

**Friday 26th June 2020**

## From our Principal

**Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Community Members,**

There's not many dogs who show up at a birthday celebration in a party dress and then meet a human who has also splashed out for dog pyjamas... we certainly love Quinnella!

It's so good to have most students and staff back at school again and settling in to our new 'normal'. The term calendar looks rather bare, but we are keeping an eye on updates from the health department and updating things as we go—hence the new Covid sign on requirements outlined below.



We are also having issues with the sheer number of students bringing in food that requires heating—it is causing problems with supervision during our eating times as we cannot have the machines to heat food (various ones) in the same area as the students for fear of spills and burns. From next term, we will be unable to heat food, as we need to concentrate on safety and feeding students who require physical assistance for each meal. A number of students already send their food to school in a food thermos—they keep the contents hot for up to 8 hours, which should mean the contents will be ready to go at lunchtime. Please think about purchasing one of these or rethinking your child's lunch to a finger food option. Heating food for 10-12

children takes up most of a duty time, and some students are finding it difficult to wait for their meal. Thanks for understanding. And can I also mention no peanut butter too—we do have some students with severe allergies.

Reports will be coming home at the end of Week 1 next term—these reports will be different to our usual ones due to the working from home period. Most students will have comments for English and Maths, but some may just have a general comment due to attendance issues over the last two terms. Hopefully, school will be back to usual in the second half of 2020—especially if we all remember to wash our hands and keep our social distance!

I wish you all a very happy holiday—I know some of you may think that the students have hardly been at school and now it's holidays again? Yes I know—but at least this time, parks and other centres will be open for visits!

Have a safe holiday at the end of next week,

Warm wishes,

*Judie*

## From our Office



Fernhill School Students and staff celebrated the 2nd birthday of our Resident Therapy Dog. Quinnella!!! We all celebrated by wearing our PJs and Quinella wore her TuTu. In total we raised **\$388.95** for The Guide Dogs. We thank you all so much for your support.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all the visitors to our office and adhering to our Covid restrictions. We do acknowledge it can be difficult during busy times.

**Covid 19 Sign on Requirements:** This week we have also been given further instructions here as all external visitors to the site have to sign a Covid acknowledgement for being aware of the most recent APHHC Guidelines at the time of visit. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience with this added step to your visit here but it is in everyone's best interest.

**Community Use Facilities:** We are hoping Term 3 will bring easing of restrictions and our community will begin hiring our hall again, bringing Taekwondo back to our area really soon. As soon as we have further advice we will share our news with you all.

**NADO SCHOOL HOLIDAY Program—** will not be going ahead these school holidays at our school facility. If you were looking to have your child participate— we would encourage you to contact **NADO direct on PH:1300 738 229** where they will be able to advise you on their alternate programs available.

Until then—happy holidays and stay safe.

*Kisane, Elisha, Chris & April*



# HOMEBASE YELLOW

## Welcome to Yellow Block News

We have had a great time in Yellow Block. It has been so great seeing all our friends back at school every day, doing our learning and sport together again has been awesome.

In Yellow Block every day is a new adventure and Pyjama day was no exception!

What better way to end a term of both face to face and home learning than with a day in our pyjamas. We wish there were prizes for the most comfy, stylish, funny or upbeat pyjamas... because Yellow Block would have won them all.

Thank you to all of the parents for sending a gold coin donation for The Guide Dogs .

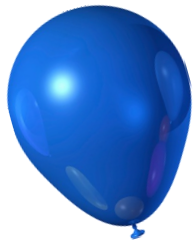
A reminder for next term please no peanut butter sandwiches as we have nut allergies in school and please if your child requires warm food please send it in a thermos flask as this keeps food warm for up to 8 hours.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and we will see you next term.

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







# HOMEBASE BLUE

## Welcome to Blue Block News

Hello and welcome to Blue Block news, it's been an eventful past few weeks and we can't wait to tell you about it! Firstly, we want to wish a very happy birthday to our special friend with four legs, Quinnella. It was certainly a perfect day to celebrate by wearing pyjamas all day. Thank you for all the generous donations, we are sure that The Guide Dogs are very appreciative.

A favourite subject in Blue Block is Maths where we are learning all about different shapes. It has been awesome to see how well our students have engaged in finding and labelling the different shapes - every possible type. We've even constructed our own shapes out of heaps of different materials such as marshmallows and sticks.

