

Friday 15th February 2019

From our Principal

Welcome to 2019!

A special welcome to all our new families, both students and parents/carers. We all hope that your learning journey at Fernhill School is rich and rewarding!

This year we have also welcomed many new staff too—Kayla, Kirsty, Naomi and Tara D were all successful in a merit process and join us as teachers, Shania, Ashleigh and Mel were successful as SLSOs through a similar process too—congratulations. Alison was also successful in her application to become our Deputy Principal, which along with Kylie and Nadine being on maternity leave has allowed us to enjoy Danielle, Daniel, Mirelle, Rebecca, Tara K and Shayal to work as class teachers/provide RFF. I am currently working through the process to recruit a full time GA, so lots of new faces and changes, and please accept my apologies if I have forgotten anyone!

Car Park

Thank you everyone for following our new procedures in the car park. By reversing into each space and waiting for staff to indicate that it's safe to leave as there are no students walking to their vehicles, it certainly feels safer for all. We are still in the process of installing speed humps as an extra precaution and as a reminder that it is **10KPH** in the carpark.

Therapy Requests

There is a form on page 7 of this newsletter to request therapy supports for your child. Please note that it does take a while for mandatory paperwork to be completed for new therapists, and that we cannot negotiate session times without your written permission. Swimming school starts on Monday for two weeks, and we will be able to start therapy sessions in Week 6 as this major change in the whole school schedule will be over for the year. Thanks for your patience, Alison and I will be co-ordinating therapy this year.

Meet the teacher

Looking forward to meeting many of you on Tuesday 19th February. This is a chance for you to meet the class teacher from 5-6 pm, see where your child is learning every day, and hear of their plans for the semester/year!

We still have a number of vacancies across the school, so as new students arrive, it is sometimes necessary to slightly change the composition of classes. We always take considerable care before we move any students, and will talk to any families involved.

Looking forward to a fabulous, busy year,

Kind regards,

Julie

From our Office

Welcome back to our families and to our new students for 2019!

NEWSLETTERS: For our new families, our school newsletter goes home on Friday of Weeks 3, 9 and 12 each Term, we hope you enjoy reading them!

In this issue we have some forms that may be completed and returned to school **if they are applicable to your family**, for example a change of details form will need to be completed if you have moved or changed your phone number etc. Below is a list and where to find them:

- **PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**– Page 8
- **CHANGE OF DETAILS**- Page 9
- **RECEIVING NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**-Page 9
- **SKOOLBAG APP**– how to instructions on Page 11

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. We encourage ALL families to join up with Skoolbag App.

SCHOOL FEES: Thank you to those families who have already paid their school fees. Attached is the 2019 statements. You will be able to pay at our office or online through **POP**–instructions Page-10. Please be reminded that our Office hours for payments are 9am-2:00pm each day.

Please note: Previous years unpaid fees will carry forward and will be added to 2019 statements. If you have not paid 2017 and /or 2018 and find it difficult to pay, please visit us in the office to discuss further.

We are looking forward seeing you when you visit our Office!

Kisane, Angela & Elisha



HOMEBASE YELLOW



Welcome to Yellow Block News

We have had a wonderful start to the year welcoming all our new students to Yellow Block and welcoming back the students from last year. We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other with whole block painting sessions, water play and soccer for sport on Fridays. Yellow Block is settling in and ready to have a very fun, productive year.

This semester we are learning about Road Safety, our bodies, the environment and weather, literacy, numeracy, communication and of course lots of those skills we need for being at school and being safe, caring, learners. We are very excited about Swim School which starts on Monday and continues for two weeks. We will learn a lot about being safe in the water as well as enjoying our swimming sessions.

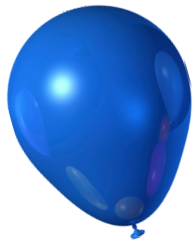
Just a reminder to label all items that come to school clearly so we can make sure we get them home with the right person.

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



Snakes

Please be aware that a few snakes have been sighted on the school grounds. They tend to be shy and have only been seen when the school is quiet and empty. In the rare case that you come upon a snake, please do not try to kill or touch the snake; back away from the snake, keep an eye on where it goes and report it to the office immediately. The school has procedures in place to have the snake removed and trained first aid officers to assist if needed.



HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

Welcome to 2019! We are so excited for the year ahead in Blue Block as we know that it is going to be full of hard work, new learning experiences and, of course, fun! All students have settled well into their new classes, and it has been lovely to see so many of the children making new friends, as well as continuing the friendships built last year. It is amazing how grown up the students of Blue Block are - they transition with minimal prompting, take on directions well, and even help each other to make good choices. We are so excited to share in their learning journey this year - we know they will all continue to grow together as a cohort!

