



Schofields Sparkler

Dates to Remember

Fri, 3 July - Last day Term 2

Mon, 20 July - Staff Development Day

Tue, 21 July - First day Term 3 for Students

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the entire school community, students, parents and staff for their flexibility, understanding and efforts during this highly disrupted time. Everyone has worked together in an extremely positive way which is a great reflection of our school community.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

From Monday, 25 May Schofields Public School will be returning to full on-site operations. All students should attend school unless they fall into one of the categories outlined in the guide that follows.

From next week the following arrangements will be in place to assist with student movement on and off the site (our current hygiene arrangements will remain in place).

Arrival

Students will go straight to their classrooms when the 9:15am bell rings.

Parents please use the kiss and drop. Please move to the front of the kiss and drop to allow the next car to safely fill all spaces.

Please use the pedestrian crossing. **It is unsafe for students to cross Junction Rd directly to gate B, please use the crossing. Also students should exit cars on the kerbside.**

Departure

Kindergarten will be available for pick up from 2:45pm. Older siblings can be collected at the same time from Gate B.

Years 1 and 2 will be available for pick up from 3:00pm from Gate B.

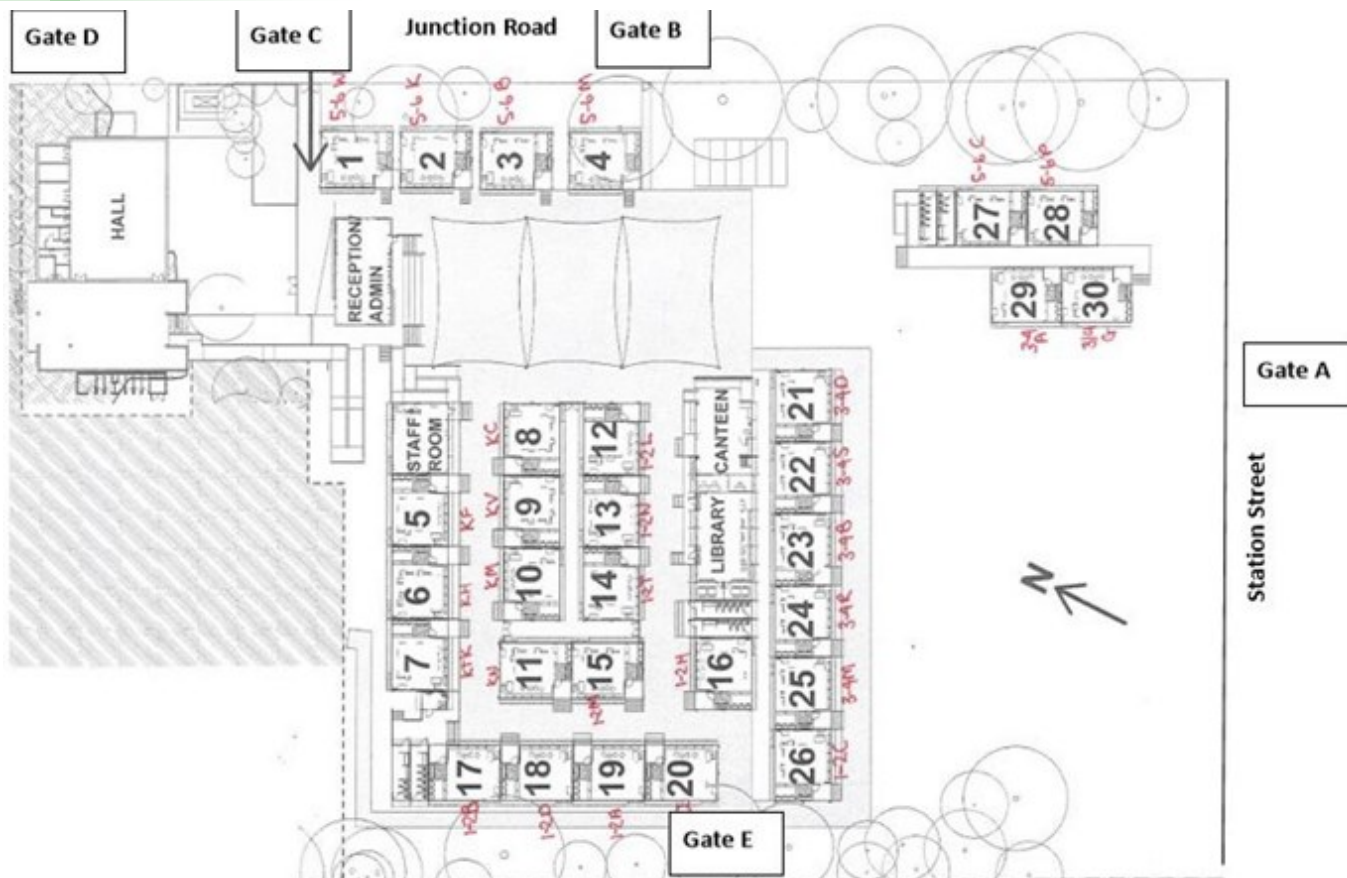
Years 3 to 6 will be dismissed at 3:10pm.

If you would like your K-2 student to meet you at an alternative gate, please send a note with your child.

Please ensure students in Years 3-6 know which gate they are to leave from.

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REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Semester 1 reports will be sent home early next term. Schools are required to provide a simplified written report to parent/carers. We will also organise opportunities for parent/teacher interviews either by phone or online platform.

P&C VIA ZOOM

We will be working with the P&C to organise an online version of next month’s meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

PAVERS

Next week we will be sending home an order form for our major P&C fundraiser. It is an opportunity to purchase a paver with your child’s or family engraved that will form part of the paving in the upgraded school. The offer is for a limited time and will not be extended due to manufacturing constraints. I encourage you to support this fundraiser and unique opportunity to be part of the new build.

