Already this term we have had our Athletics Carnival. Next week we have our Science Day incursion with the Planetarium coming to visit.

Our Athletics Carnival was full of fun. It was great to see so many children dressed in their house colours. We were very lucky that the weather was cool in the morning allowing us to really enjoy our day. There were lots of fun activities.

With the weather starting to heat up, could you please make sure your child has their hat with their name in it and a labelled water bottle each day. Orange Block is reminding all of our students about being sun smart.

Some of our Orange Block classes have been enjoying swimming this term. The students have grown in confidence and are developing water awareness skills.

From Naomi, Jess, Kylie, Danielle, Jenny, Alyssa, Olivia, Ben, Kayla and Tyrone





HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

Wow! What an amazing start to the last term of 2019 it has been. Lots of exciting things are happening in Green Block as we move towards the end of the year.

The Sports Carnival was a huge success! It was particularly pleasing to see how much fun all our students had on the day. We competed in indoor soccer, running, tyre rolling and obstacle courses. Congratulations to house red who were the overall champions of the day. More importantly though, our students showed great enthusiasm and teamwork in completing all the activities. Well done everyone! A big thank you to the Green Block parents who attended the day.

We are all looking forward to the science day on Monday, where we will have a visit from a Planetarium. Our students are very excited to learn all about the planets and space and we have lots of exciting experiments planned.

As the weather gets warmer please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and a drink bottle. We need to keep hydrated and sun-safe, particularly in the harsh Penrith heat.

Bye for now, Nathan, Rachael, Kirsty, Daniel, Vicki S, Vicki H, Tania, Natasha, Meredith, Jodie C



FERNHILL SCHOOL P&C



Hi Fernhill Families

This term we are focussing on planning for our 2020 calendar. One of our focuses is on Fundraising for our school and how the P&C can assist our school in achieving the best learning environment for our children. Our school is in need of some swings for our Children, These swings will come at a cost, a **huge cost** of approximately \$45000. Our Bike track is in desperate need of repair and resurfacing, estimated costs for these repairs are \$25000.

These costs are a huge chunk out of a schools budget, so how are we going to help?

We are seeking to apply for Community Grants that are available but finding the right grant for our project can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. It can be even more difficult if you don't know what grants are available. There are Government Grants, Corporate Grants, and Community Grants. We are seeking help from our experts (our families) - It's likely the companies you do business with every day have a corporate foundation, possibly where you work do community grants. We are considering starting a Grants Committee next year to source and apply for Grants to help our school. Is this something that interests you? We would love to hear from you. Send me an email or give me a call or even better come along to our next meeting. We'd love to see you!

The Fernhill P&C meet in weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term and we invite you to attend our next meeting which will be held in week 6 on November 18th at 9.30am.

Hoping to see you there.

Fernhill School

P&C Committee



HPRM: 18/20145

NSW School Vaccination Program 2019

All vaccines offered are **FREE**
for Year 7 students.



Final clinic for 2019 at Fernhill School:
Tuesday 12 November 2019

Students **will not** be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form **is returned** to the school- please ask for a consent package if you would still like your child vaccinated.



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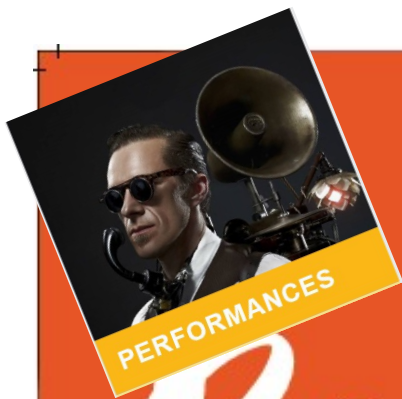
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Kylie's Kitchen Budget Tips

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

... to add variety to the lunch box

Does your child get bored with their lunchbox?


Making a few small changes can keep it interesting. Try these quick tips to add variety



- **Mix up the breads** - instead of sandwich bread try: rolls, wraps or pita pockets.
- **Fruit** provides endless possibilities for variety, pack: different coloured, fresh, whole, diced, sliced, canned or dried fruit.
- Use our [interactive lunch box builder](#) and get your children to choose what they would like packed in the lunch box.
- Try some new [sandwich filling ideas](#) - visit our website for quick, easy and tasty filling combinations.
- Check out our website for new [healthy snack ideas](#).
- Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

For more tips, recipes and ideas visit our [website](#).


healthylunchbox.com.au

 **SunSmart Snippet**

The simplest way

... to choose a SunSmart hat

A SunSmart hat not only protects the face, head, neck and ears, it can also reduce the amount of UV radiation reaching the eyes by 50%.




CHOOSE a SunSmart hat:

- Broad-brimmed hats
- Bucket hats
- Legionnaire style hats

Baseball caps and sun visors do not protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartsnsw.com.au

 FERNHILL School - Term 4 2019					
Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	28 th Oct P & C MEETING - 9.30	29 th Oct	30 th Oct	31 st Oct	1 st Nov FORMAL TOMORROW NIGHT
4	4 th Nov SCIENCE WEEK	5 th Nov	6 th Nov	7 th Nov PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30	8 th Nov
5	11 th Nov	12 th Nov VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	15 th Nov
6	18 th Nov P & C MEETING - 9.30	19 th Nov	20 th Nov PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov



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