

Friday 19th November 2020

From our Principal

Dear parents, carers, families and community members,

I can hardly believe we're up to Week 6 already – teachers are finalising their reports ready to be sent home, our two demountables are busy being prepared for Red 17 and Red 18 (I know – my favourite colour so I got to name the block!) and planning for a muted end of year is in full swing! We've waved farewell to Tara who is now on maternity leave – Shannon will be taking Blue 8 from next week.

Presentation Day with a difference!

We will be holding presentation day differently this year – the students have not had the opportunity to practice being in an assembly since March – I think we only managed one assembly due to swimming and Covid! We have made the decision to celebrate success by holding four very informal, low key recognitions across the day, on Thursday 3rd of December. Photos will be taken and popped on to Seesaw for you to enjoy. The logistics of ensuring social distancing are complex, so we have decided that it is in the students' best interests not to suddenly be expected to sit still, have the family in, stand out the front and perform after not being assisted to do so is just a step too far. We will be announcing captains early in 2021, and holding a gathering to acknowledge this big responsibility next year when hopefully things will be back to our new normal.

Sickness

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are sick. We are still asking you to pick your child up if they are unwell at school, and require clearance from a doctor for them to return. We have noticed how quickly bugs spread this year – it just takes one person to have a virus at school to cause a number of others to be sick too. Thanks for your continuing understanding.

2021

As I mentioned earlier, we are opening two new classes next year. Currently, we are busy recruiting staff and we are transitioning in our new students, and trying to organise our mix of students and teachers for 2021. There's no news yet!

Take care, keep cool, and have a great weekend!

Julie



Some construction pictures of Red Block

See pages 10 and 11 for more!



From our Office

External Visitors Sign In:



Please remember to bring your mobile phone into the office when signing into site or signing your child in or out of school.

To eliminate paper entries we now have a QR Code in our office for all visitors to site. All your data input into phones remain within our school ONLY.

This is to eliminate paperwork for our already busy office ladies. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Change of Contact details.

In our busy worlds we totally understand how changing your child's contact details can be overlooked. However, our office ladies need to contact families for many varied reasons and their task is always much easier if the information is current and up to date. Can we please ask if you have changed your address, phone numbers, preferred emergency contact persons or any other relevant information to your child's preferred contact details, please advise our office immediately with the changes. (see page 6 for Change of Details Form)

Regards

Kisane, Elisha, Chris & April

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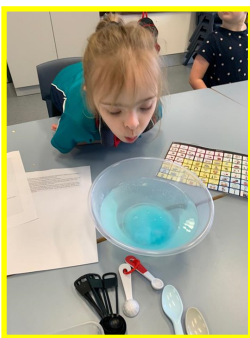
Welcome to Yellow Block News

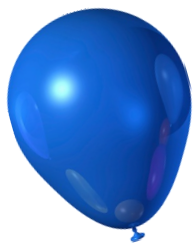
It has been a busy few weeks in Yellow Block, last week we learnt about Remembrance Day and NAIDOC week. We did some activities based on Aboriginal culture, like making message boards and using tapping sticks. For Remembrance Day we learnt about fallen soldiers and why we remember with poppies.

This week we had Science Day and did some awesome water and sand-based experiments. We got to do 4 different experiments and had so much fun. We made sand clay ornaments, flattening and decorating our sand to dry out later, watched as rice danced and fizzed in blue water with bicarb and vinegar, helped clean up an oil spill and made essential oil bath bombs. We loved mixing and touching all the ingredients, watching as they changed and fizzed and smelling the oils we had to add.

We have had so much fun and can not wait to see what comes next this term.

*Kirsty, Ash, Rebecca, Julie, Cherise, Ben,
Danielle, Donna, Krista and Kerry*





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

Can you believe that we are over half-way to the end of the term? There has been so much happening in Blue Block as we move towards the end of the year.

