

From our Principal

Friday 9th August 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Community Members,

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed our Education Week activities! Betty our speech pathologist was full of information and will arrange some more talks later in the term. I hope that everyone enjoyed reading in the classrooms and had a chance to chat to their child's teacher. I have had some lovely feedback from many of you, and am feeling so proud of our Fernhill Community!

Cross at the crossing!

I'm happy to see that parking safely and driving at 10 kph in the car park is going well – can I now ask that everyone uses the pedestrian crossing in the carpark when dropping off and collecting their child. We are now 95 students strong, so it is busy in the mornings and afternoons – even more reason to set an example by using the crossing. Please do not cross between the transport vehicles. Thank you!

Earn and Learn

Thanks for supporting the students with Earn and Learn stickers – we have ordered equipment and will let you know when it arrives.

P&C meetings

Our P&C meetings are now held in weeks 3, 6 & 9, at 9.30am on a Monday. The P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall on Thursday 29th August – note coming out soon. We are also inviting dads, granddads, big brothers and friends to come to the school on Saturday 7th September – to help with a working bee on the school grounds. Pop in for a couple of hours and help us move some garden edging, mulch, soil and weeds! Details to follow.

Stay and Play

Massive thanks to Michelle and Leanne who organised our first play and stay days in the school holidays. 17 different families attended over the two days, and everyone enjoyed the activities for the children and the chats amongst the adults. The play dates will happen again in the next holidays – please come along, all are welcome, and

everyone is included – siblings welcome too.

New people in the blocks!

Blue 7 has a new class teacher – we're very happy to welcome Cheryl onto class, supported by Ben on Fridays and for RFF. Kylie is back from maternity leave and is teaching Orange 12 on Fridays and RFF on Thursday. Mel from Orange 10 has moved to a new school, and we are enjoying Olivia on the class now. We have also welcomed six new students this term – Bronte, Shari, Link, Connor, Shae and Cooper. It's great to get to know all our new students, staff and families – I am expecting to have over 100 students enrolled at the start of 2020!

Change of information reminder

If you change your phone number or move, please let the school know as soon as possible. If your child accesses student transport, the drivers are not able to pick your child up from a new address. You'll need to contact the school to arrange for a variation in the transport, which takes five days to process. Don't leave it to the last minute!

Therapy

We are still receiving requests for therapists which are being followed up. Please remember that parents and carers have to make the request, and we do not have extra people in the classrooms before 12pm, as teachers are working on literacy and numeracy programs at this time.

Looking forward to a great term!

Kind regards,

Julie

From our Office

Welcome back to Term 3 and welcome to our new families!

PYJAMA DAY: On the last day of Term 2 we wore our Pyjamas to school to raise funds for the Year 12 Farewell. Thank you to all of the students and staff who participated, we raised an amazing \$308.

P&C: The P&C still have two boxes of chocolates left to sell, if anyone is willing to help out please contact the office on 02 4733 0388. Also, they will be organising two more Stay and Play Days in the October school holidays, please see page 7 for further details.

SKOOLBAG: For our new families, the Skoolbag APP is a great way to keep up to date with school news

and can also be used to notify us of any student absences or change of details. We encourage ALL families to join up with Skoolbag app. Please see instruction on page 8.

SCHOOL FEES: If you have any outstanding school fees please pay at our office or online through **POP**– instructions Page-9. Please be reminded that our office hours for payments are 9am– 2pm each day. Thank you to those families who have already paid their school fees.

Regards

Kisane, Angela, Elisha & Chris



HOME BASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News

Welcome back to school for Term 3! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came and visited our classrooms on Education Week and attended Parent/Teacher interviews. It's definitely a highlight of the year being able to have the time to share all the wonderful things the students are learning with you and just have a chat with you.

Exciting things are planned for Term 3! Gymnastics started this Thursday. Please make sure you've returned the permission note and that students are dressed sensibly for tumbling about (runners and track pants are preferable to dresses and hard shoes).

