



Schofields Sparkler

REMINDER

School Banking
Every Monday

Dates to Remember

- 24 May - Ridges X-Country
- 30 May - Principal's Assembly
@ 9:30am
- 3 June - P & C Meeting
- 4 June - SRC Mufti Day
- 10 June - Public Holiday
- 12 June - SW X-Country
- 12, 13, 14 June - Stage 3 Camp
- 26 June - Stage 1 Taronga Zoo
Excursion
- 1 July - 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- 5 July - K-2 Athletics Carnival
- 5 July - Last day Term 2
- 22 July - Staff Development
Day

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

BUILDING UPDATE

As notified by Schools Infrastructure last week. Main works will commence shortly on the new school. This will include the demolition of a number of buildings on the site.

ROADWORKS UPDATE

The roundabout at the Junction Rd and Station St intersection is now complete. I would like to thank all the students and families who are using the pedestrian crossing to cross Junction Rd in the morning and after school. Could I please ask all adults accompanying children that cross Junction Rd to please use the crossing rather than crossing at the roundabout or at various other points along Junction Rd. Together we can make all of our students, your children, safer.

PLEASE USE THE CROSSING!

Please also read the page later in the newsletter: Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Walk Safely to School' day last Friday. Walking from a small distance away from the school certainly reduces the traffic around the school and is great for your health. Thanks to Mrs Mark for coordinating this event.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy tests last week. Results are usually sent home late in Term 3.

NEW AWARD SYSTEM

A number of students and parents have brought to our attention some confusion with the new award system. We will clarify this new system with the students. If you have any queries please contact your child's class teacher.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

I hope all the Mums in our community were suitably spoiled on Mother's Day. The students certainly enjoyed buying a special treat for mum from our Mother's Day stall. A huge thanks to: Carly Yates, Anne Irvine, Elisa Ardill, Kristy Hulm, Kim Verheyen, Jess Wanders, Mei Gan and Juliana Loo for the time and effort making the stall such a success.



PANTHERS CUP

On 7 May, fifteen Stage 3 boys represented Schofields PS at the annual Panther Cup rugby league tournament. The boys played extremely well finishing at the top of their pool. The boys then progressed to the semi-finals, narrowly going down to tough opposition. All boys showed excellent team work on the field and represented themselves, their families and SPS very well. The boys are looking forward to the Knock Out Rugby League on the 11 June. Thankyou to Miss Chan for organising and coaching the team.



ONLINE BULLYING

Online bullying or cyberbullying, means using technology like the internet or mobile devices to bully someone.

It might include:

- ◆ Sending abusive texts and emails.
- ◆ Posting unkind messages or images.
- ◆ Imitating others online.
- ◆ Excluding others online.
- ◆ Tagging people in pictures against their wishes.
- ◆ Threatening another person to do something such as sending revealing images.

Parents please be aware and closely monitor your child's use of social media. Unfortunately children sometimes make poor decisions which can have significant consequences. I am currently organising a visit from our Youth Liaison Officer from Riverstone Police to provide an information session for parents and a workshop for Stage 2 and 3 students.

The following is an extract from the NSW Department of Education's Procedures for the Suspension and Expulsion of Students.

These procedures apply to the behaviour of students at school, on the way to and from school and while away from the school site on school endorsed activities. They can also apply outside of school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students. This includes the use by a student of social networking sites, mobile phones and/or other technology to threaten, bully or harass another student or a departmental staff member for school related issues.

The full Information for Parents document can be found at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/leaflet_1.pdf

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



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7th May 2019

**SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL
ROUTE T 74 - AM SERVICE**

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 27th May 2019 there will be change to the departure time for the Morning Route T74 service from Blacktown Station at 8:06am to Schools displayed above.

The morning School Route T74 will operate as Route 734 departing Blacktown Station at 8:12am (6 minutes later)

There are no changes to the current Route.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely

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SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

ROUTE T74 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 27th May 2019 there will be change to the Destination number & Time of the Afternoon Route T74 departing from Schofields Public School at 3:23pm.

Route T74 will now operate as Route 734 service departing Schofields Public School at 3:17pm (6 minutes earlier)

There are no changes to the Route.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870**.
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Yours sincerely

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To whom it may concern,

Commencing **Monday 27th May 2019** there will be significant changes to the Busways Western Sydney Network, resulting from the introduction of the Norwest Metro.

We have created letters to advise students and parents of any changes to current services, which will be distributed on the affected services from this week.

However, due to the scale of change involved and to ensure all students are aware of the changes, we are asking all School administration teams to **assist in urging parents to check their Schools New Timetable starting 27th May** to familiarise themselves with the changes.

You can find your schools timetable here (please select the link to the right of your School's name labelled "New timetable | 27 May 2019"): <https://www.busways.com.au/school-services/school-timetables>.

PLEASE NOTE: The new timetables are not currently available, however they will be uploaded no later than 20th May 2019.

Alternatively, you can use TfNSW Transport Planner to view all transport options (not just Busways services, i.e. including Train, Metro, Light Rail, Ferry and other bus operator services) to assist students in planning their travel to and from School.

TfNSW Transport Planner can be accessed here (ensure School Bus services are also selected in the options): <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/>

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SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 2 2019

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	29 April SDD	30 April Students return	1 May	2 May	3 May PSSA Round 1	4 5 May
2	6 May P & C Meeting	7 May	8 May Mother's Day Stall	9 May	10 May	11 12 May
3	13 May	14 May NAPLAN	15 May NAPLAN Dental Clinic Kindy, Yr2, Yr4, Yr6	16 May NAPLAN	17 May	18 19 May
4	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May Ridges Cross Country	25 26 May
5	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May Principal's Assembly at 9:30am	31 May	1 2 June
6	3 June P & C Meeting	4 June SRC Mufti Day	5 June	6 June	7 June	8 9 June
7	10 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11 June	12 June SW Cross Country Stage 3 Canberra Camp	13 June Stage 3 Canberra Camp	14 June Stage 3 Canberra Camp	15 16 June
8	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 23 June
9	24 June	25 June Year 5 Graffiti Talk	26 June Stage 1 Taronga Zoo Excursion	27 June	28 June P & C Disco	29 30 June
10	1 July S.P.S Athletics Carnival	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July Last day Term 2	6 7 July
Hols	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July	13 14 July
Hols	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July	20 21 July

-- DAYS FOR TEACHERS -- DAYS FOR STUDENTS