



Schofields Sparkler

REMINDER
School Banking
Every Wednesday

Dates to Remember

Dec 13 - Footsteps Xmas Concert
@ 5:30pm

Dec 14 - Presentation Assemblies

K-2: 9.15am / **3-6:** 10:30am

Dec 17 - Celebration Day

Dec 18 - Year 6 Farewell

Dec 19 - Last day for 2018

2019

Jan 29 - Staff Development Day

Jan 30 - First day back for Yrs 1-6

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, 15 November we held our last combined assembly for the year. Congratulations to all students who received Principal's and Assistant Principal's Awards. Year 6 students have until Wednesday, 5 December to submit awards to Mr Cox to earn a medallion.

The breakfast celebration for medallion winners will be at 8:30am on Wednesday, 12 December. A separate invitation will be sent home to 2018 Principal's Medallion recipients.

BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING

Brody Sim, Mahesh Natarajan, Brinley Sim and Angad Singh all represented Schofields Public School at the Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking Finals recently. All students did an outstanding job and continued our fine tradition of exceptional public speaking.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

In preparation for our move to the pop-up school our canteen will be offering a number of specials to clear frozen items. As stock is exhausted it will not be reordered until next year. We will keep families up to date on items which are no longer available through the school app (instructions for downloading the app are included in this newsletter)

In other canteen news, could all parents please try to complete their child's lunch orders at home on a paper bag. Also, please include the correct amount of money or to the nearest dollar amount. Please remember our canteen is run by a very dedicated group of parents who are already doing a tremendous amount of work, and organising late lunch orders is putting them behind schedule for the day.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Tristan Boylan 5/6B
Jennifer Byrne 5/6B
Ashley Ting 5/6B
Kyle Mumoch 5/6C
Ruby Samuels 5/6C
Parker Kirk 5/6C
Amity Ewers 5/6C
Max Locock 5/6H
Cherry Gupta 5/6H
Brianna Attard 5/6Z
Tyler Rieser 3/4I
Angad Singh 3/4R
Michael Spryn 1/2M
Jakob Malec 1/2M
Ayush Morkhandikar 1/2T
Addie Smith 1/2T
Ettore Tieppo 1/2G

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CYBERSAFETY

I have included a number of flyers regarding cybersafety with this newsletter. In the ever changing and increasingly connected world there are many valuable opportunities for children to learn and have fabulous experiences. However there are also potential risks and dangers for children. The attached information provides some useful pointers to assist families in ensuring their children have a positive online experience. From a school perspective I strongly recommend that primary school aged children do not have access to internet enabled devices in their bedrooms or in areas where they cannot be directly supervised and please use the parental controls provided by your internet service provider to disable your child's access between 8pm and 8am.

More information is available at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

For your diaries, students in Years 1-6 in 2019 will commence school on Wednesday, 30 January. Students commencing Kindergarten in 2019 will be provided with appointments for their Best Start Assessment and all Kindergarten students will commence classes full-time from Monday, 4 February.

Colin Ross
Principal

CLASS FORMATION FOR 2019

As we start to plan for 2019 we ask for our school community's cooperation and trust in our professional judgement as we make decisions regarding class placements. Whilst we are more than happy to take on board your requests regarding your child's 2019 class, due to the complexity of the placement process and the size of the school, this may not be able to be accommodated. Classes are formed to be both academically and socially balanced as well as ensuring that the needs of all students are met.

We also understand that parents want to know who their child's teacher will be next year. The allocation of teachers occurs after formation of classes and takes into account past experience, teacher preference and the creation of effective and balanced stage teams. The allocation of teachers will not be known until we know exactly how many students return to school at the beginning of the year.

David England
Deputy Principal

LACHLAN MACQUARIE GIFTED AND TALENTED MATHS COMPETITION

Sophia Chin, Keerat Kaur, Ashley Ting and Sanskar Tibile attended the Lachlan Macquarie Gifted and Talented Maths Competition and proudly represented our school. A great day was had by all.



LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge for 2018. Certificates have been given to those students. Look out for news in 2019 to start the challenge again.

Borrowing

The last day for borrowing this year is Friday, 23 November. All students are asked to return all books from Week 7 in preparation for stocktake and moving.

Thank you

Karen Hugo
Librarian

Canteen Roster

Mon 26th Nov Rasleen Kaur Emma Scala	Tue 27th Nov Juliana Loo Shubita Gupta	Wed 28th Nov Elisa Ardill Simone Tierney	Thu 29th Nov Coral McDonald Dawn Furey Michelle Ting	Fri 30th Nov Nicole Burton Fiona Watson
Mon 3rd Dec Teneal Sultana Nikki Sarina	Tue 4th Dec Danielle Ewers Annemarie McIntosh	Wed 5th Dec Ritu Johar Rashmeet Kaur Binita Shah	Thu 6th Dec Liz Hung Bonnie Can Marlene Lin	Fri 7th Dec Tammy Whalan Bec Chapman
Mon 10th Dec Jess Wanders Lyn Sullivan	Tue 11th Dec Kayleen Glover Alison Woodbury	Wed 12th Dec Rachel Downs Michelle Smith Mikaylah Adams	Thu 13th Dec Sara Hughes Kristy Owen	Fri 14th Dec CLOSED
Mon 17th Dec CLOSED	Tue 18th Dec CLOSED	Wed 19th Dec CLOSED		

SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE

Hot food is only available to order for LUNCH it **can not** be ordered for RECESS

Thankyou



ALL TRAINING PROVIDED

CHOOSE YOUR DAY – ONCE A MONTH

WORK WITH A FRIEND

SIBLINGS WELCOME – KIDS AREA WITH TV, DVD PLAYER AND TOYS

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

SEE THE OFFICE FOR A VOLUNTEERS FORM

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET
Penalties from 1 July 2015



This Fact Sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones

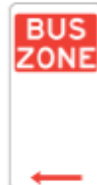
If you stop in a 'No Stopping' area
- Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a No Stopping sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you stop in a 'Bus Zone'
- Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.

This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you disobey a 'No Parking' sign
- Fine from \$177 + 2 demerit points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

A 'Kiss & Ride' area is always within a 'No Parking' zone. The 'No Parking' rules apply to all 'Kiss & Ride' areas.
- Fine from \$177 + 2 demerit points



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Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

If you stop on or near a 'Pedestrian Crossing' - Fine from \$425 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

If you are Double Parked - Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

More information over the page

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

PLEASE NOTE

Children are not to be dropped off or picked up in the Staff car-park for the safety of children and staff.



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Your child's first smartphone—are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone—two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity: it's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone—now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instill safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm)—unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).

Does your preschool child have access to connected devices?

Being online at this age can offer your child opportunities to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. But there may also be some risks if your child uses connected devices without supervision or for extended periods of time.

This might include coming across harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity.

Here are our tips for a safe and balanced online experience for your preschool child:

Set ground rules

Establish clear rules and be consistent

Be clear on things like when and where devices can be used and when they need to be switched off. A good time to switch off is during family dinner time and when your child is alone in a room.

Use a timer

Limit the amount of time your child spends online to ensure a good balance with physical activity. It can be easy to lose track of time, so setting a timer can help. Experts recommend no more than an hour of screen time within a 24 hour period for 3 to 5-year-olds.

Resist any push back

Getting your child off a device can be hard and it can be tempting to give in to their demands. Sticking to the rules at this age will help instill good online habits for your child now and in the future.



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Riverstone CAROLS

Enjoy outdoor Carols at a family-friendly community event brought to you by the combined churches of Riverstone.

DATE

Saturday 1st December, 2018

LOCATION

Cnr. Park & Pitt St, Riverstone

6PM FOOD, JAZZBAND, CHOIRS & DANCE

7.30PM CAROLS

9PM FIREWORKS

FIREWORKS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



If wet weather we are moving to Norwest Christian College



Barnier Public School Twilight Markets

When: 1 December 2018

Address: 120 Barnier Dr, Quakers Hill

Time: Markets from 4.30pm - 8.30pm

Come along and enjoy markets featuring over 70 variety of stalls, showcasing their homemade delights and gifts for the whole family, unique fashion, accessories and homewares products. Not to mention an abundance of amusements to keep the whole family entertained.

For more information, visit our website at: www.barnierpandc.org



SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 4 2018

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	15 October Staff and Students return	16 October	17 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	18 October	19 October	20 21 Oct
2	22 October	23 October	24 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM RL 7's GALA DAY	25 October POP UP SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOTH 2:30PM-4:30PM (OUTSIDE LIBRARY)	26 October	27 28 Oct
3	29 October SWIM SCHEME	30 October SWIM SCHEME	31 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM SWIM SCHEME	1 November SWIM SCHEME	2 November SWIM SCHEME	3 4 Nov
4	5 November SWIM SCHEME	6 November SWIM SCHEME KINDY ORIENTATION	7 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM SWIM SCHEME BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING S2	8 November SWIM SCHEME BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING S3	9 November SWIM SCHEME	10 11 Nov
5	12 November	13 November KINDY ORIENTATION	14 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	15 November K-6 COMBINED ASSEMBLY 2:00pm	16 November	17 18 Nov
6	19 November	20 November	21 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	22 November STAGE 3 MINI FAIR	23 November	24 25 Nov
7	26 November	27 November	28 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	29 November	30 November	1 2 Dec
8	3 December	4 December YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY	5 December FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	6 December	7 December	8 9 Dec
9	10 December	11 December	12 December FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	13 December CHRISTMAS CONCERT	14 December PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY K – 2: 9:15am 3 – 6: 10:30am	15 16 Dec
10	17 December CELEBRATION DAY	18 December YEAR 6 FAREWELL	19 December LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	20 December SDD	21 December SDD	22 23 Dec
11	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 December	29 30 Dec
Hols	31 December	1 January 2019	2 January 2019	3 January 2019	4 January 2019	5 6 Jan 2019

2018 FIREWORKS SPONSORS

Schofields Public School would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our Fireworks Night.

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