BUILDING UPDATE

Progress on the new build is progressing at a rapid pace. Builders will shortly commence work on the area between the ‘pop-up’ school and the hall. This will mean changed access to the hall for students and staff.

CANCELLED EXCURSIONS AND REFUNDS

In the next newsletter I will clarify which excursions and school activities have been cancelled. We will endeavour to re-book similar activities once restrictions are lifted. Any money that has already been paid will either be refunded or held as Fees in Advance for future use by any member of your family. The option of refund or fees held in advance will be provided in the coming weeks.

ALEX AVENUE

As you would be aware, a new school is being constructed in Farmland Drive, Schofields to service the Alex Avenue Precinct. The area on the Quakers Hill side of Schofields Road will become part of the new school's catchment (local school enrolment area). Please find attached communication from the Department of Education regarding this project.

Contact details for families of students currently enrolled in Schofields Public School and residing in the zoned area for Alex Avenue have been provided to Mrs Tracy Anderson, foundation Principal of the new school to assist in the consultation process.

Please use the School Finder link to confirm your child's local primary and high school for 2021.

<https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder/index>

Two information sessions regarding the new primary school will be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2020 at 9:30am or 6:00pm at Riverbank Public School, 25 Wentworth Street, The Ponds.

Parents with students currently enrolled at Schofields Public School who now reside outside our catchment and would like a sibling to be enrolled at Schofields Public School in 2021 are welcome to complete an Out of Area application form (available from the school office). Our Out of Area panel will meet in Term 3 and you will be advised of the outcome of your application by the end of August.

Currently enrolled students who reside in the new catchment have the option to stay at Schofields Public School or transfer to the new Alex Avenue Precinct school.

If you have any questions please contact me on 9627 1534.

Colin Ross
Principal

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION – SUPPORT UNIT

As part of the new school build, Schofields Public School is being provided with 3 purpose built learning spaces that cater for students with additional needs. These spaces will support the implementation of inclusive education to support students with a disability and will provide benefits to the whole school. We would like to invite interested members of the community who wish to learn about these spaces, the sort of needs they will cater for and have a say in the process to an online information session on Thursday 4 June. There will be two sessions, each covering the same content, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In addition to school staff, these sessions will also be attended by member of the Department of Education's Learning and Wellbeing Unit who will answer questions and provide information.

COLDER WEATHER

With the colder weather fast approaching could you please ensure that your child's jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled. Could you also please ensure that drink bottles and lunch boxes are also clearly labelled as all drink bottles and lunch boxes in lost property are discarded on a Friday afternoon..

We have a very limited number of spare clothes and underwear in the office. Could you please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their school bag, in case of little accidents. If a child does need a new pair of underwear from the office because they don't have a spare set in their bags, the office will give them a brand new pair of underwear with a slip to go home to parents. The slip is to be returned to the office with a brand new pair of underwear as a replacement for the ones borrowed.

DRINK BOTTLES

Please ensure that you send your child to school with their own drink bottle clearly labelled as the bubblers are currently not available for use by students.

Set up your account

1 Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.

2 Login/Register

- **Already a Flexischools user** – Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** – Click '**Register**', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.

3 Top Up Your Account

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your '**User Profile**'.

Order

1 Place your Order

On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.

2 Make your Selection

Find the service and press '**Order**', then select the items you wish to order.

3 Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



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Riverstone COVID -19 Respiratory Clinic

Do you need testing for COVID-19?

Sore throat, fever, cough, fatigue,
shortness of breath

By appointment only

Book online
www.rfmp.com.au

We are a GP Led Respiratory Clinic funded by the Federal Government in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The aim of the clinic is to reduce pressure on our hospitals and keep our General Practices a safe environment. All patients will be clinically assessed by our Doctors for respiratory illnesses.

FREE SERVICE TO ALL MEDICARE AND NON MEDICARE HOLDERS*

Same Day Tests are available

NO REFERRAL REQUIRED

Walk in Service - not available

All patients will commence their clinical assessment on the phone prior to attending our clinic.

Patients who meet the criteria will be booked into the clinic by our GP

OPENING HOURS

Our clinic is open from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday

Patients must self-isolate once they have requested a test for COVID-19.

Patients are requested to arrive in an enclosed car, however pedestrian access is available

RESULTS

We use DHM as our pathology provider. Results come through within 24-48 hours.

Our Doctors will notify patients as soon as the results come in.

Medical Certificates will only be provided at the end of assessment process.

Dr Sharon Muir

Dr Michelle Crockett

Dr Priya Murugiah

Dr Siobhan Ballesty

Dr Leila Moghadas

Dr Rahul Mohan

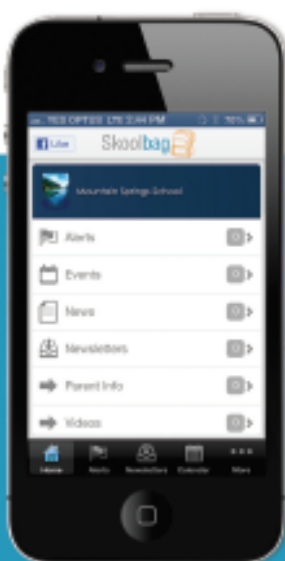
Dr Matthew Lam

Dr Aarti Ganapathi

Dr Donna Jenkins

*Pathology for Non Medicare Holders will incur a fee from DHM

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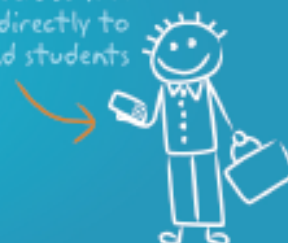
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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