We are very excited to welcome a number of new students and staff to Blue Block. Welcome to Brody and Giuliana who have joined Blue 8, and to our new staff - Ashleigh, Mirelle and Tara D. We can't wait to get to know you! A special welcome back to all of our old Blue Block students and staff, and to those who have moved over from Yellow Block. This year is sure to be one full of excitement and adventure!

Our learning programs are well underway, with students already engaging with our focus topics. This semester, we will be learning about the human body (PDHPE), special places (HSIE) and earth and space (Science). In maths, students are focusing on number, patterns and measurement, which means we will have plenty of opportunities to participate in lots of practical maths activities! In English, students are learning about poetry by studying nursery rhymes. Many classes are also using their English unit as a focus in Creative Arts, exploring poetry and nursery rhymes through art.

It is so wonderful to see the students so excited about all aspects of their learning, and we look forward to learning and growing as a block this year!



***Kimberley R, Deb, Mirelle, Tara D, Ashleigh, Linda,
Tyrone, Kerry G and Vicki N***





HOMEBASE ORANGE



Welcome to Orange Block News

Welcome to Orange Block in 2019! We've all settled into our new classes well and are looking forward to a fun year ahead. This year, we have four classes in Orange Block! Fernhill School is certainly growing. Our lovely teachers are:

<u>Orange 9</u> Teacher: Kayla SLSO: Shania	<u>Orange 10</u> Teacher: Alyssa (Relieving AP) SLSO: Melissa	<u>Orange 11</u> Teacher: Danielle SLSO: Jenny	<u>Orange 12</u> Teacher: Naomi SLSO: Jess
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All classes in Orange Block meet up on a Wednesday to participate in Sport together. So far we have had lots of fun doing two different obstacle courses. Each of our classes have been learning fun things. Orange 9 have been cooking, Orange 10 have been exploring chopsticks after reading our book of the week, 'Fang Fang's Chinese New Year', Orange 11 have been using balloons to work on number sense and Orange 12 have been exploring Bee Bots in science.

Next week swim school starts. We will be swimming every day for the next two weeks. Don't forget to pack a towel, swimmers and swim nappies, as well as a plastic bag to put wet swimmers and towels in. I know our students are looking forward to swimming.

Kayla, Shania, Alyssa, Melissa, Danielle, Jenny, Naomi & Jess





HOME BASE GREEN

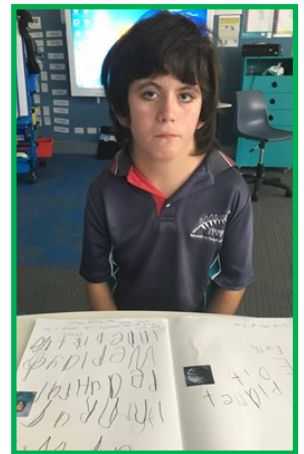
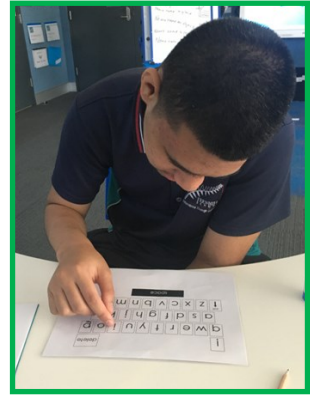
Welcome to Green Block News

A very big welcome back to all our wonderful students at Fernhill. It is going to be an exciting year in Green Block as we welcome new faces and even a new class.

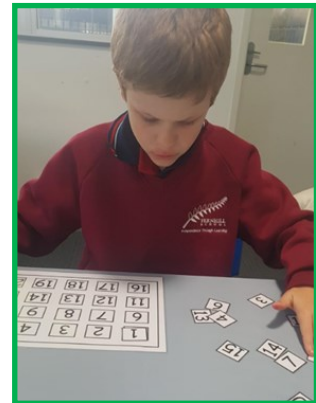
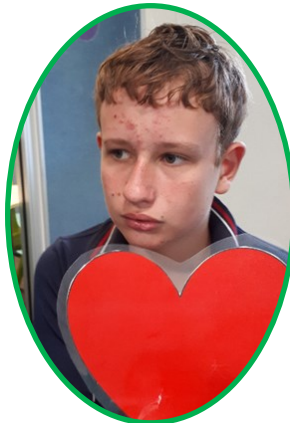
Green 13, 15, 16 and our new friends in Green 14 have all made a smooth and settled start to the year. A big welcome to Dan and Alex who join our Fernhill family. Further shout-outs to Tiana, Breanna, Ryan and Byron who have joined Green Block from Orange Block. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Green 14s new teacher-Daniel. We hope you all have an amazing year of learning and friendship.

We've hit the ground running in all our key learning areas, honing our skills in numbers, money and time in mathematics. Our students are becoming budding writers in English, using different ways and pens to write about ourselves and our interests. In science we have looked at the different states of matter and learned about the challenges of adolescence in PDHPE.