We will be learning about a variety of Asian cultures through our exploration of books with Asian perspectives and in History we will be learning about the local area with a focus on Warragamba Dam. If you get the opportunity to take your child out to visit the dam, that would be great. In mathematics learning about Time will be a big focus and this Term we get to use the Blue-bots and explore coding. We also have Book Week and Science Week activities coming up. You'll hear more about these soon!

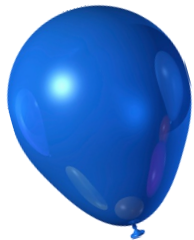
Just a reminder, if you haven't linked up to Seesaw you should do it soon as that is the place to see lots of photos and read about things your child is doing at school.

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



Playing 'Duck, Duck, Goose' on Pyjama Day





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

Blue Block Newsletter – Term 3, Week 3

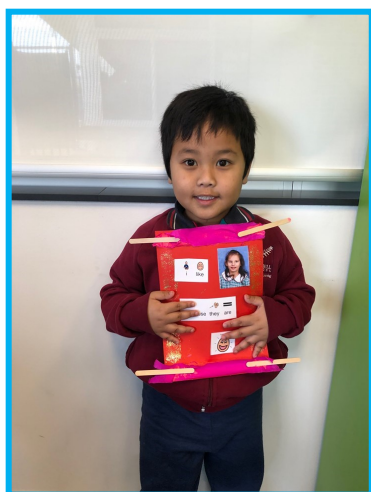
Welcome to Term 3! What an exciting start Blue Block have had to the term. Making Chinese lanterns, lucky scrolls, trying Chinese food and making Chinese warriors.

Blue Block have started a Science and Technology unit called “digital technology”, in which we learn all about different technologies at home and school. We are looking forward to starting ‘Blue bots’. These are very new to our school and we all can’t wait to use them in class.

Asia has been a key focus for us all in Blue Block, with this semester seeing the beginning of our English unit ‘Asian perspectives’. We are all enjoying reading a new book about Asia in class, with many students choosing to look through Asian inspired books in their free time. Our latest book is called ‘Dim Sum for everyone’ Blue 8 and Blue 7 did a combined taste testing activity in the kitchen, trying different foods from Asia. The kids loved it!

Blue 8 has a new student that has started off term 3 with a bang! He is enjoying each and every day at school. His name is Connor, so next time you see him say hello. We also have a new teacher to Blue 7. Her name is Cheryl and is replacing our much loved teacher and staff member Mirelle. She will continue as RFF teacher this term. Blue block would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the students. We will miss you! There is lots in store for Blue Block this term with a Chinese day happening in week 4.

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





HOMEBASE ORANGE



Welcome to Orange Block News

Welcome to Term 3! It has been such a positive start to the term and the students are all very excited to be back.

This term we are beginning our gymnastics program with 'The Gym Man' every Thursday from week 3 through to week 8. It is a fun and exciting opportunity for students to learn new skills and get involved in a new activity we know they will enjoy. We are excited for this to commence! Students will continue to do swimming as well as their clubs that they chose earlier in term 2.



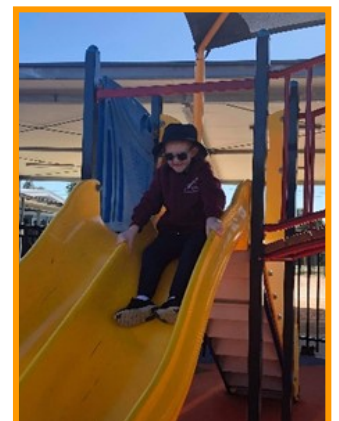
In class this semester, we are starting a lot of new topics. In PDHPE, we are looking at the unit 'My Body' and in Geography we are focussing on 'Features of Places'. In Science, we are looking at the unit 'Earth and Space'. During English, we are looking at different types of poetry and in Maths we are focussing on multiplication and division as well as time and data handling. Throughout the term we will be incorporating a lot of creative arts activities such as dance and music as well as some art projects in relation to our English topic.



We look forward to another great term in orange block!



Alyssa, Kayla, Tyrone, Danielle, Jen, Naomi, Kylie, Jess and Olivia.





HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

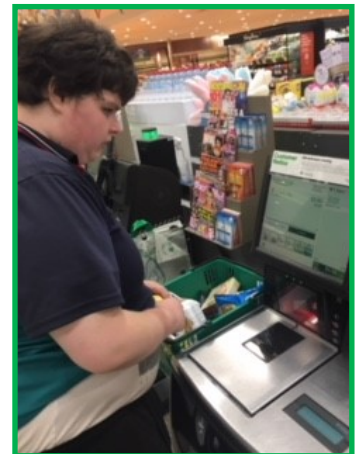
What a start to term 3 that Green Block has had! With the change in semester comes changes to the subjects being studied. Our high-schoolers have begun to explore healthy eating in PDHPE, water in the world in geography, digital music and Earth's resources in science. A fun semester full of learning cool things awaits for us!

All of our classes have just started a weekly gymnastics program run by the gym man. We love to run, jump and tumble and it's been a good way in which to stay fit and healthy. We definitely look forward to this program continuing throughout the term!

Green 15 and 16 have recently started swimming. It has been amazing to see how confident our students are already in the water. It is certainly a highlight for ours students every week.

Buddy programs and clubs continue this semester as our students continue to build relationships with their peers. It is awesome to see how our students interact with their classmates in these social settings.

See you next time,



*Bye for now, Nathan, Vicki S, Kirsty,
Kerry G, Vicky H, Rachael, Tania,
Rebecca C, Daniel, Natasha, Meredith.*





News from Fernhill's Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)

I can't believe it is Term 3 already! It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating NAIDOC Day. For those of you who were not able to join us, on Thursday 4th July we enjoyed a morning of art, stories and games in celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and achievements. We listened to some Dreaming stories, including Tiddalik the Frog and The Rainbow Serpent, and we participated in some fantastic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games. We also practised our weaving and made some beautiful art inspired by the Aboriginal flag. It was so wonderful to have all of the students engaged in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, and to have so many family members and special friends join us for our celebrations. Special thanks must go to Cheryl, who worked so hard preparing all of the activities. We can't wait for next year's NAIDOC Day!

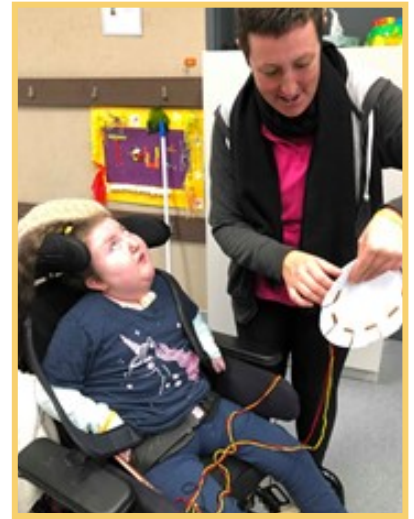
July was a busy time for our nation's cultural calendar. The Torres Strait Islander community had the Coming of the Light Festival on the 1st of July, which commemorates the London Missionary Society on Erub Island in the Torres Strait in 1871, leading to the adoption of Christianity throughout the island communities. Bastille Day was on the 14th of July and on the 16th was Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day), a Buddhist celebration commemorating the first sermon delivered by Buddha after his enlightenment. August 4th was National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, and the 9th is the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

On Sunday 11th August to Thursday 15th August, the Islamic community is celebrating Eid al Adha, the Feast of the Sacrifice. This is an extremely important celebration in the Islamic calendar. To all our friends celebrating Eid al Adha, we hope you have a beautiful time surrounded by family and friends.

I'd like to leave you with a quote that I read recently that is definitely food for thought:

'The highest result of education is tolerance.' Helen Keller, American author, political activist, lecturer and the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree

Kimberley Rossouw
Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)



Wednesday 7th August 2019

FERNHILL SCHOOL P&C



School Holiday Play and Stay Days

Thank you to all who participated in the Stay and Play Days in the July school holidays, it was so successful that we will be organising two more days in the next school holidays in October. We will be providing some great activities and experiences for our Fernhill children, their siblings and families to participate in on **Thursday 3rd October and Wednesday 9th October** from 10am-12:30pm. This is a **FREE** event for our school community.