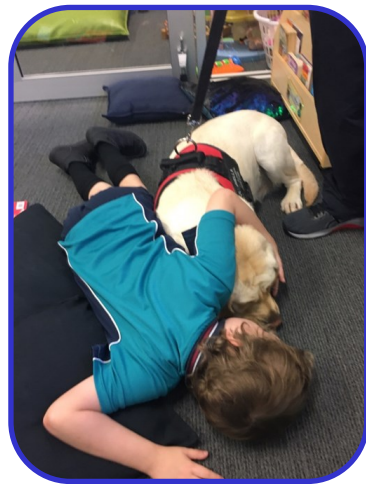
Some of the books that we have read the past couple of weeks include *There's a Sea in my Bedroom*, *The Waterhole* and *The Very Cranky Bear*. Our students have loved their shared reading times and are even choosing their own books to read during choice time.

A reminder for next term please no peanut butter sandwiches as we have nut allergies in school and please if your child requires warm food please send it in a thermos flask as this keeps food warm for up to 8 hours.

Finally, as the weather continues to become colder, can we please ask that all jumpers and other items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. A huge thank you in advance!

Bye for now,

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





# HOME BASE ORANGE

## Welcome to Orange Block News

Orange Block is now back in the swing of school routines. We have been working hard in all Key Learning Areas and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm for learning by students across this semester.

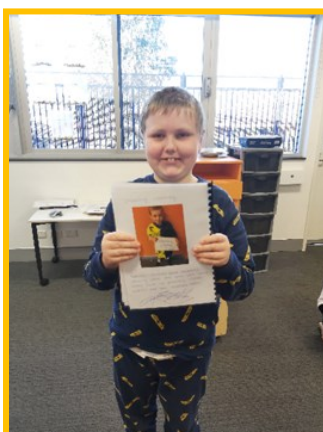
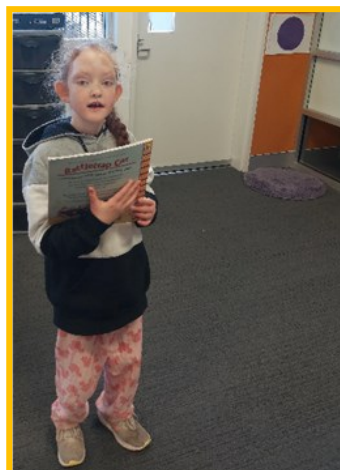
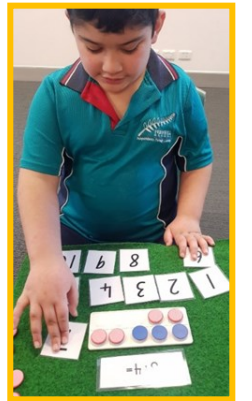
We are excited to be wearing our pyjamas for Quinnella's second birthday! Thank you for your support and donations, going toward The Guide Dogs. We love seeing Quinnella, our school therapy dog, around the school each day and giving her a pat.

Now that it is starting to get colder and students are wearing their jumpers to school, please ensure that your child's jumper is labelled clearly with their name.

Another reminder, we have a student in Orange Block with nut allergies. Please be mindful what you pack in your child's lunchbox, no peanut butter sandwiches etc and please if your child requires warm food please send it in a thermos flask as this keeps food warm for up to 8 hours.

Only one more week until school holidays. We hope all students have a safe and restful holiday, returning to school in Term 3 ready for another busy term of learning!

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







# HOME BASE GREEN

## Welcome to Green Block News

It has been wonderful being back at school with our friends in Green Block! We are settling back in and have been enjoying our school days together. Cooking has been a favourite subject across all classes in Green Block as we have been learning about hygiene and safety in the kitchen, healthy eating, setting the table and table manners. We have also been applying our learning about measurement when reading and following recipes and procedures on packets. Fun, practical, yummy learning!

It has also been exciting to see our new large scooters and adult size tricycles being put together by Tracy. We have tried them out and really enjoyed how smoothly they move around the school. We have measured our heads (more maths!) and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new helmets.