A major highlight in these early weeks has been the comradery shown during our block sport sessions. It has been fantastic to see all students interact in a friendly way as we build our skills in baseball.



*Rachael, Tania, Nathan, Vicki S, Daniel, Natasha, Kirsty,
Vicki N, Meredith.*



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Request for External Therapy (for parents to complete)

This form is to be completed by parents or carers in advance of any NDIS service provision commencing in school. Information should be completed after reading the Fernhill School – Guideline for the Provision of Therapy Services in School document. One form may be used for multiple service requests.

STUDENT DETAILS

Student Name		Class teacher	
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REQUEST DETAILS

Type of Provider	Organisation Delivering service
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech Therapist <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapist <input type="checkbox"/> Behaviour Support Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

OUTCOMES & GOALS

Expected outcome or goal of therapy service

DETAILS OF THERAPY REQUESTED

Frequency of Service (e.g. weekly, monthly):	Session Time (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Fridays after 12:00pm)	Duration of Service (e.g. Term 2)

DISCLAIMER

<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that a decision will be made regarding the provision of therapy services during school hours after extensive, collaborative consultation and negotiation with parents, carers, staff and the Learning and Support Team			
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that should no suitable times or learning spaces be available in my child's class the service cannot commence. The request will be placed "on hold" and reviewed at the end of each semester.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to the therapist sharing their information on my child with the school.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that therapy service is reviewed each semester, and that the goals for students are required to be compatible with their educational goals.			
Signature		Date	

General Permission to Publish and disclose information

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school by *[insert date]*.

Yours sincerely

Julie Raciborska
Principal
Fernhill School

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box

☐ I give permission

☐ I do not give permission

to the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child's name:

Parent/carer/caregiver's name:

Parent/carer/caregiver signature:

Date:

Change of Contact Details

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer 1

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Carer 2

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact 1

Name: _____

Number: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Emergency Contact 2

Name: _____

Number: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Option to Email Correspondence

The school has the option to send correspondence to parents and carers via email.

Can you please complete the form below and advise us if you would like to take up this option?

Student: _____ Class: _____

☐

Yes, please send all letters and notes to this email address:

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No, I'd like to keep receiving physical copies of letters and notes.

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.



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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

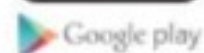
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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.



Kylie's Kitchen Budget Tips



The simplest way

... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school

Simply pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Try this great example lunch box:



Wholegrain Breads & Cereals: Bread Sushi

Vegetables and salads: Corn cob

Meat & Alternatives: Baked bean muffin

Dairy: Yoghurt tub

Fruit: Strawberries

Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au).

healthy lunchbox.com.au

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



Scholastic Book Club 2019

Book Clubs LOOP

You can download the Book Clubs LOOP APP to place your order!

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.

**Issue 1 Orders Close:
18/02/19**

SCHOOL SHORTS

We no longer stock shorts, however we do have limited stock available. We will be selling the remaining shorts for \$15 each. Available sizes are 5 pairs of size 6 and 1 pair of size 14.

Please see our office staff for any purchases. 😊



UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student's Name:

Class:

Parent & Contact Number:

Item	Price	Size	Qty	Amount	Collected
Polo Shirt – <u>Short Sleeve</u> (Jnr / Snr)	\$30			\$	
Polo Shirt – <u>Long Sleeve</u> (Jnr / Snr)	\$35			\$	
Skorts	\$20			\$	
Dress	\$40			\$	
Sloppy Joe	\$26			\$	
Zip Jacket	\$30			\$	
Hat	\$15			\$	
TOTAL				\$	

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

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Amount Paid:		Uniforms Collected:	
Date Paid:		Collected By:	
Payment Method:		Receipt #:	
Items on Backorder:			
2 nd Payment			
Amount Paid:		Uniforms Collected:	
Date Paid:		Collected By:	
Payment Method:		Receipt #:	



FERNHILL School - Term 1 2019

Term ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	18 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	19 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6 P&C MEETING 9.30am MEET THE TEACHER 5-6pm	20 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	21 st Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	22 nd Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6
5	25 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	26 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	27 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	28 th Feb SWIM PROGRAM K-6	1 st Mar SWIM PROGRAM K-6
6	4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar	8 th Mar
7	11 th Mar	12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14 th Mar	15 th Mar
8	18 th Mar	19 th Mar P&C MEETING 9.30am	20 th Mar	21 st Mar	22 nd Mar
9	25 th Mar	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28 th Mar	29 th Mar
10	1 st Apr	2 nd Apr	3 rd Apr	4 th Apr	5 th Apr
11	8 th Apr	9 th Apr	10 th Apr	11 th Apr	12 th Apr LAST DAY TERM 1
Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols



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