



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

- 15/12/2020 - Year 6 Farewell
- 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

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

NAIDOC WEEK



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020

As a school community we celebrated the achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by engaging in activities in recognition of this year's theme; Always was, Always will be. Students and teachers were exposed to the rich history, culture and recognising the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

BOOKWEEK MUFTI, PARADE AND PRESENTATION

'Curious Creatures, wild minds' was the theme of this year's Book Week and there were certainly many of these on display on our Book Week Mufti Day. We were also able to hold a COVID safe parade which gave the students a great opportunity to see each other's creativity.

Please see the photos of the Parade and the winners of the Book Week Poster Competition on Page 5 & Page 6.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr Ryan Cox who has been relieving Assistant Principal at Roselea PS, has been successful in gaining a substantive Assistant Principal position at West Ryde Public School. Congratulations Mr Cox.

We have recently welcomed a number of additional staff to the school: Miss Alfons on 1/2B, Mrs Reid Stage 1 Support Teacher, Mrs Kirkness Stage 1 Support Teacher, Mrs Kim for our EALD students and Mrs Brady for Learning and Support students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school leaders conducted our Remembrance Day Ceremony via video for all classes. They did an outstanding job leading our ceremony to honour and remember all men and women who served in Australia's Defence Forces and gave the ultimate sacrifice.



COVID SAFE GUIDELINES AT SCHOOL

We continue to be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- Regularly washing or sanitising hands.
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food .
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.
- Students to use their own stationery where possible.
- Shared equipment to be cleaned between cohorts.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL SITES

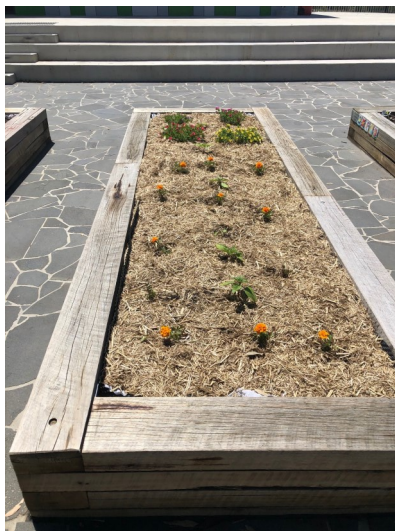
Non-essential adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives.
- Parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school.

GARDEN BEDS, SANDPIT COVER, TURF ON BOTTOM OVAL

Our garden beds are being utilised by our students, our sand pit has its cover and the turf has been laid on the bottom oval where the demountables have been removed. Unfortunately, we won't be opening this new grass section until the last week of school.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

With the current school planning and external validation cycle concluding in 2020, we have a great opportunity to align the components of the School Excellence cycle to better support our school improvement journey.

The process helps our schools work closely with our communities to set and prioritise goals aimed at improving our students learning, growth and well-being.

We will be holding two short introductory sessions next week via Zoom to introduce The School Excellence in Action cycle and process. It is the start of our community consultation and your opportunity to provide input and feedback for the school's improvement plan.

There will be a number of sessions over the following weeks to continue this consultation and ensure we have taken the views of our community into consideration when designing our improvement plan.

Next Week's Sessions (both sessions will cover the same content)

Wednesday, 18 November 10am - An overview and introduction to the School Excellence Cycle

Wednesday, 18 November 7pm - An overview and introduction to the School Excellence Cycle

PAVING FUNDRAISER

Earlier this year, the P&C ran a paver fundraiser for pavers to be laid in a path on the upgraded site. The P&C also purchased a sandstone feature paver including the school crest and the words PAST- PRESENT- FUTURE. We now call this path the 'PAST- PRESENT- FUTURE' path.

You can see this path from the Junction Rd entrance and photo is below to give you an idea of what it looks like a little closer.



REMINDERS

A few reminders of our school expectations for students and families:

No **school** hat no play - we are a Sun Safe and uniform proud school. Students without school hats will be asked to sit in a shaded area during play times.

Glass containers - under no circumstances should children bring their food or drinks in glass containers. This causes a significant safety risk.

Lost property - we regularly find unlabelled student clothing, drink bottles and containers. We sort and return labelled items. After a period of time, unlabelled items are disposed of.

Mr Ross
Principal

BOOK WEEK ART COMPETITION

As part of our Book Week celebrations students were asked to create a poster based on the 2020 Book Week theme, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. We received many amazing and creative entries from students K-6.

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate and book prize in recognition of their achievement. The winning 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' posters have been framed and are displayed in our school library.

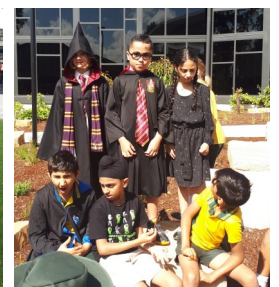
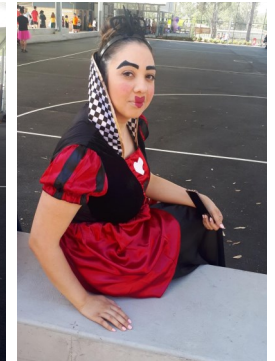
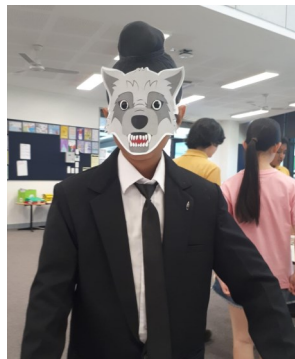
Aaryana - KM
Annaliese - KM
Mansh - 1/2T
Dolly - 1/2L
Riya - 3/4S
Isabella - 3/4S
Katie - 5/6M
Lily - 5/6C



Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hasta
Teacher Librarians



BOOK WEEK PARADE



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 school admin building. Please clearly label your children's belongings as there are quite a few items in lost property without names.

happy दीवाली



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.



We have care covered for you

**ENROL NOW
FOR OSHC IN 2021**

on site at Schofields Public School



Operating times: 6:30am - 8:45am & 3:10pm - 6:30pm
Breakfast & Afternoon Tea provided
Government CCS rebates may apply

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www.nwccm.com.au/childcare

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Face-to-face and online classes available!

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