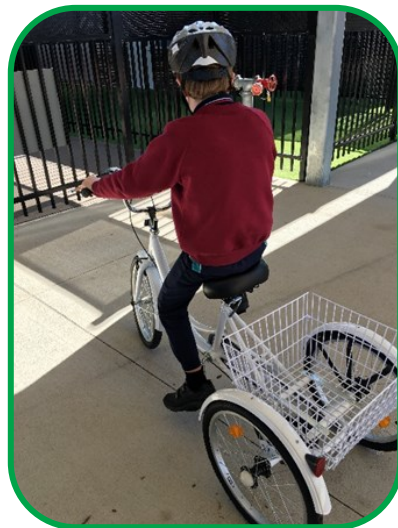
Tracy has also been helping us revamp the vegetable garden. We have prepared the garden beds and mulched them ready to plan out our plantings for spring during Agriculture lessons next semester.

The most exciting event though, is Quinnella's birthday! She is our much-loved therapy dog and a beautiful friend to all of us. Next newsletter, we will have more to tell you about this wonderful event including if Quinnella had fun, what we all wore and how much we raised for The Guide Dogs.

A reminder for next term please no peanut butter sandwiches as we have nut allergies in school and please if your child requires warm food please send it in a thermos flask as this keeps food warm for up to 8 hours.

*Warm regards*

*Green Block Students and teachers - Leanne, Vicki, Deb, Jodie C, Julie B, Jodie P, Tania, Cheryl, Ashana and Courtney.*



## FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

### STUDENTS SCORE BOOKS READ ALL ABOUT IT



**DYMCKS**  
CHILDREN'S CHARITIES



Students from Fernhill School in Glenmore Park got a special surprise when they were presented books to take home.

Dymocks Children's Charity partnered with the school providing \$5,000 for books under their Read at Home Program.

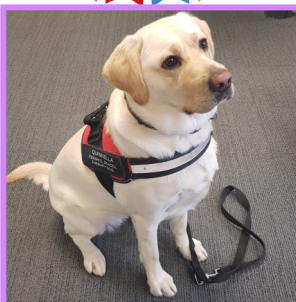
Fernhill teacher Naomi Suffield said the relatively new school was very lucky to be connected with the charity.

"We were yet to establish a complete student library, so a staff member put out a call for book donations to fill the shelves and we got an outpouring from our generous community which we are so grateful for," she said.

"From that someone told us about the charity who then offered \$2,500 for the program and George Street Dymocks teamed up to match it as well through their own in-store fundraising."

With the school purchasing a few books for each of the 103 students, Ms Suffield said the kids were very excited with their presents.

"We got 309 books, so each student got three books to take home," she said.





# FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Kylie's Kitchen Budget Tips

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



Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

... to reduce your shopping bill.

Healthy eating doesn't have to be expensive. Here are our top tips to cut the cost of your shopping bill.



1. Write a shopping list - Buy only what you really NEED, not WANT.
2. Look beyond eye level on the shelves - companies pay valuable money to stock their goods at your eye-height, try looking up or down for cheaper options.
3. Meat is more expensive per kilogram than vegetables or fruit - try changing your recipes to use less meat and more veg.
4. Avoid buying pre-made meals - cooking meals from scratch is usually cheaper than buying ready meals. Cook in bulk and freeze portions for quick easy meals in the future.
5. Buy fruit and veg that's in season

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Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

... to boost your fruit and veg.

Canned and frozen fruit and veg are good choices.



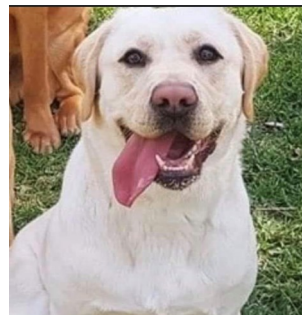
Choose canned fruit in juice not in syrup.

Choose reduced salt canned veg.


#### Top Tips:


- Pack a canned fruit tub in the lunch box
- Add a can of kidney beans to taco mince

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## FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES

 <b>FERNHILL School - Term 2 2020</b>					
<b>Term TWO</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>9</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June QUINNELLA'S BIRTHDAY 2YRS OLD PYJAMA DAY GOLD COIN DONATION	26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>10</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> July  LAST DAY TERM 2
	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols	Hols

 <b>FERNHILL School - Term 3 2020</b>					
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>1</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Jul  SDD	21 <sup>st</sup> Jul  STUDENTS RETURN	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul
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