



# Schofields Sparkler

## REMINDER

School Banking  
Every Monday

## Dates to Remember

- 12 Nov - Kindergarten Excursion
- 15 Nov - P&C Colour Run
- 19 & 26 Nov - Orientation Kindy 2020
- 21 Nov - Principal's Assembly 9:30am
- 23 Nov - Year 6 Bunnings BBQ
- 2 Dec - P&C Meeting
- 5 Dec - Principal's Medallion Breakfast from 8:00am
- 6 Dec - Stage 2 Excursion
- 10 Dec - Presentation Day Assembly
- 12 Dec - End of Year Evening Concert
- 16 Dec - Year 6 Graduation (morning) & Farewell (evening)
- 16 Dec - Stage 2 Reward Beach Day
- 17 Dec - K-2 & Stage 3 Reward Day
- 18 Dec - Last day Term 4
- 29 Jan 2020 - First day back for Students in Year 1 - Year 6

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## Principal's Report

The year seems to be racing by and it is already November with Summer fast approaching. Please encourage your children to apply sunscreen in the morning before they come to school.

In staffing news Mrs Yarham commences maternity leave this Friday. Miss Holly Salvador has been working closely with Mrs Yarham and will be teaching the class for the rest of the year.

## P&C COLOUR RUN UPDATE

Our Colour Fun Run, scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, 15 November, is fast approaching. If students have raised funds in cash, this may be returned to the school office.

Our school total is currently \$15,722. An awesome effort.

Notes with additional information, suggestions and volunteer forms were sent home last week. It will be a great afternoon of fun for the children and we hope to see many parent volunteers and spectators.

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## SWIM SCHOOL

Sixty students from Years 2-4 have been participating in our swim school program. It is a great opportunity to improve their essential swimming skills. This two week program once a year however, is not sufficient for children to become proficient swimmers. I strongly encourage parents to enrol their children in regular swimming lessons.

## SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL

Supervision does not begin in the school playground until 8:45am. Students should not arrive at school before this time. We are currently in the process of increasing the number of places available at Before and After School Care.

## BIKE RACKS

Additional bike racks have been bought and one set installed at the Schofields Park entrance to cater for the large number of children who ride to school. I ask that parents ensure all children have a properly fitted helmet if a bicycle or scooter are being ridden to school.

A number of students were recently seen riding down Junction Rd on their journey to school. Please speak to your children about staying on the footpath if they ride to school. I have included a brochure of basic safety procedures for children riding to and from school.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, [a parent web form](#) has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure that extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have you say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We used our Earn and Learn points to provide a selection of equipment for students to use in the playground. The equipment is already being used enthusiastically by the students.



*Colin Ross  
Principal*

## PBL FOCUS - RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

This fortnight's focus is about being responsible and safe. Instead of lining up at the quad, students are now walking straight to their classroom after lunch and lining up sensibly until their teacher arrives. At Schofields Public School, we are being responsible by making sure we are in the right place at the right time.

*Helen Costi*  
Stage 1 Teacher

## ATTENDANCE

New targets from the Department of Education aim to have all students in New South Wales having a school attendance rate of 90% or more. In real terms this translates to 1 day a fortnight which, over the course of a child's schooling, is still nearly a year and a half of school missed. Currently 27% of our students have attendance rates of 90% or lower. Please help give your child every chance of success in life by ensuring that they attend school each day unless they are ill. On occasions where your child is unable to attend school, please make sure to provide an explanation either in writing or by phone.

*David England*  
Deputy Principal



# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!







## ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

# Ride a bicycle safely

As younger children are still developing the skills needed to ride alone, the safest place to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards is within fenced areas.

Until children are at least 10 years old they should ride away from vehicles and driveways. As they are learning to ride it is important to ride or walk alongside them and talk about how to be a safe bicycle rider.

Children between 10 years old and 12 years old should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Teach your children to be safe bicycle riders by getting them to always:

- follow bicycle road rules including:
  - ride to the left on footpaths
  - give pedestrians right of way on footpaths
  - watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways
- wear a correctly fitted bicycle helmet – it's the law
- wear bright-coloured clothing such as a vest so other road users can see them.

### For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.

For older children, think carefully about the following when judging their ability to ride on their own:

- How safe is the travel route?
- What are their riding skills like?
- How aware are they of their surroundings in the traffic environment?
- How well can they manage unexpected hazards?

Your school will have procedures about students bringing bikes onto school grounds. Ensure your children follow these at all times.





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**REV UP**  
**RIVERSTONE**

Saturday 9 November,  
9 am – noon  
Riverstone Village Car Park

 **Blacktown**  
City Council

   

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