All of our classes have had the opportunity to participate in the weekly Special Olympics Program. It has been very impressive to see all our students participate and show off their wonderful sporting skills. It really is one of the highlights of the week.

The previous week saw Blue Block along with the rest of the school participate in NAIDOC week celebrations. The theme for the year is *Always Was, Always Will Be* and everyone paid their respects by learning about traditional Aboriginal art and games. During the week we also commemorated Remembrance Day, with Blue Block doing a great job of listening as the Ode was performed.

With the weather heating up, it has been a good opportunity for our students to learn about sun-safety and the importance of drinking water. It has been great to see so many of our students wear hats in the playground.

*Meredith, Jen, Nathan, Shania, Rianna,
Linda, Tara, Olivia, Rebecca and Sophia*



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HOME BASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

Orange Block have been very busy over the past three weeks, as we head towards the end of the term! We've had our Sports Program, Remembrance Day, NAIDOC Week and new demountables delivered!

Orange Block have continued to participate in our weekly Sports Program, with the focus this week on completing an obstacle course and following lots of instructions using mini bean bags.

On the 11th of November, we commemorated Remembrance Day. We started our day with an assembly, where one of our Orange Block students, Ayush, read The Ode. We all wore crocheted poppies, made by the grandmother of one of our Orange Block students. We sang the National Anthem and returned to our classes where we learned more about Remembrance Day, made our own poppies and listened to a book called 'Arthurs War', which described war with an Aboriginal perspective, linking nicely with NAIDOC Week.

Last week we also celebrated NAIDOC Week. We all engaged in activities celebrating the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. We made clapping sticks, message sticks, viewed traditional dance and listened to traditional Aboriginal music. Orange Block also made flags and explored Aboriginal artefacts. The students all enjoyed exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture.

The fun has also continued for our whole school community, with new demountables being delivered to Fernhill School. Our students loved watching the cranes, trucks and workmen busily putting together these classrooms. We spent time watching and talking about what was happening.

*Daniel, Jess V, Jess M, Rachael, Lorette, Julie E, Kayla, Tyrone,
Naomi, Danielle, Kimberley and Kate.*



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HOME BASE GREEN

Welcome to Green Block News

We have continued to have a busy time in Green Block. Have a look at our garden. We continue to care for our crops by feeding, watering and weeding. It is very exciting to harvest our spinach, beans, snow peas and carrots to use in our food technology/cooking lessons. The learning gained when there is a carrot at the end of the plant is exciting for our students and staff. If anyone has any recipes that include spinach as an ingredient please feel free to share. We have also harvested mulberries and made pies and a mulberry – coconut slice. So yummy!

Some of our Year 7 and 8 students had their immunisations at school and some will have theirs at a medical centre or their own doctor. Happy to report there were no tears.

The swimming program has started for a limited number of students (due to Covid-19 restrictions) and we hope to extend it to everyone as soon as possible. The students attending are really enjoying the experience, learning water safety skills, displaying a high standard of behaviour and caring for their own belongings.

It was with great excitement that we watched our new classroom demountable buildings being lifted into place by a big crane. Some students took a video which we have enjoyed viewing in the classrooms. These two classrooms will form Red Block for the 2021 school year.

Green Block students have enjoyed a few more birthday celebrations with cupcakes and individual, single serve goodies. We also enjoy popular music which is selected and played by Amber and Taylor (our resident DJs). We also welcome Alannah and Duncan to Green 15.

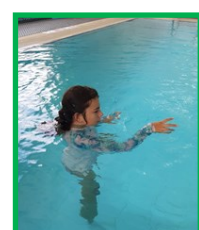
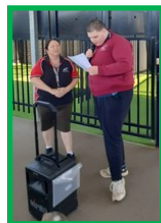
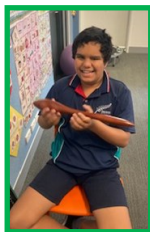
Green Block students attended a Remembrance Day service and Mudji proudly read the poem – At Flanders Fields.

