



Schofields Sparkler

SCHOOL BANKING IS STILL ON HOLD.

DATE TO BE ADVISED WHEN IT WILL RESUME.

P&C Email
Any P&C related queries can be emailed directly to schofieldspandc@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

16/12/2020 - Last day of Term 4 for Students

17/12/2020 & 18/12/2020 – Staff Development Days

29/01/2021 - First day Term 1 for Students

Year 6 Farewell - **Date TBA**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

LEARNING UPDATE

Students and staff are becoming more accustomed every day to our changed learning environment. Later in the newsletter you will see some great insights to the teaching and learning occurring here at Schofields. Well done to all students and staff.

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING

Late in Term 3, four students from Schofields Public School progressed through to the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Local final. Congratulations to Ananya - Year 3, Cherezad - Year 4, Khristina - Year 6 and Brinley - Year 6.

Brinley in Year 6 was successful at the local finals and reached the Regional Finals of the 2020 Competition.

On Tuesday, 27 October, Brinley participated in the regional finals via Zoom and presented a fantastic prepared and very interesting impromptu speech against very strong competition from around the state. Brinley's skill and poise in public speaking were clearly evident as was his flexibility and resilience in performing on camera rather than face-to-face. An outstanding effort. Congratulations again to Brinley.

A very big thank you to Miss Shelton who coordinates and organises our Public Speaking and Debating programs.

SRC CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY

Thanks to our SRC and Miss Dale. We had a very crazy and enjoyable day on Wednesday, 28 October. A report and some great photos are later in the newsletter.

EVERYDAY MATHS HUB

We use maths every day, in almost everything we do. Explore how, with fun, practical activities for young minds. Visit the site below to see how you can talk to you child/ren about Maths every day.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos should be available for preview and ordering shortly. We will notify everyone via a push notification as soon as this occurs.

OPERATION ART

Our Operation Art winners are:

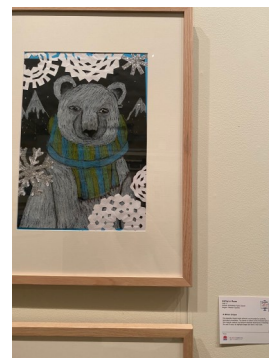
EARLY STAGE 1 - KALKI



STAGE 1 - FELIX



STAGE 2 - ASHLYNN



STAGE 3 - RAZI



They all currently have their framed artworks on display at The Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park until 15 November. The exhibition is free to enter and open from 10am - 4pm daily.

Kalki's work 'Bug on a Flower' was selected as a Paw Pick winner. Congratulations Kalki.

P&C

Our November P&C meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm next Monday, 2 November. A link will be sent out via the SkoolBag app.

Part of the Principal's Report will include an overview of 2021 - 2024 School Excellence Cycle.

Community engagement is a critical factor for improving the progress, achievement and wellbeing of your children, our students. When the school, families and the broader community work together to develop positive connections, students thrive.

There will be other opportunities to be involved in our community consultation and engagement but it would be great to see as many families as possible involved through this meeting.

BOOK WEEK MUFTI

Don't forget next Tuesday, 3 November we are having our Book Week Mufti Day. I look forward to seeing some great costumes.

CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY

On Wednesday, 28 October the SRC organised a Crazy Hair and Sock Day to raise money for the Kids with Cancer Foundation. It was great to see all the students (and teachers) with their wild and colourful hair and socks to support this cause. The SRC raised over \$600. Thank you for all your generous donations. The community spirit has been very much appreciated.

With thanks - Schofields Public School SRC



A day in Bottlebrush



"I love that we get to collaborate with other classes." - Jacinta

1. Admin: After marking the roll with our Homebase teacher, we head to the presentation room as a pod to talk about the activities for the day and upcoming events.

2. Morning session: We do Spelling and Literacy groups followed by Crunch n Sip and English.

3. Middle session: We do Maths as a pod in the presentation room then break off into ability groups - red, blue and green. After our lesson, we gather together to discuss what we have learnt.