This is a great opportunity for families to connect with each other, for siblings to connect with other children, and we all get to enjoy a fun morning out in a supportive, safe, and inclusive environment.

You will need to bring morning tea for each child and yourself and for safety reasons all hot drinks must be consumed in a lidded cup like a travel mug. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to participate in this event please complete the form below and return it to school by **Monday 23rd September 2019** so we have some idea of numbers.

We really hope to see you there.

Fernhill P&C

Please return the slip below by Monday 23rd September 2019.

School Holiday Stay and Play Days

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

We would like to attend on the following days:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 3 rd October 2019 | Number of people attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 9 th October 2019 | Number of people attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both days | Number of people attending _____ |

Please provide names of all adults and children attending:



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.



POP - Parent Online Payments

Our school has the option to pay for school fees and excursions etc, through our online payment system "POP".

Please see below for instructions on how to use this option, if you have any difficulties please see our office staff who are more than happy to help.

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Celebrating Penrith's volunteers



Last Term our wonderful Volunteers attended the Penrith Volunteers Showcase morning tea in recognition of all of the hard work they do.

Many of the attendees said how "volunteering was personally fulfilling as it provides them with unique challenges, opportunities to learn new skills and meet new people they often develop long-lasting friendships with" (as quoted in the local newspaper).

We really appreciate our volunteers and thank them for everything they do for our school.

Kylie's Kitchen Budget Tips



The simplest way

... to swap a packet of chips

Chips are high in saturated fat and salt, are not very filling and do not contain the nutrients needed to fuel your kid's for the school day.



SWAP chips FOR:

- Plain popcorn
- Plain rice crackers
- Dry roasted chickpeas
- Baked pita bread triangles
- Baked veggie chips

For more snack ideas, swaps and recipes visit our [website](http://healthylunchbox.com.au).

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make vegies easy to eat.

Eating 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit each day doesn't need to be a chore. It's easy to reach these targets if you **spread your fruit and veg out** throughout the day.



Breakfast: Start your vegie intake in the morning with avocado or baked beans or tomato on toast

Morning tea: try some [zucchini slice](#) or wholegrain crackers and hummus.

Lunch: Include some salad with lunch. Try our tasty [salad recipes](#).

Afternoon tea: have your favorite piece of fruit.

Dinner: Try our delicious vegie filled [recipes](#).

Dessert: Berries and yoghurt or [healthy apple crumble](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES
WOMEN'S GROUP

A Sense of Giving



The Taste of Everything Women's Group have received a rolling cap grant from Penrith City Council to create sensory blankets and boards to be donated to Fernhill School, a school for kids with special needs. Come along and help us to create sensory blankets, sensory boards and other items to enrich student's enjoyment, comfort and participation at school. All women are welcome and invited. Sewing skills not required.

WHEN: Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am (during Term 3 and Term 4 2019.)

VENUE: Floribunda Community Centre,
3 Floribunda Avenue, Glenmore Park NSW 2745

CONTACT: Martha (0414 557 062) or Linsey (0448 975 724) to register

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FERNHILL School - Term 3 2018

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	5 th Aug P & C MEETING - 9.30	6 th Aug PARENT TEACHER MEET- INGS 3.15 – 6PM	7 th Aug	8 th Aug Gymnastics Program	9 th Aug
4	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug	15 th Aug PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30 Gymnastics Program	16 th Aug
5	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug Book Week Parade	22 nd Aug Gymnastics Program	23 rd Aug
6	26 th Aug P & C MEETING - 9.30	27 th Aug	28 th Aug PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30	29 th Aug Fathers Day Stall Gymnastics Program	30 th Aug
7	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept	5 th Sept Gymnastics Program	6 th Sept
8	9 th Sept	10 th Sept PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30	11 th Sept	12 th Sept Gymnastics Program Science Week	13 th Sept
9	16 th Sept P & C MEETING - 9.30	17 th Sept	18 th Sept PIRATE DAY	19 th Sept	20 th Sept
10	23 rd Sept PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT 9.30	24 th Sept	25 th Sept	26 th Sept	27 th Sept
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