Green Block students also participated in NAIDOC Day activities. We made flags, message sticks, clap sticks and a whole school hand print flag. The flag will be displayed in the library. We also got to have a look at some Aboriginal artefacts.

We are also enjoying an organised sport session every Tuesday. The students are working on being part of group and team activities. It is great to see the sense of fair play developing and everyone participating. It is lots of fun too!

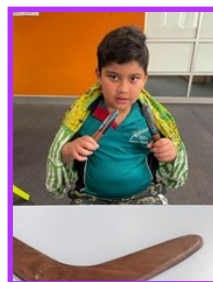
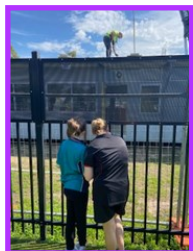
We have some exciting things planned for the remainder of the school year including: A Zoo visit, a Science Space day, an Art experience for International Day of Disabilities and of course some Christmas celebrations.

Deb, Leanne, Julie, Cheryl, Rebecca C, Jodie P, Jodie C, Kate, Vicki N, Courtney, Ashana, Sophia, Tania and Nadine



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Around the school!



Change of Contact Details

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer 1

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact 1

Name: _____

Number: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Parent/Carer 2

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

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Address: _____

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Emergency Contact 2

Name: _____

Number: _____

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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



We know that 2020 has been a difficult year for all and to help our school community, Fernhill School has signed up to Good360, a not for profit organisation that supports its members by providing goods to share with their community free of charge.

With the end of the year approaching we know that things can sometimes become hectic and finances can get stretched so we hope that through this partnership we will be able to help our community by offering you items as they become available to us.

Some of the items that we will be able to share with our school community are food items, food hampers, clothing, footwear, household items and toys. Currently we have received a small delivery of eight Toosh Coosh kids support seats.

If you would like a Toosh Coosh kids support seat, pop into the front office and ask our wonderful office ladies for one, or if your child comes by transport and you would like one of these support seats please contact the school and we will organise for one to be sent home.



Keep watching this space to find out about some more exciting deliveries coming very soon!

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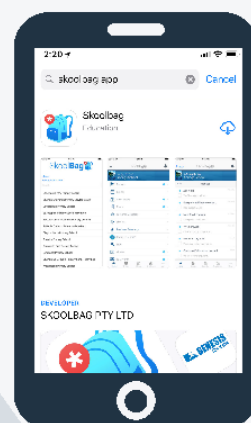


The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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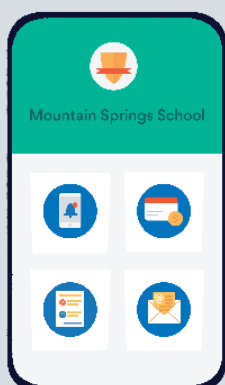
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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

To book your child in, please send me an email with the dates/activity they would like to attend. There are limited spots each day and bookings must be made by Friday 11th December (Unless the activities are booked out before). Drop off and pick up is at Fernhill School. Please be aware NADO is closing all support services from Monday 23rd December and will begin again on Monday, 11th January, 2021. Please also note if your child has a Behaviour Management Plan, this needs to be in date and copy needs to be sent to me before your child attends the program.

Amy Hudson | Customer Engagement Coordinator

Nepean Area Disabilities Organisation

a: 66 Station Street Penrith NSW

p: 1300 738 229 | **w:** www.nado.org.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Maximum 18 children per day.

