

From our Principal

DATE 30th October 2020

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Welcome to our final term of what has been a really different year for us all! I do hope that you are all feeling a little more used to our new 'normal'. We all enjoyed Book Week last week, but it really wasn't quite the same without our community, and we also did it in a Covid safe way so even the students were not altogether. Presentation Day this year will be somewhat different – I am still waiting for further information from the Department to finalise what we will do, but at the moment it looks like four smaller assemblies with a video feed of some sort. It will occur on Thursday 3rd December - we'll keep you posted!

Student progress and dates for your calendar in 2020 and & 2021

Currently teachers are busy assessing students and writing reports, which will be sent home at the beginning of Week 10. I am looking forward to celebrating the progress made as I read each and every report – it's always a great joy to see the success achieved by all. We are also looking at the way we conduct PLP meetings next year to try to make things a little easier. We are going to invite families to attend a meeting with the teachers on Tuesdays 16th and 23rd March from 3.30-6. More details will come next year, but I thought you might like to mark your new calendars as we're all looking forward to seeing the end of 2020! We are also planning a meet the teacher night on Tuesday 16th February.

Car park

I haven't had to write about the car park in ages! We had a delivery man driving at the speed of light the other week – I followed up with his supervisor who just happened to have a son with special needs, so he was very sympathetic and suitably cranky with the driver. Can I just remind everyone to drive at 10 kms in the car park at all times, and that nobody

should be using their mobile when behind the wheel. We had a bit of a scare in the car park the other week during pick up times – for the sake of everyone, please remember to go slow and watch for little people in particular when you are on school grounds.

New classes, new faces – and some not so new faces!

Last term, we ran a panel for a teacher's position – Danielle was successful and will remain with us on a more permanent footing from 2021. We are also increasing by two classes next year – Red Block will appear as demountable classes near Blue Block in the holidays. Daniel has been successful in gaining one of the new positions, the other successful candidate has some paperwork issues behind the scenes that need to be resolved before I can make that announcement. I am also waiting for the wheels to keep turning before letting you know about the SLSO positions that have been filled as a result of the extra classes.

We have also been fortunate to find a number of new casual teachers and SLSOs – big welcome to Brody, Liz, Laura, Anne, Kerry, Uzma, Janeetha and Belynda – I hope I have remembered them all! I will endeavour to put photos to the names of all our staff at the start of next year so that you will learn who's who – our school continues to grow, so I am sure that as nobody has been allowed on site to meet our new staff and casuals that these names are just... names!

Take care and stay safe,

Warm wishes,

Julie

From our Office



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Friday 30th October 2020 is World Teachers Day! We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU! to our wonderful teachers who work very hard to provide an education for our students. You are amazing!! We appreciate everything you do for our beautiful school. We truly believe we simply have THE BEST teachers.

FEES:

School fees are still rolling in, thank you to those families who have paid it is much appreciated. If you are having difficulties with payments, please see our friendly office staff to arrange a payment plan.

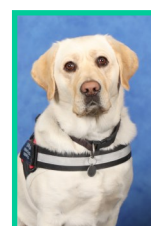
VACCINATION CLINIC:

Just a friendly reminder that we have the vaccination clinic here next Thursday 5th November 2020. If your child is in Year 7 and has returned the signed consent

form they will receive their vaccination on this day. The nurses will also give catch up vaccinations to any Year 8 students that returned their signed consent forms last year that missed a clinic due to being absent on the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are very happy with the quality of the school photos this year, they were all beautiful. In case you missed it, here is Quinnella's first official school photo. Isn't she is adorable?



Regards

Kisane, Elisha, Chris & April



HOMEBASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News

What a wild start we have had to term 4!

All classes in Yellow Block were straight back into exploring, learning and having fun this term with everyone reading the book *Edward The Emu* during shared reading in the two weeks surrounding Book Week.

We all enjoyed the curiosity of this book and it inspired some very creative costumes. Everyone loved showing off their costumes at the parade and awards were given out to each curious creature and wild mind.

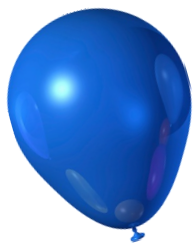
We are all enjoying our Australian literature and historical texts theme in literacy this semester. The books we have studied have been paired with sensory resources like different textures, sounds or videos, that have been great in helping to inspire some amazing work.