4. Afternoon session: Depending of the day, we may do PDH, Geography or Dance. Some days we have extra activities like Run West, Footsteps Dance and Library.

"The library is awesome!" - Sashank



"The flexible furniture is awesome!" - Thanish



"I love working together with two other classes!" - Kyla

"We have 3 teachers in the pod and so many friends. I love it so far." - Khristina



"The class had tripled and my day to day friends have too. I wish I could stay here for another year." - Abhilash



"I love that we have a bigger learning space and playground." - Emily

A Day in Wattle POD



Wattle POD is made up of 3 Stage 1 classes
1/2L, 1/2I and 1/2H.

Each morning we start our day off with a collaborative Acknowledgment of Country and morning routine looking at the date and discuss the routine for the day.



This is followed by Phonics when we split into groups and move to allocated learning spaces. Each teacher runs learning sessions focusing on letter, sound combinations and what they look like in words. Each class teacher is responsible for monitoring and tracking the progress of the children in their roll class.



After a quick healthy snack and movement break we get straight into Literacy Groups. Three teachers run reading sessions with small groupings of students, one teacher runs Sentence a Day with half of the POD students, while the other half of the POD are completing Literacy Centre activities like spelling, phonics, response to text, fine motor and reading activities.

Now it's time for recess! After our break, we move into writing and maths rotations. The students are split into 2 groups each group moves to a dedicated learning space to either complete a Writing lesson or a Mathematics lesson. After 50 mins the groups rotate. This takes us to lunch!



After lunch changes each day we rotate the days between History, Science, Health and PE. Each Tuesday we have CAPA with Mrs Robinson, Mrs Rodgers-Faulk and Ms Jain.





A day in Boronia...

It's been such an exciting start to Term 4. It's been a huge year for everyone and the students in Boronia have settled well in their new learning environment. With new friends, new learning spaces and new furniture, the students have taken it in their stride and shown how resilient and flexible they are. We are so proud of how they have adapted and coped with yet again another change in 2020. Go Boronia!

A typical day in Boronia begins with literacy groups, where students engage in spelling, reading and writing activities in small differentiated learning groups. Shortly after crunch and sip, the students enjoy English lessons where we are focusing on Fairytales and Myths/Legends. Students are currently planning and composing a variety of imaginative texts and using StoryJumper online to publish their writing. After recess, the students take part in differentiated maths activities and are currently focusing on Whole Number, 2D shapes and 3D objects. Each afternoon, the students engage in either Geography, Science, Art or PDHPE to finish off the day. Each class teacher is responsible for monitoring and tracking the progress of their children in their own class.

"We never stop learning because life never stops teaching"

Mr Storey, Miss Regoli, Mrs Avery and Miss Shelton



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KN – MISS KHUU

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Prince: I love After School Care and playing Pirates and Police with Misha.

Freya: The play area on the hard surface.

David: The grass area because there I can run.

Vibhuh: The new school because there's fake grass and there's concrete.

Kiana: I like the new school because there is new canteen.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE LEARNING THE MOST AND WHY?

Kayan: Reading because when I read at home I get a certificate from Miss Khuu, so I love reading.

Oscar: Sports because I like to go outside and go on the grass.

Braith: Maths, because I like to play number games.

Anika: I like Art because I like to make everything cool.

Zuha: Sport and Science AND Reading, because I love to read books that are my favourite.

Amirah: I like reading because it makes me relaxed.

Jaisleen: I like art because I love painting at school.

IF YOU WERE THE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Oliver: I think I want to tell people to stop doing the bad choices.

Misha: I would tell people to dance.

Hamza: I would help people get up when they fall down.

Kalki: I would tell people to do good things and be sensible.

Brincy: I would help anyone and see if they see if they did some naughty things and remind them the rules.



BLACKTOWN CITY YOUNG ARTIST PRIZE

We are celebrating the creativity of local young people with an environmentally-themed Young Artists Prize. **Young people who live or study in Blacktown City** and are aged **3 – 15 years** are invited to enter work, with prizes up for grabs for all ages.

