

DATE 7th August 2020

From our Principal

Dear parents, carers, families and community members,

Welcome to Term 3! Thank you for continuing to look after the health of your family – I know that it is difficult to make the call to keep children at home, but we all need to do the right thing and look after each other. If your child is off for more than three days, please provide the school with a doctor's clearance which will also act as the absence note for their time away from school.

Traffic woes

Apparently, the traffic flow along Ridgetop Drive has doubled in volume since the school opened and new homes have been built at Bradley Street and beyond. Please take extra care as you enter and exit the school – I know I have sometimes had another vehicle also trying to get into my boot as I indicate to turn into the drive! Also just a reminder to take care in the carpark too – all drivers park at their own risk, please respect each other and drive carefully at **10 km per hour** at all times – even if the car park looks empty.

Education Week – wish you were here!

This week has been Education Week – and a very low key affair in 2020. All the classes have enjoyed our theme 'Learning Together', by enjoying a story with a buddy class. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as we can. The students are also enjoying watching our chickens hatch from their eggs too – as are all the staff!

School photos

We are having our school photos on Friday, 28th August – much later than usual due to ... Covid-19! Please return your envelopes to school or make an online payment

directly to the company. School photos are such a lovely moment in time snapshot of your child as they grow.

Disability Royal Commission

Towards the end of this newsletter is a letter from me concerning the Disability Royal Commission. Currently, there is a strong push from some interest groups to close SSPs and support classes across the nation and place all students with support needs into mainstream classrooms. The NSW Government's position is to commit to SSPs, and is working on building a strong case to support SSPs. There is no obligation to sign the petition but you may wish to have a look at it and the current findings of the DRC.

The petition may be found at

https://www.change.org/p/disability-royal-commission-a-continuum-of-educational-options-for-children-with-disabilities-to-reach-full-potential?recruiter=40665888&utm_campaign=signature_receipt&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition&use_react=false

And the DRC website is at

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/>

Thanks for taking time to look at wider issues that may have an impact upon your family.

Warm wishes,

Julie

From our Office

SCHOOL FEES: School fees are used to purchase essential resources to support the students at school. This year has been exceptionally difficult with the extra teaching resources we have been required to provide for both at home learning and at school. Thank you to those who have paid their school fees we understand that with today's climate it may have made it a little tougher for some families. If you have any difficulty paying these fees– please do not hesitate to contact the ladies in our office and have a confidential chat regarding a payment plan option.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School Photos have been booked for Friday the 28th of August. Please remember to return the envelope to the office. Payment will be accepted on the day however it is encouraged to be handed to the office beforehand. Payment can also be made online **DIRECT to THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS** website <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> and follow the prompts or be put in the envelope. And return to school. If you require Sibling photos please collect the envelope from the office ladies.

EXTERNAL VISITORS: If you are visiting our school for reasons other than dropping off or picking up your child you will be required to sign an External Visitors signing document. This has been issued by Department of Education and is inline with the AHPCC Guidelines to include disclosure of contact with visitors/visiting Victoria with the last 14 days. The signed document will be kept in the office for a short period of time for COVID tracing purposes.

OFFICE STAFF:

Congratulations to Chris in our office. Chris has recently been successful in being made a permanent staff member to our Fernhill School & Community. We are very pleased for her and also a big Welcome to April. April is with us one day per week and spends invaluable hours in assisting with the set up of our school library. You may not have a chance to meet her at the front office but please take our word, she is a very much a part of our school & community.

Stay safe.

Kisane, Elisha, Chris & April



HOME BASE YELLOW

Welcome to Yellow Block News

It has been wonderful to see so many friendly faces of our students coming back to school for Term 3.

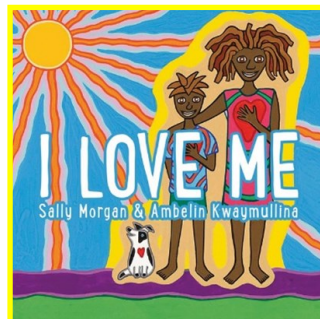
Yellow Block has been busy this week with Education Week with the theme 'Learning Together'. Classes in Yellow Block have come together for shared reading and craft activities with the book 'I Love Me!'

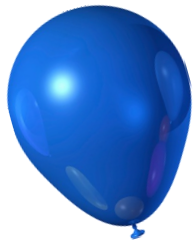
Our school has organised a chicken hatchery at Fernhill and Yellow Block are excited to see the eggs and watch them hatch in the coming days and weeks.

Please don't forget our photo day on the Friday 28th August..