This term we also welcome Ruby, a new student in Yellow 4. It has been lovely to get to know our new friend who is settling into her new school very well.

Thank you to our Yellow Block parents who helped make our parade so special and who always show such amazing support to our class programs.

*Krista, Ben, Danielle, Kirsty, Rebecca, Kerry, Donna, Natasha,
Ash, Julie E and Charisse*





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

It's the final term in what has been a very strange year for everyone at Fernhill. It certainly feels like the days are going quickly with all the hard work Blue Block are doing. In English we are continuing our Australian texts focus and everyone is getting the chance to give their opinions using AAC. It has also been awesome to see our students use the core-boards during playtime. Students are playing chase and tips together and are using language through the boards to communicate to their peers.

Blue Block were super enthusiastic for book week and there were lots of amazing characters on show. One of the biggest highlights for all our students was their interaction with Principal Julie disguised as a blow up hippopotamus. It really was a brilliant day of fun!

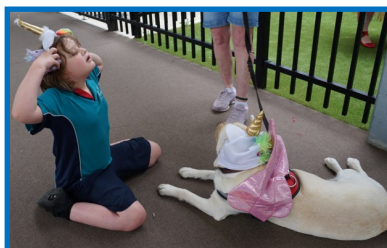
The sport focus this term is baseball. Everyone is learning to hit the ball from the T, catch and run from base-to base. Friday sport sessions continue to be a favoured activity for all of us.

With Rianna away for a few weeks, Shannon will be taking over Blue 7 until she returns. It is great to have her on the team!

Finally, with the weather warming up, please label all clothing such as hats and drink bottles to ensure everyone is ready for summer.

Bye for now!

Meredith, Jen, Nathan, Shania, Belynda, Shannon, Rianna, Linda, Tara, Olivia and Sophia





HOME BASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

Welcome back to term 4 in Orange Block for 2020!

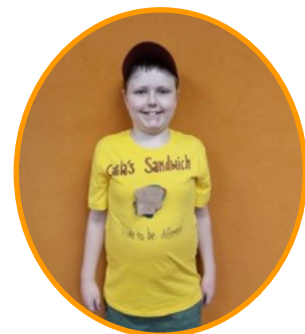
Our students have all settled in nicely and are back into their routines. Last week on Thursday the 22nd October, Students were invited to dress up in a costume for Book Week. The theme this year was *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*. We had students dressed up in all sorts of different costumes, from Harry Potter to the Little Mermaid and even had our friendly staff members do the same. Students from Orange Block got to participate in a book parade with their friends from Green Block and had such a great time showing others their costumes as well as looking at what other people wore on the day. They paraded around the COLA to music and had the biggest smiles on their faces!

From Tuesday next week, students will be participating in a new program called the Special Olympics Sports Program weekly until week 8. Students will get to participate in lots of fun games and activities with a focus on developing their gross motor skills.

Students will continue to learn new topics in the classroom this term. They will be focussing on measurement in Maths and in English looking at historical/Aboriginal insight texts. In creative arts, students will be doing dance and in geography continuing on with a topic about the Earth's Environment.

What a great term it is going to be!

*Kayla, Tyrone, Rachael, Lorette, Julie, Daniel, Jess M, Jess V,
Naomi and Kimberley*





HOMEBASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

Green Block has had an exciting fortnight watching the plants from our garden flourish and cooking with the produce.

There is nothing like growing and cooking with the food from our garden. We have made food with spinach and harvested mulberries and cooked jam and jam tarts with them.

The changeable weather has been good for the plants and they are getting lots of sunshine and water.

The plants are also benefitting from the nutrients they get from our worm farm.

Last week of course was Book Week and we had a great time dressing up and engaging in Book Week activities.

It was sad not to have our families with us and we look forward to the time we can all be together again.

Still, we hope you enjoy the photos.

*Julie B, Jodie P, Tania, Cheryl, Ashana, Courtney,
Leanne, Vicki, Deb, Jodie C and Kate*



Dear Families,

Our school P&C met on Monday 26th October for the first time since 2nd March 2020. Due to the Department of Education COVID-19 regulations and restrictions we were not able to meet on school premises so went to a local cafe and tried to use Zoom. We did experience some Zoom difficulties which we gave up on and Julie “phoned in” but despite this we managed to muddle through.