Booking cut off is 11th December 2020



Date	Activity	What To Bring	Cost
WEEK ONE - FROM 11TH TO 15TH JANUARY 2021			
Monday 11th January	Flip Out	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$18
Tuesday 12th January	Movies at the Cinemas	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$15
Wednesday 13th January	Archie Brothers Cirque OR Planet Mino (indoor kids play center)	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$35
Thursday 14th January	Home Bush Aquatic Centre	Please bring swimmers, a towel, a change of clothes, a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$10
Friday 15th January	Jamberoo \$50 OR The Shine Shed \$35	Please bring swimmers, a towel, a change of clothes, a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch. Please note no swimmers required for the Shine Shed.	\$50 or \$35
WEEK TWO - FROM 18TH TO 22ND JANUARY 2021			
Monday 18th January	Putt Planet	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$18
Tuesday 19th January	Aquatopia	Please bring swimmers, a towel, a change of clothes, a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$25
Wednesday 20th January	Symbio Wildlife Park & Water Park	Please bring swimmers, a towel, a change of clothes, a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch	\$30
Thursday 21st January	Ice Skating Or The Shine Shed	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch. For ice skating please bring warmer clothes to wear whilst at the ice rink.	\$35
Friday 22nd January	Zone Bowling	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle with water in it, snacks, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.	\$20

Please Note: A \$40 Daily Booking Fee Applies. **BOOKING CUT OFF IS STRICTLY 11TH DECEMBER 2020. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.** Drop off 8:30am at Fernhill School - Ridgeway Drive Glenmore Park. Pick up is 4:30 pm at Fernhill School - Ridgeway Drive Glenmore Park. Please ensure you have enough NDIS funds to cover Staff Support costs and an up to date Service Agreement. To make your booking please call Amy Hudson on 0409 116 144 or email ahudson@nado.org.au

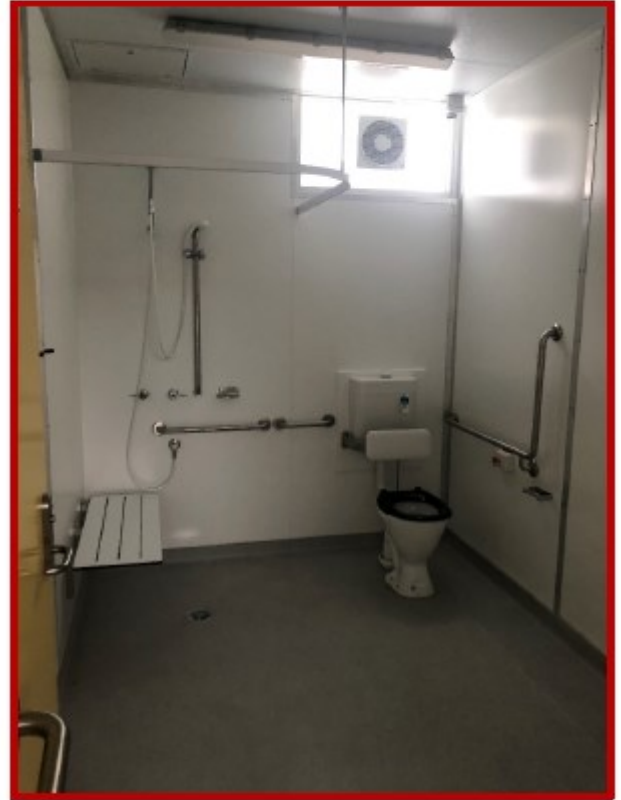
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History in the Making!
Construction Photos of Red Block
Demountable being installed 12th November 2020



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Let's take a Peek Inside!



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Kylie's Kitchen


Cancer Council
 Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to pack a picnic.


Summer is a great time to enjoy picnics with friends and family. We find it easiest to pack some different kinds of breads and crackers such as baguettes, wholemeal rolls, Lebanese bread, rice cakes and corn thins in the picnic basket and then a range of fillings in an esky for everyone to create their own lunch. Try these delicious fillings:



- [Hummus](#)
- [Kale and basil pesto](#)
- [Guacamole](#)
- Different types of cheese (cheddar, labneh, cream cheese)
- Sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, beetroot, lettuce)
- BBQ chicken

healthylunchbox.com.au

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

 FERNHILL School - Term 4 2020					
Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 GREEN BLOCK ZOO VISIT	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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