Stay safe,

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





HOMEBASE BLUE

Welcome to Blue Block News

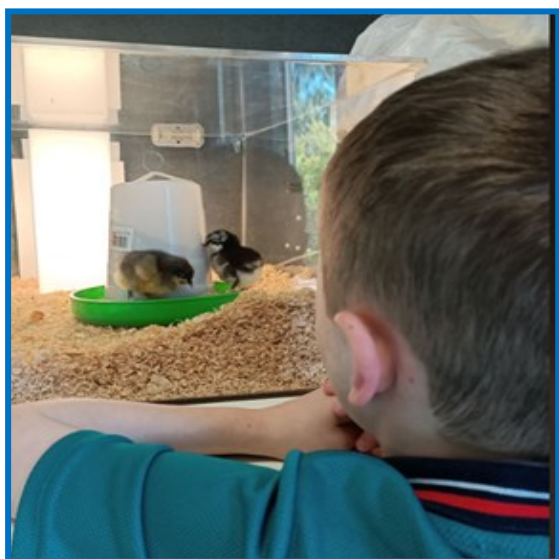
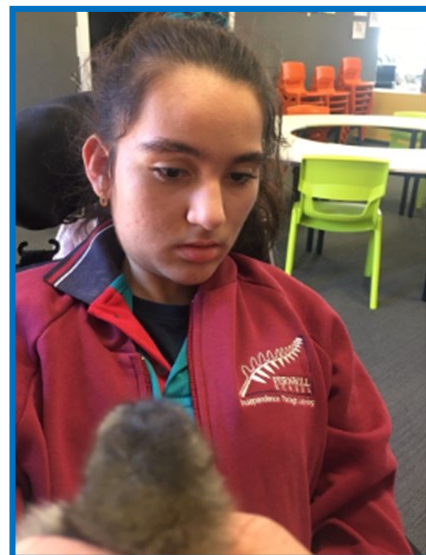
Welcome to Term 3! What an exciting start Blue Block have had to the term. Making Wombat stew and Emu arts and craft as a part of this semesters English program 'Australian Literature'.

Blue Block have started a Science and Technology unit called "Material World", in which we learn all about different solids and liquids and the effect of how different materials can be changed and manipulated. We are looking forward to starting new experiments and having fun with our Science program.

Australian texts has been a key focus for us all in Blue Block, with this semester seeing the beginning of our English unit 'Australian Literature'. We are all enjoying reading a new book about Australia in particular Australian animals, with many students choosing to look through books from Australian authors in their free time. This week is Education Week at school and Blue Block partnered with one other class to join in with shared reading and activities Blue 7 and 8 did 'Koala Lou' and Blue 5 and 6 did 'Wombat Stew' Blue Block have been busy working on independent writing and predictable texts, pretending to be sleeping wombats and have enjoyed wombat craft. The kids loved it!

Blue 8 has two new additions to their class that have moved from another and are pleased to say they have settled in really well. We said goodbye to our friend Rogue this semester and wish her well at her new school. There is lots in stall for Blue Block this term with baby chickens hatching and the arrival of hens to our newly made chicken coop.

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





HOME BASE ORANGE

Welcome to Orange Block News

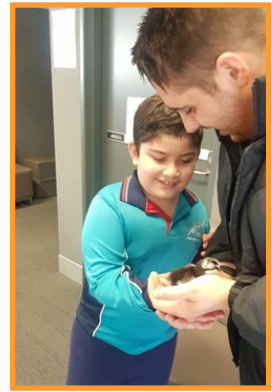
Welcome to Term 3! This term in Orange Block we have already completed lots of hands on activities teaching us about multiplication & division, fractions, time and data in maths. In English, we are studying picture books based on Pamela Allen and Australian animals.

This week is Education Week and the theme this year is 'Learning Together'. Orange 9 and 10 partnered together for shared reading with the book 'Where, Oh Where is Rosie's Chick?' by Pat Hutchins, followed by chicken craft and a visit to look at and pat the baby chicks that are at our school. Orange 11 and 12 combined classes to read 'The Very Noisy Bear' by Nick Bland, with a music lesson and bear craft!

We were excited to each receive a bike helmet this week and are eager to try out the bikes and scooters on the bike track!!

A reminder that we are unable to heat up food in our block at lunchtime so if you would like your child to have hot food, please send it with them in a thermos.

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





HOMEBASE GREEN



Welcome to Green Block News

Welcome to Term 3 and Green Block have settled easily into our new semester of learning programs. All classes are looking at Australian Authors in English and will cover a wide variety of texts and media that have been collaboratively planned by all teachers. So far 'The Loaded Dog' is a favourite. Mathematics has been fun as we are starting the term learning about chance (probability) – What is the chance Julie will give us pizza for lunch everyday for the rest of the year? (likely or not likely). Classes will also be working on time during mathematics lessons. Science is the exciting topic of Space and in PE we will be participating in Space physical activities – you can see how much we are enjoying doing these activities with our peers. All students and staff have applied to become astronauts, will be studying the different planets and end the term with a space voyage. In Geography we will be looking at different environments and we will also be busy in our garden.