It was a little deflating to recall all our plans for 2020 before COVID-19 hit but on a positive note we have some great things on hold for 2021. We are really just waiting to hear from the Department of Education about the lifting of restrictions on numbers, until then our hands are tied. We are also aware that COVID-19 has made life for some families quite financially difficult so we have decided not to do any fundraising at all this year.

The P&C really wanted to spend some of our existing funds and have unanimously voted to give the school \$4000 to spend. Some to each block and some to the school in general. Some P&C members are going to meet with the school OT Kyla, to discuss purchasing items that will directly support and provide for our children in the classrooms. Suggestions were some adaptive cooking equipment, art supplies and sensory equipment. We will be sure to let you all know how our funds are spent. We thank everyone for their past fundraising efforts that has enabled us to give our school this money.

COVID-19 has called for some adaptations to procedures for the P&C. These are extraordinary times and pre-pandemic we would of held an AGM in August and a new Executive Committee would have been instated. Given that no one has really had the opportunity to actually do very much this year it was unanimously decided that we would hold an AGM in February 2021.

The P&C will meet again before the end of the year to begin preparations for a brighter and more productive 2021.

As always if anyone has anything that they would like to raise with the P&C and/or suggestions, please feel free to approach either myself or any of the other P&C members or ask the office staff to put you in touch.

Stay safe and healthy and thank you for your continued support of our school and importantly our children.

Donna Buda
President Fernhill School P&C

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

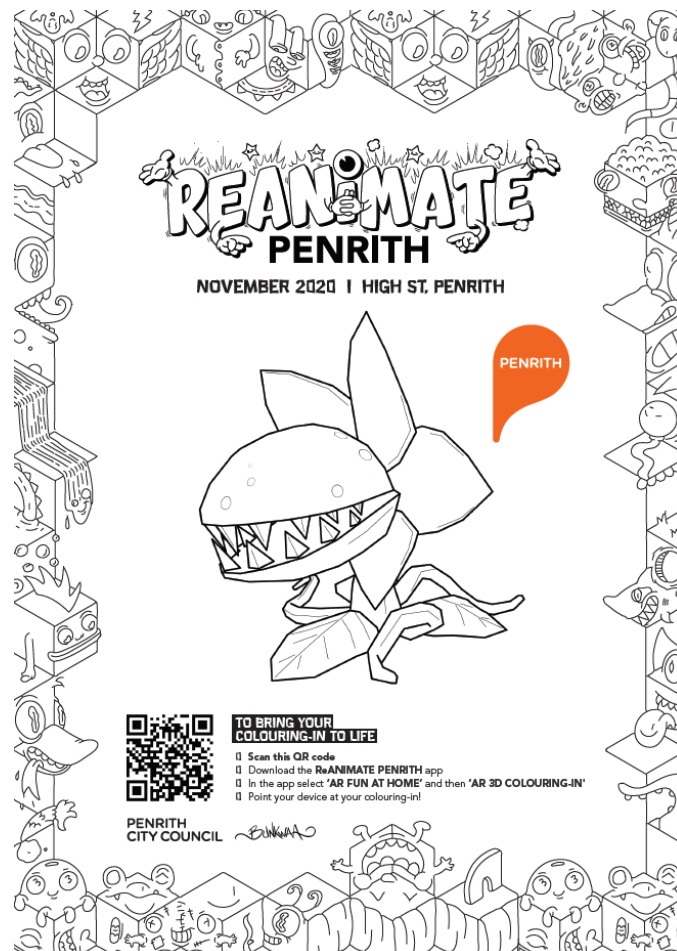


Throughout the month of November, Penrith City Council is running a COVID safe event. “ReAnimate Penrith” is set to transform our City Centre into a wonderland of colour, art, exploration, technology and fun. Immerse yourself into an animated world, as the streets of our City come to life with street art, animated artworks and augmented reality (AR) experiences..

ReAnimate Penrith is an exciting new program that provides an opportunity for our community to reconnect, enjoy art, and digital innovation while remaining safe and socially distanced. It’s also a fantastic way to support local businesses, as you make your way along high street and connecting arcades, uncovering 3D animations whilst enjoying the great restaurants, cafes and bars our vibrant city has to offer.

