

Friday 5th June 2020

From our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Community Members,

I am sure I am speaking for our whole school community when I say—it's so good to be back and settling in to our new normal!

The students have generally returned to school with a big smile on their faces, and all seem happy to be back with their friends and in their own classes with their own teachers this week—bliss!

We have made a few changes to our classes as we had a student leave and a very special SLSO—Kerry—has come back to our school. It's like starting 2020 all over again with settling into routines and working patterns - but this time with the benefit of knowing the students well already!

Teachers are busy compiling reports at the moment. We will be reporting on English, Maths and providing a general comment on other key learning areas and personalised learning plan goals. Teachers are busy assessing students and working hard this term to ensure that each and every child is learning at their level. Reports will be coming home in the first week of Term 3, and will be very different to our usual format. This is because we are using a new program called Sentral, and have had a major disruption to the usual pattern of learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking of COVID-19, please make sure that your child is healthy and ready for school. I ask that you

make sure that students are kept home when they are sick, so that we can keep our whole community as healthy as possible. We are also very keen to have everyone back every day.

Whilst we had learning from home, teachers and families made good use of Seesaw, and we asked teachers not to write in communication books. Class teachers are beginning to use them again, but please remember that class time is for teaching and learning, and staff cannot always find the time to write a report on how your child has worked each and every day. We'll ring if there is an issue, and we'll ring if there is something exciting to share, and write in a book or utilise Seesaw at other times. Thanks for understanding.

PLP meetings were also disrupted due to the virus, and teachers are beginning to look at who in their class requires a new PLP or a review. It would be great if you could make the time to discuss your child's priorities with their teacher.

Have a great long weekend, stay warm and see everyone back on Tuesday.

Warm wishes,

Julie

From our Office

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. **WEEK**

Here at Fernhill School we have been blessed to have 5 regular volunteers, who are all retirees and who have attended our school since Week 3 Term 1 2017.

They would normally be busily working away in our school hub every Tuesday—making resources for our students, covering books and generally doing tasks that other staff do not have the time to complete.

They are all extremely appreciated by all our staff and we would generally recognise them on a grander scale during National Volunteers Week but this year, due to COVID-19, our volunteers have not been able to

attend our school since Week 3 Term 1. They are all truly missed. We miss their smiles, we miss their laughter and friendly faces and their hard work. During lockdown— they have even contacted our school and asked is there anything they can be doing from their homes to assist our students—they are simply amazing ladies!!!

Rest assured ladies— the tasks are awaiting your return and we cannot wait to have you all returning to our school as soon as we have the directive from our leaders. In the meantime— it is wonderful to hear you all have remained safe and well during this crazy time.

Thank you for all you do:)

Regards

Kisane, Elisha, Chris & April



HOME BASE YELLOW



Welcome to Yellow Block News

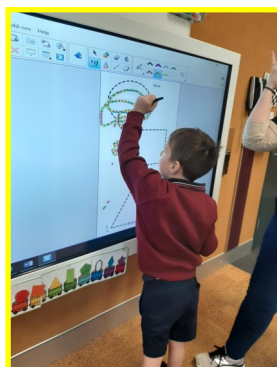
The students and teachers of Yellow Block are settling back into the routine of learning at school.

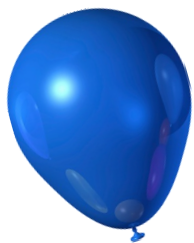
During the last few months we have tried some new ways of learning, and the teachers and students have had some really enjoyable experiences. Some students learnt at school, some students learnt from home using paper resources and others learnt using Seesaw.

Many of the Seesaw responses we saw showed that our students engaged well with their learning at home. The songs recorded by Ben were a big favourite for several students.

We have welcomed Danielle, who will be teaching Yellow One with Ben and Kerry will be the SLSO in Yellow 2 with Krista.

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





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

Wow, after what seems like forever, it is so wonderful to see everyone back in Blue Block! The students of Blue Block were definitely excited to see their friends and it was heartening to see all the smiles as they returned back to class.

As classes return to normal, students are getting back into the swing of learning, working hard during reading and working with words. We are looking forward to having an in-school library which we can visit and borrow books which will hopefully be in operation soon. In mathematics, all classes are learning about money and it has been very impressive to see how quickly our students are grasping fundamental life skill concepts.

With winter here, please ensure that all your student's jumpers and clothing are clearly labelled to stay nice and warm during these cold months. Blue Block has also welcomed Jen, who is helping in Blue 5 and it is great to have her on the team.

Bye for now,

Nathan, Shania, Michael, Jen, Rianna, Linda, Tara and Olivia

Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box Ideas

If you are looking for some nutritious lunch box tips try visiting the Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au

YUM!!

Nutrition Snippet



Let the kids choose and cook (or help cook) a healthy recipe. They will be sure to eat their own creations.

Check out the website for lots of quick and easy recipes.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet



Use cooking to practice maths, science and reading - and you have something delicious when you finish.

Try these delicious Thai chicken meatballs. There is even a video to show you how.

