

Friday 7th June 2019

From our Principal

Dear parents, carers, family members and community members,

On Wednesday, working in my office, I could hear conversations and laughter pouring from the staffroom as a group of parents and carers had an informal chat. It was lovely to see such animation around the table (I sneakily popped in to make a cuppa to see just what was going on!) and the support that each and every person shared. Please remember to come along and meet others – it's amazing to share stories, both a need and success! The next informal meeting in the staffroom is scheduled for Tuesday 18th at 9.30.

An idea from the chat that has been proposed is a couple of play dates at school in the holidays. This would give families a chance to meet up and enjoy some activities in The Hub at school with other families. It will also be an opportunity to bring along your child's siblings too. More details of the proposed play dates following!

OT at school

I am so pleased that we have finally engaged a terrific OT to work with staff in helping us with our day to day work with the students. Kyla is at school on Fridays, and is assisting staff with safe work practices and also with assisting us to co-regulate with students. Kyla comes with a wealth of knowledge and ideas, and it's terrific to have such support on a regular basis in the school.

Personalised Learning Plans

At Fernhill School, teachers ensure that they differentiate their lessons to ensure that each and every student learns each day. We layer on top of that communication

strategies, self-regulation, sensory and healthcare needs. The final part of the learning jigsaw for each and every student is a personalised learning plan. To decide on the priorities for your child, we need to meet with you annually to set goals and review progress towards them, to make sure that your child is working towards independence. Teachers generally have these meetings in their release from face to face time, and look forward to discussing your child and your priorities for him or her to draw up a personalised learning plan which has two goals. Please do come in to the meeting – it is important that we work together to ensure the children are working towards meaningful goals that you have identified as important. Thank you.

Car Park...

Wouldn't be a newsletter without a car park note! Our numbers of taxis keep growing – for student safety, please do not park on the far side of the car park in bays Q-V. I need to keep those spaces for the vehicles picking up and dropping off multiple students each day. We will be marking the reservations in the holidays. Thanks again – lovely to see all the slow moving vehicles each day!

Warm wishes,

Julie

From our Office

WOOLIES EARN & LEARN STICKERS:

Thank you for all who continue to send in the stickers, our sheets are accumulating fast and will again be able to buy some wonderful resources for the students – thank you again for your support.

CADBURY'S FUNDRAISER CHOCOLATES:

Our wonderful P&C are again selling boxes of Cadbury's Fundraiser chocolates. If you feel you would be able to sell a box or two to your neighbours, family or work colleagues please either send a note to your child's teacher or come to our front office and ask for a box or two. All support is gratefully appreciated and all proceeds again go towards resources for our students.

NEW STAFF:

Welcome to Tracy our newly appointed GA who is with us 5 days a week now. Tracy is doing a

wonderful job of catching up on making our school look new again. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see her in her HiVis gear and point out to her if you see something that needs attention – she has a big school to look after.

We now would also like to welcome our newest staff member Chris to our office. Chris will be with us on a Thursday & Friday. Chris fits in wonderfully with our staff and is keen to assist wherever she can. Please feel free to introduce yourself and welcome Chris whenever you are in next.

Have a happy and safe long weekend, take care on the roads and keep in mind the M4 Northern Rd closures over the weekend – try to avoid the area if you can.

Regards

Kisane, Angela, Elisha & Chris

HOMEBASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News



Winter has come around and we are really doing our best to keep warm! Don't forget to label all items including hats, gloves, jumpers and jackets to help us keep track of them. We've made the most of the wet weather and enjoyed dress ups, music, stories and dancing indoors during our recess and lunch play times.

A really popular activity in Yellow Block at the moment has been our Friday modified cricket game for sport. We've had a lot of fun throwing balls at the stumps, hitting the ball and chasing it while loudly cheering on the runners! It's always fun to end the week with some group sport time.

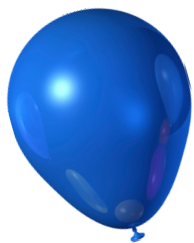


Yellow Block joined many classes in many schools across the nation for National Simultaneous Story Time at 11am on Wednesday 22nd May. We enjoyed Rebecca's expressive reading of 'Alpaca's with Maracas' and viewed the Key Word Sign version in the background. We followed this up with some art, sentence writing about things we can do 'like no other' and some enthusiastic maraca playing along to music. Yellow Block is the place to be for fun, active learning!

Cricket

Leanne, Jodie P, Jodie C, Lorette, Julie B, Shayal, Donna, Sam, Kimberley C, Rebecca L, Tara K, Kerrie H.