The theme for 2020 is *Staying strong*, as we work to recover from the rough year we have had so far.

The artwork can be a **drawing, painting, print, sculpture or ceramic piece**. Artworks are displayed as part of the Blacktown City Art Prize exhibition from **Saturday 28 November 2020 to Thursday 28 January 2021**. Entry into the Young Artists Prize is **free**, and **all artworks will be displayed**. The winner of each age group will receive a prize, and every entrant will receive a certificate.

<https://blacktownarts.com.au/bcap/young-artists-prize/>



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES
WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

No Parking
 No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
 PENALTIES FROM \$191 + 1 DEMERIT POINTS

No Stopping
 You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.
 PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Bus Zone
 Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.
 PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Mobile Phones
 Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits
 PENALTIES FROM \$457 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

Speeding Offences
 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits
 PENALTIES FROM \$200 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS

Pedestrian Crossings
 1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
 2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.
 PENALTIES FROM \$457 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths
 Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.
 PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns
 Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.
 PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking
 Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.
 PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
 Fines current as of November 2019. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Please follow the road rules. An explanation of the road signs and the penalties for offences are included to the left.

Please move forward as far as possible at the kiss and drop.

GENERAL NEWS

IDENTIFICATION

Occasionally there is a need for parents to collect their children early from school which requires the office staff to check parents identity. As a matter of course please ensure you have photo ID e.g. Driver's Licence with you when you visit the office.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. If you need an enrolment form please come in to the school office and pick one up or download one from the school website.

If you know of anyone that has a child that is due to start Kindergarten next year, please refer them to the school office.

If you have a completed form please drop it in to the school office with your child's birth certificate, immunisation history statement and 1 x proof of address.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property basket is now located outside the new canteen building.

Everyone healthy and safe during the time.

COVID-safe Halloween advice

Celebrating Halloween this year? NSW Health has confirmed it is still okay to trick or treat but you must do it differently. Watch these trick-or-treaters explain how to stay COVID-safe [here](#).

This Halloween, remember:

- Carry hand sanitiser with you and use it often
- Stay in small groups under 20 people
- Keep 1.5 metres away from other households
- Use a disposable bag for trick-or-treating and throw it out afterwards
- Stay local, avoid crowded “treat streets”
- Only accept lollies or chocolates that are individually wrapped
- Don't share your lollies with others from different households



To view the latest NSW Health Guidelines, click [here](#).

COVID-19 Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead



The Children's Hospital at Westmead COVID-19 Clinic is open for drop-in testing of children and their families from 8.30am – 4pm, seven days a week.

Families can register online before coming to the COVID-19 Clinic. The pre-registration form can be completed on a computer, smartphone or tablet [here](#).

Children with mild or no symptoms can also be tested at any COVID-19 testing clinic that accepts children. Children who are unwell and need to see a doctor should go to their GP. If you cannot see your GP, The Children's Hospital at Westmead Emergency Department is open and is a safe place to bring your child.

For more information, click [here](#).

COVID-19 - need more information or help?

Find all relevant COVID-19 phone numbers on the [Who To Call Poster](#). You may like to print it and display it somewhere accessible to all.

- Call National Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 020 080 (24/7) for health questions or to check symptoms
- Call Service NSW on 13 77 88 (24/7) for non-health related questions
- Call Beyond Blue on 1800 512 348 (24/7) for mental wellbeing support
- Visit www.healthdirect.gov.au to check symptoms
- Visit www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for all other COVID-19 related information
- Call Translating & Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 for FREE help in your language
- Call COVID-19 Let's Talk on 8890 5236 to talk about stress and lifestyle changes felt during COVID-19
- Visit Western Sydney Local Health District's COVID-19 website for community resources: <https://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19-Wellbeing/home>

Information is current at date of issue – 26 October 2020.

Due to COVID children can not use the school bubblers.

As the weather is now warming up please ensure that you supply your child with a drink bottle.

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