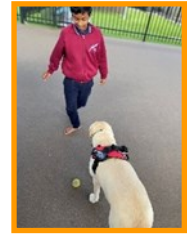
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HOME BASE ORANGE



Welcome to Orange Block News

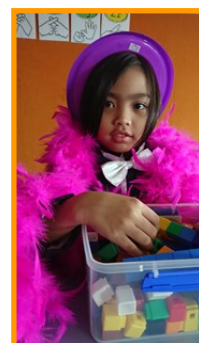
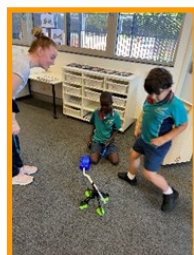
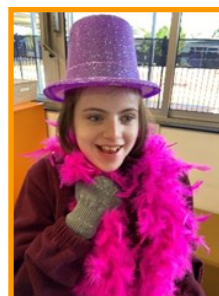
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our Orange Blockers back to our new normal! Congratulations to all the students who attempted learning from home and also to those students who attended school when they had different teachers and classmates. Everyone has done remarkably well to manage the disruptions!

School life has almost gone back to normal, with a few small changes. We now join Yellow Block and Blue Block on the playground at break times, meaning we play first, then eat. The students have enjoyed the variety of play spaces and new friends to play with.

There have been a couple of staff changes also. The SLSOs in Orange 10 for the remainder of the year are Lorette and Julie E. In Orange 12, Kimberley is the SLSO for the rest of the year. I know both Orange 10 and Orange 12 have enjoyed learning with their new SLSOs. While we cannot have any of our extra curricula activities like assemblies, swimming and clubs, lots of quality learning experiences are taking place and the students have all returned settled and ready to learn.

In science we are still learning about living things, but the focus is on animals rather than plants. In mathematics we are learning about addition and subtraction, money, 2D shapes and angles. In English we continue to focus on our Four Blocks units, where we participate in daily shared reading, working with words, independent writing and self-selected reading. On Wednesday, 27th May we all joined into the National Simultaneous Storytime, where we read Britney and Whitney, Chicken Divas. The students loved dressing up just like the characters in the story.

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





HOMEBASE GREEN



Welcome to Green Block News

Green Block students and staff have been settling back into regular schooling well. We are happy to be back in our classrooms and see our friends. This is a great time to check over all students' personal belongings including jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc and see that they are clearly labelled with the student's name. This makes it easier for us to ensure that they get home to you.

As learning programs pick back up and we continue to do more exciting things, we would like to make sure that you didn't miss out on any of the exciting major projects we did before school took an unusual turn. Senior students organised an ice-cream day as part of their Work Studies for the whole school. The co-operation to complete all the different tasks was commendable and everyone enjoyed their special treat (Julie – Principal even dropped by for an ice-cream).

Green 15 has been busy organising the Fernhill School magazines first edition, however due to the current situation the publishing date will be Early Semester 2. Tangi interviewed Taylor about her music preferences so ensure you get a copy to see what her favourite song was. Other students are busy with a fashion page, card games, puzzles and other fun articles.

Some of our older friends went to Bunnings with Tracy to purchase our chicken coop and other building materials. Last Term we all watched or assisted to build the chicken coop. We have been learning how to be safe using different tools. Many hands make light work as you can see in the photographs. We cannot wait to get our hens and have our hens lay eggs so we can then use the eggs in our cooking programs.

The Vege garden is getting a make over we all got together to build our worm farm. The students enjoyed getting the water needed to put with the dirt. The worms are in and making lots of lovely compost and fertiliser for our garden.

This has been a really unusual time and we just want to say thank you to all our families for pulling together and keeping the Fernhill Community happy, active and safe.

Take care,

Deb, Leanne, Julie, Cheryl, Jodie P, Courtney, Ashana, Vicki,

Jodie C, Tania and Kate



GREEN BLOCK STUDENTS KEEPING BUSY!

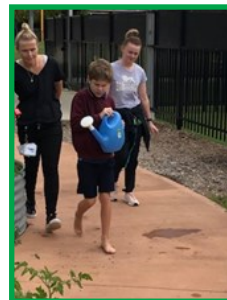


Building the Chicken Coop
Green Block had fun building
our chicken coop,
here are some photos of our
hard work!



Making our Worm Farm

Green Block had fun
mixing the water and dirt
for our worm farm,
here are some photos of
our hard work!



FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Better Start team at Carers NSW are facilitating free online National Disability Information Scheme (NDIS) Plan Information Sessions for parents and carers of children with a disability or development delay.

These informative sessions are an initiative of the Better Start program which is funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS). They are designed to assist parents with navigating the Disability System and their NDIS plans, especially during the current challenging times.

If you or someone you know may be interested in these sessions, please contact 9280 4744 to register or obtain further information.

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

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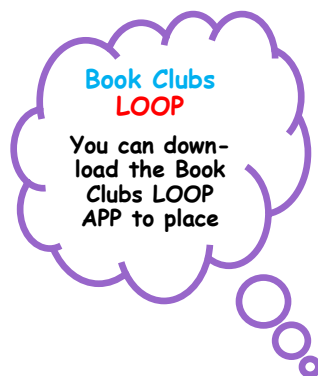
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Scholastic Book Club 2020

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
19th June 2020**

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 FERNHILL School - Term 2 2020					
Term TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	8 th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	9 th June	10 th June	11 th June	12 th June
8	15 th June	16 th June	17 th June	18 th June	19 th June
9	22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June QUINNELLA'S BIRTHDAY 2YRS OLD PYJAMA DAY GOLD COIN DONATION	26 th June
10	29 th June	30 th June	1 st July	2 nd July	3 rd July LAST DAY TERM 2
	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols



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