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

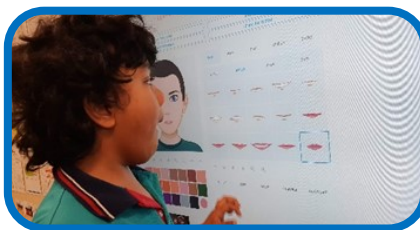
What a busy and fun time we continue to have in Blue Block. We have had a few more birthday parties and some yummy food to share. Our behaviour and participation in celebrations has improved and all our teachers are so proud of us. We take music, bubbles, Proloquo2Go and a PODD communication book to the playground and you should see the improvement in interactions and requesting behaviours.

Blue Block welcome Jess and Rianna (teachers doing their practicum) and really value their time spent with us. They are so much fun in class and in the playground. Blue 5 and Blue 6 are really enjoying their time in the pool and Blue 7 and Blue 8 will be joining them when volunteers are organised.

There has been a change in school organisation so all students can have some choice during playground times. Blue and Yellow Blocks go out to the playgrounds and then return to class and eat our morning tea or lunch. At lunch play times the playground gates are opened, and teachers are on duty in all the different areas. Students can play in whatever area they choose.

Every Friday we all get together and enjoy some dancing. The Birdie Dance, Hokey Pokey and Bear Hunt are some of our favourites. We also had our first turn at Clubs. During this activity every student in the school goes to a club of their choice. We get to meet some new friends and participate in some fun tasks.

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





HOME BASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News



Orange Block has been a lovely place to be this year. This term we are seeing lots of beautiful friendships being formed. We are seeing lots of smiles and sharing in the playground, and enjoying being with each other. Orange and Green Blocks have combined for play times in the last couple of weeks, which means the students have access to a larger variety of playground areas and friends to play with. The students are enjoying being able to move freely between the large games area, the Adventure Playground and even the Sand Pit. Some of the students in the High School have been forming Big Brother type of relationships with some of our younger students, caring for them and playing gently and kindly.

We have celebrated many birthdays so far this term. We have been lucky to have shared many small birthday celebrations, singing Happy Birthday and sharing some small treats and special times. Each of the classes in Orange Block have a Kindergarten buddy class, and the students have been having a lovely time getting to know each other.





HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

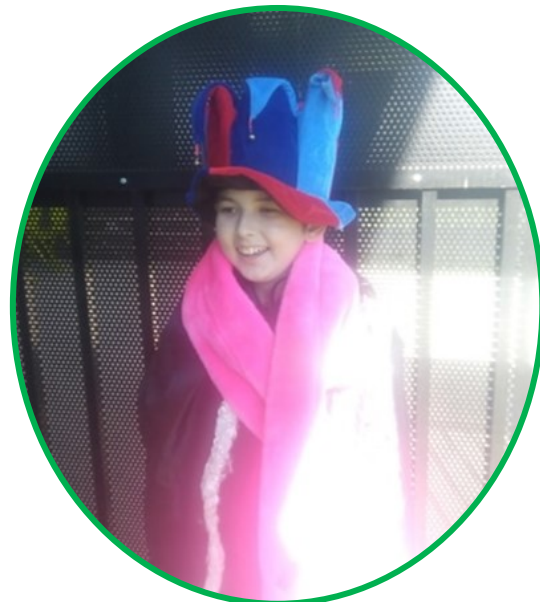
It's been another productive couple of weeks in Green block despite the artic weather that has descended over Fernhill. So let's check in and see what our amazing students are up to.

We are very excited for the start of our Thursday afternoon clubs! We've had one session so far where our students have got to meet all our friends from the different blocks and it was an absolute blast. Lego, Minecraft, shine, dance, gardening, it was fantastic to see all our students engage with their peers.

The friendships our students have made has even extended to the playground. It has been particularly heartening to see how well green and orange block students are interacting in in the adventure playground and on the bike track.

A very popular weekly activity has been our basketball group sport sessions. Our students have gone from strength to strength as they are mastering skills such as throwing and shooting. Some of our students have even impressed with their dribbling ability!

As we move into winter, please be sure that all jumpers, scarves and beanies are labelled so we can keep our students warm!



