



Schofields Sparkler

REMINDER

School Banking
Every Monday

Dates to Remember

- 28 Oct - 8 Nov - Swim Scheme
- 4 Nov - P&C Meeting
- 12 Nov - Kindergarten Excursion
- 15 Nov - P&C Colour Run
- 19 & 26 Nov - Orientation Kindy 2020
- 21 Nov - Principals Assembly 9:30am
- 23 Nov - Year 6 Bunnings BBQ
- 2 Dec - P&C Meeting
- 5 Dec - Principal Medallion Breakfast from 7:30am
- 6 Dec - Stage 2 Excursion
- 10 Dec - Presentation Day Assembly
- 12 Dec - End of Year Concert
- 16 Dec - Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
- 16 Dec - Stage 2 Reward Beach Day
- 17 Dec - K-2 & Stage 3 Reward Day
- 18 Dec - Last day Term 4

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

WELCOME BACK

We have had an outstanding start to Term 4 with all staff and students returning ready to work and learn. A number of additional staff will be with us this term: Cathy Thoroughgood will be joining us from next week as our second Deputy Principal, Jamie Regoli has joined the teaching staff and will be providing additional support to Stage 1 teachers and students, and Jay Progoli, Savinder Kaur, Corinna Hutchinson and Mikayla Pirillo will be working with students and teachers in learning support roles.

There are school events occurring this term so please have a close look at the calendar included with this newsletter. Please also note the link to the homework survey later in my report.

P&C COLOUR RUN

We have had great support for our major P&C fundraiser with over \$10,000 raised already. Thank you to everyone who has already worked so hard so far. Please note that students may raise funds in cash but must create an online profile to claim their rewards. Cash fundraising can be returned to school from Friday, 8 November. If returning cash please ensure you include the sponsorship form that shows the name of the student and the amount raised so that this can be confirmed in the online portal and the reward claimed. The Colour Run will occur on the afternoon of Friday, 15 November. Exact starting time will be confirmed shortly.

Remember we are raising funds to update the interactive whiteboards in our students classrooms.

SYDNEY WEST ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Archi Year 2, Amelia Year 3, Tahliah Year 3 and Khyden Year 5 who all did an outstanding job competing at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival last week. Good luck to Archi who qualified to represent Sydney West at the State Athletics Carnival.

SWIM SCHOOL

Swim School commences next week for 60 students in Years 2, 3 and 4. If your child is attending please ensure they have the correct clothing and items every day.

PUBLIC SPEAKING



This week Eric Year 3, Cassie Year 4, Nygel Year 5 and Austin Year 6 will be competing in the finals of the Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking Finals. We wish them well.

Last Friday, 18 October the students in the debating team participated in a mock debate. They debated on the topic of 'all schools should ban school uniforms'. Both teams presented strong arguments, with the debate awarded to the negative team. Well done to all of the debaters for their efforts in the debate and throughout the year.

Affirmative was: Sonia, Mahesh, Akshaj and Jarrah / Negative was: Angad, Nygel, Aryan

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2021 REMINDER

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at:

[https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)

The application website opened at that link on 8 October 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

We have sent home an intention to apply form with all Year 5 students. If you intend to apply please complete that form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

WORKS UPDATE

It is anticipated that electrical works on Junction Road opposite the School entry will be conducted next week. This may cause some disruption to parking and pedestrians. Traffic controllers will be in place to ensure the safety of students.

Colin Ross
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HOMEWORK POLICY

In preparation for next year, we are currently reviewing the school's homework policy. As part of this process we would like to hear from you regarding your expectations for student homework. Please complete this short survey using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=muagBYpBwUecJZOHJhv5kaH7jl0IeWJBrNzgOPAiRhduQ1BQS1BOTUUyUUVPTzI3OVgxSIFNUDMxSi4u>

This survey is for parent feedback. Students will complete a separate survey. Please complete the survey by 4:00pm on Wednesday, 6 November.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN ONLINE AT HOME

The Internet can be wonderful for kids. They can use it to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other kids, and play interactive games.

But online access also comes with risks, such as viewing inappropriate content. Parents should be aware of what their kids see and hear on the Internet, who they meet, and what they share about themselves. Talk with your kids, use tools to protect them, and keep an eye on their activities.

Tips for supervising your child's internet use:

- ◆ Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behaviour.
- ◆ Keep the computer in a common area where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms.
- ◆ Monitor any time spent on smartphones or tablets.
- ◆ Bookmark kids' favourite sites for easy access.
- ◆ Check your credit card and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges.
- ◆ Take your child seriously if he or she reports seeing something online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

David England
Deputy Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

We are now finalising enrolments for Kindergarten 2020.

If you have submitted your completed application form and 100 points of residential ID to the school you should have received a letter via email with all the information for Kindergarten orientation days etc. If you have not received this letter via email could you please contact the school office on 9627 1534.