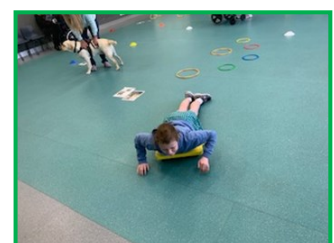
Please remember to send in food for your child that does not require heating, put names on jumpers, on lunch boxes and on drink bottles so we can assist students to care for their own belongings. Green Block students really enjoy their time in the kitchen and participate in food preparations activities – everyone likes the smell of sausage rolls cooking.

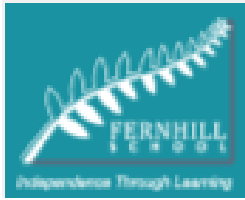
We have some new three-wheel bikes that are suitable for Green block students. Some of us already have a helmet and have really enjoyed our time on them. More helmets are on the way so we will all be able to have a turn. Each student will have their own helmet.

This will be a busy term with planning and/or reviewing Personalised Learning Programs (PLPs) with your class teacher however, many have already been completed. If you have any questions or require any information please contact the school.

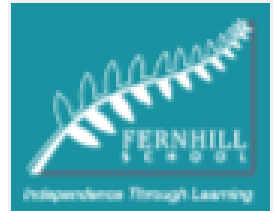
For Education Week Green Block students got together with their peers and enjoyed a sensory story from Julie B. We went on a magic carpet ride to China – it was so much fun and then we joined together to complete a craft activity.

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





Term Three Block Leaders 2020



We are excited to announce our new Block Leaders for Term 3, they are:-



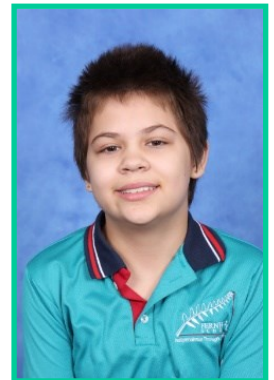
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AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Hello to all our Fernhill Families,

We hope everyone is doing well despite this year being extremely challenging on so many levels.

For the school P&C things have also been a bit challenging and a disappointment. All the events that we were planning, not only for fundraising purposes but for increasing opportunity for families to socialise and network have been cancelled. This is due to the limitations of COVID-19 which include bans on social gatherings and meetings and comes directly from the P&C Federation and Department of Education as well.

The pressing issue for our P&C is that our AGM is scheduled for this month but cannot go ahead. Our President Donna Buda consulted the P&C Federation to find out what the protocol is for us to follow. The information provided is that all current office holders will remain in their positions until such time an AGM can occur. We cannot even do Zoom meetings as an alternative.

You definitely don't need to be reminded how much COVID -19 has changed what 2020 looks like for all of us. We know the difficulties many of you are facing and would like to say that if anyone needs support reach out and please make contact with friends, the school or the P&C. We can support and help each other through this.

As always if you have anything school related - ideas for events, fundraising etc that we can do when we things improve please feel free to contact any of the P&C members - the school can give you contact details.

Stay healthy, safe and happy and let's continue to support each other through these difficult times.

The Fernhill School P&C



7th August, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Currently, the Disability Royal Commission (DRC) is discussing the abolition of SSPs. The website for the commission may be accessed here:

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/>

It has been confirmed that the NSW Government's current policy position is to commit to SSPs and that the DRC Team is tasked with the important work of building a strong case in support of them. There are two aspects to the case:

- highlighting the complexity of disability education in NSW, and
- preparing "good news" stories to shift the narrative.

This petition is available, link below. There is no obligation from the school, to sign it as it is a personal choice, but already over 1,200 people have already signed it to date.

https://www.change.org/p/disability-royal-commission-a-continuum-of-educational-options-for-children-with-disabilities-to-reach-full-potential?recruiter=40665888&utm_campaign=signature_receipt&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition&use_react=false

Kind regards,

Julie

Julie Raciborska

Principal - Fernhill School

12-40, Ridgetop Drive

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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



School Canteen Licence **Glenmore Park Public School**

Tenders are called for the License of the School Canteen commencing Monday 12 October 2020 for a term of approximately three years. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 660 students.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

Natalie Mansour
Principal
Glenmore Park Public School
Telephone (02) 4733 6204.

A Tender briefing session will be held on Thursday 20 August 2020 at 10.00 am, all applicants must familiarise themselves with clause 2 of the offer provided with the Tender Information Pack.

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**Confidential – School Canteen Tender**” and sent to:

The Principal
Glenmore Park Public School
33 – 41 The Lakes Drive
GLENMORE PARK NSW 2745

Tender Applications close at 3.00 pm on Friday 4 September 2020.

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FERNHILL COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

10th August

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 FERNHILL School - Term 3 2020					
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	10 th Aug	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug
5	17 th Aug	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug
6	24 th Aug	25 th Aug	26 th Aug	27 th Aug	28 th Aug SCHOOL PHOTOS
7	31 st Aug	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept



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