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



8th to 12th July 2019
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - WEEK 1
8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

*Book now for
July school
Holidays*

Date	Activity		Bring	Cost
Monday 8 th July 2019	Koala Park Today we will spend time exploring Sydney Koala park. You will get up close with Australian native animals.		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy lunch at the canteen. Please wear enclosed shoes	\$18.00
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Movies at the Cinemas. Come for a great time at the cinema watching one of the new flicks showing during the holidays.		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy food at the cinemas. Please wear enclosed shoes.	\$15.00
Wednesday 10 th July 2019	Internal Excursion: Interactive Music Experience and Pizza Day Enjoy an internal excursion at the school. You will enjoy an interactive music performance and then have pizza for lunch!		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle and snacks. Please wear enclosed shoes.	\$15.00
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Flip Out Join in the fun and excitement! We will spend time at Flip out an indoor trampoline Centre.		Socks, a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch. Please wear enclosed shoes and comfy clothes.	\$18.00
Friday 12 th July 2019	Winterland Campbelltown Enjoy spending time at Winterland Festival in Campbelltown. Winter themed rides, games, a huge ice skating rink, a genuine ice slide and a European winter themed food village!		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy food at the festival. Please wear enclosed shoes.	\$20.00

NADO Head Office: Ph. 9623 9855 or 1300 738 229 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday NADO On-call: 0407 899 652 5:00 pm to 9:00 am Monday to Friday

Please Note: A \$40 Daily Booking Fee Applies. ALL activities MUST be booked and paid for no later than Friday 21st June, 2019. Please ensure you have enough NDIS funds to cover Staff Support costs and an up to date Service Agreement. You can now book online at your own leisure – got to www.nado.org.au/events-stories/calendar/ log-in using your email address and password. First time logging in or having difficulties, contact Amy Hudson on 1300 738 229 for assistance.



15th to 19th July 2019
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - WEEK 1
8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Date	Activity		Bring	Cost
Monday 15 th July 2019	Inflatable World Today we are heading to inflatable world! Enjoy bouncing, sliding and making your way through the largest indoor inflatable playground in Australia.		Socks, a hat, sunscreen, a drink bottle, snacks, and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy lunch at the canteen. Please wear enclosed shoes	\$18.00
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Movies at the Cinemas. Come for a day at the cinema watching one of the new flicks showing during the holidays.		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy food at the cinemas. Please wear enclosed shoes.	\$15.00
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	Treetops: Networld Ourimbah Bounce, play, discover and explore an exciting new world, high up in the tree tops.		Socks, a hat, sunscreen, a water bottle, snacks, and a packed lunch <u>or</u> money to buy lunch at the canteen. Please wear fully enclosed flat shoes (sporting shoes are	\$22.00
Thursday 18 th July 2019	Disney On Ice: Mickey and Friends Come for a day at the theatre seeing all your favourite Disney characters live on the ice.		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch. Please Wear enclosed shoes.	\$45.00
Friday 19 th July 2019	Internal Excursion: Reptiles Up Close Enjoy a day at the school. You will get to enjoy the Reptiles Up Close Show where you will get to touch and learn about Lizards, Turtles, a snake and crocodile!		A hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks and a packed lunch. Please wear enclosed shoes.	\$20.00

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FREE FOOTY TICKETS

Bulldogs v Dragons

Monday 10 June 2019

ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Bulldogs, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and VenuesLive NSW, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for each student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great afternoon of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

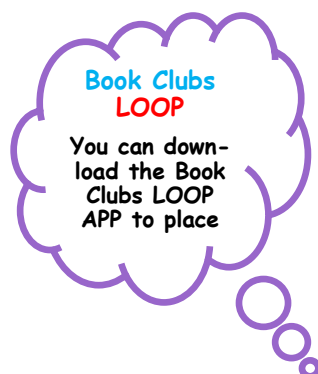
1. Simply go to the following website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge>
2. Register their details via the form
3. Print out the vouchers and bring each voucher with them on the day to gain entry through Gate E into general admission seating at ANZ Stadium.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



Scholastic Book Club 2019


Scholastic Book Club Brochures will be sent home regularly throughout the year. There is no obligation to purchase. The school does receive points from your purchases we can use to obtain resources. If you are interested in purchasing ***please order online as no cash or orders will be taken through the school.***

With compliments
Leanne Hayes
Book Club Co-ordinator.

Orders Close

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 FERNHILL School - Term 2 2019					
Term TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	3 rd June	4 th June	5 th June P&C INFORMAL COFFEE CATCHUP 9.30AM	6 th June	7 th June
7	10 th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	11 th June PROSPECTIVE PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	12 th June	13 th June	14 th June
8	17 th June P&C MEETING 9.30am	18 th June P&C INFORMAL COFFEE CATCHUP 9.30AM	19 th June	20 th June	21 st June
9	24 th June	25 th June PROSPECTIVE PARENT WALKTHROUGH 11AM	26 th June	27 th June	28 th June
10	1 st July P&C INFORMAL COFFEE CATCHUP 9.30AM	2 nd July	3 rd July	4 th July NAIDOC DAY	5 th July LAST DAY TERM 2
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