Thankyou



9th September 2019

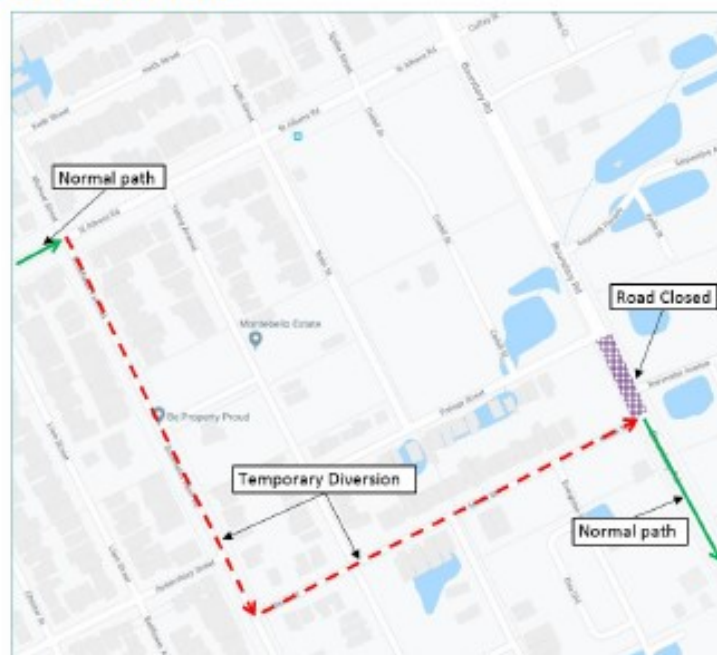
SCHOOL BUS 6525 – PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 14th October 2019**, there will be a temporary path change to **School Bus 6525** due to roadworks on Boundary Road between Mesik Street and Kensington Park Road, Schofields.

School Bus 6525 will operate as normal to St Albans Road & Michael Street then **right Schofields Farm Road, left Mesik Street, right Boundary Road** and continues as normal.

See map below for the diversion route.



PLEASE NOTE: This temporary change will continue to operate throughout Term 4 and Busways will provide further notification advising of a date when the service will return to normal.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 29 29. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(2719i) SB 6525 416B

2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



INFORMATION MORNING

Prospective Year 7 Students 2021

Tuesday 15 October 2019

at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student academic achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Teaching and learning programs feature extension and higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice for High Potential and Gifted Learners.

Other features of the school include robotics, debating, public speaking, digital media, music ensembles and sport. The school actively promotes an environment in which student wellbeing, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Academically Selective School for Boys

686 Forest Road Bexley 2207

www.sths.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries to the School: 9587 5899

PARKING RULES AND NEW BUS BAY

The school has been reminded of the following road rules by council enforcement officers.

Council officers conduct regular patrols of all schools during peak times outside schools to ensure all road users obey the road rules around the school to assist in keeping our students safe.

Further the new bus zone on Junction Road is now sign posted. Please note the restrictions and penalties indicated below.

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.

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.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF RIVERSTONE'S FIGHTING SPIRIT

CENOTAPH 100

Riverstone's War Memorial was built and dedicated 100 years ago this year.

On 9th November 2019, we will come together, reflect, and rededicate it for another 100 years.

*Come along.
Contribute.
Be part of history.*

Learn about our
military heritage



CENOTAPH 100



10:30am November 9, 2019

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 4

Recreational Gymnastics

Two
Venues
Available

*"Which venue is
closer to your home?"*



Venue 1: 3/4 Gladstone Road, Castle Hill

Venue 2: 1/1 Meridian Place, Bella Vista

info@sydneyhillsgymnastics.com.au

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WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

CAR SHOW

Sunday 17 November

car entry 8am to 9am \$10
public entry 9am to 2pm \$2

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General enquiries contact
Helen 0407 364 925

Car queries contact
Doug 0407 296 125



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SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 4 2019

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	14 October Staff and Students return	15 October	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 20 Oct
2	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October PSSA	26 27 Oct
3	28 October SWIM SCHEME	29 October SWIM SCHEME	30 October SWIM SCHEME	31 October SWIM SCHEME	1 November PSSA SWIM SCHEME	2 3 Nov
4	4 November SWIM SCHEME P&C MEETING	5 November SWIM SCHEME	6 November SWIM SCHEME	7 November SWIM SCHEME	8 November PSSA SWIM SCHEME	9 10 Nov
5	11 November	12 November KINDY EXCURSION	13 November	14 November	15 November PSSA P&C COLOUR RUN (afternoon)	16 17 Nov
6	18 November	19 November 2020 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY 1 (morning)	20 November	21 November PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY @ 9:30AM	22 November PSSA	23 – Year 6 Bunning BBQ 24 Nov
7	25 November	26 November 2020 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY 2 (afternoon)	27 November	28 November	29 November	30 Nov 1 Dec
8	2 December P&C MEETING	3 December	4 December	5 December PRINCIPAL MEDALLION BREAKFAST FROM 7:30AM	6 December STAGE 2 EXCURSION (Year 3&4)	7 8 Dec
9	9 December	10 December PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLIES (morning)	11 December	12 December END OF YEAR CONCERT	13 December	14 15 Dec
10	16 December YR 6 GRADUATION YR 6 FAREWELL STAGE 2 BEACH DAY	17 December STAGE 3 BEACH DAY STAGE 1 INFLATABLE WORLD KINDY CELEBRATION DAY @ SCHOOL	18 December LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	19 December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	20 December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	21 22 Dec
Hols	23 December	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 29 Dec

-- DAYS FOR TEACHERS -- DAYS FOR STUDENTS
YEAR 2018: --DAYS FOR TEACHERS E. Div. (196 W. Div.) -- DAYS FOR STUDENTS (191 W. Div.)