Bring the ReAnimate Penrith experience into your home! Download and print the interactive colouring sheet from reanimatepenrith.com.au and fill the page with colour and creativity. Once your masterpiece is complete, download the ReAnimate Penrith App to see your creation come to life! *Below is an example of the colouring page that you can download from the website.*

Do you like a little bit of healthy competition? Follow @ReAnimatePenrith on Facebook and Instagram and share a photo or video of your animation using the hashtag #reanimatepenrith to be in with a chance to win a \$100 food and beverage voucher!



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wanderers School Holiday Clinics

The Western Sydney Wanderers will be running a range of Football clinics during the January School Holidays.

Some clinics available include beginners, advanced and girls only, just to name a few.

Please visit the website below for further details on dates and pricing.

<https://wsw.eventdesq.com/holidayclinics>




January Holiday Clinics
Now Open for Bookings

Book in Today



Girls only Clinic!
Join our three day clinic
ONLY AT BLACKTOWN

Book in Today



Blacktown
13 - 15 January 2021
9:00am - 12:00pm
Ages 4 - 14

Book Now

Nutrition Snippet

SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Beef and broccoli stir fry](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/beef-and-broccoli-stir-fry)
- [Zucchini slice](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/zucchini-slice/)
- [Healthy apple crumble](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/healthy-apple-crumble/)
- For these recipes and more visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Kylie's Kitchen

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

Please find below the links for these delicious recipes pictured in the Springtacular Fruit and veg Snippet!

Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/beef-and-broccoli-stir-fry>

Zucchini Slice

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/zucchini-slice/>

Healthy Apple Crumble

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/healthy-apple-crumble/>

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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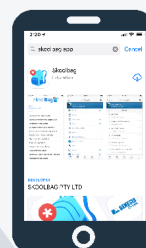
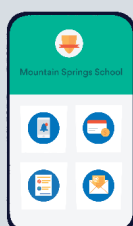
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SkoolBag

FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Special Olympics Australia are offering a FREE
Young Athletes Program at home!
Please see below for further details.



Young Athletes at Home

Special Olympics Australia would like to offer children aged 2-8 years-old with an intellectual disability and/or autism access to our Young Athletes program at home! Due to Covid-19 many of our offerings have been put on hold so we are looking into ways that we can continue to provide valuable programs like Young Athletes to new and existing participants.

TIME:
10 - 10:45am AEDT

DATE:
1. Saturday 7 November
2. Saturday 14 November
3. Saturday 21 November
4. Saturday 28 November
Via Zoom

To take part you will need a small space, like the lounge room and the whole family can get involved. Before each session, you will receive a lesson plan and any equipment used will be readily available around the house.

A different fundamental movement skill will be the focus each week and participants can sign up for specific sessions or the whole series!

Thanks to funding received by the Australian Government Department of Social Services participation in the online program is FREE.

Presenter: Liana Konjarski

Liana is a qualified Speech Pathologist and a Special Olympics Australia Young Athletes ambassador and coach.

For further details, contact Special Olympics Australia:
0416 655 242 | youngathletes@specialolympics.com.au

REGISTER NOW



Book Week Fun and Quinnella!



Fernhill School Library– THANK YOU

Early this year we made a cry out to our community to donate books to our school for our students to enjoy.

As you can see by book week the students have embraced the books we have and valued the opportunity to dress up....BUT...we owe a BIG thank you to the Glenmore Park Community and surrounds. We had an overwhelming 10000 plus books dropped off at our school for our students to enjoy.

This is simply an in brief picture of what we now have and we couldn't be more appreciative—**THANK YOU** all who donated— it is AMAZING!





FERNHILL School - Term 4 2020

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov	4 th Nov	5 th Nov	6 th Nov
5	9 th Nov	10 th Nov	11 th Nov	12 th Nov	13 th Nov
6	16 th Nov	17 th Nov	18 th Nov	19 th Nov	20 th Nov
7	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov	25 th Nov	26 th Nov	27 th Nov
8	30 th Nov Possible P&C MEETING 9.30am	1 st Dec	2 nd Dec	3 rd Dec INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITIES	4 th Dec
9	7 th Dec	8 th Dec	9 th Dec	10 th Dec	11 th Dec
10	14 th Dec	15 th Dec	16 th Dec LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	17 th Dec SDD	18 th Dec SDD
Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols



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