



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

BUILDING UPDATE

Please find attached to this newsletter an update from Schools Infrastructure. As part of the final stages of work, temporary access will be set up between the hall, the pop-up school and Gate C, will be out of use. The bike racks near the hall will be relocated for students to continue using them.

CHANGES TO CLASSES

From next week we will be required to do some restructuring of classes. Parents of the students impacted will be contacted separately. Updates will be outlined once parents have been informed.

GRANT SUCCESS

Plans are currently underway to provide a sandpit close to the Station St boundary for use during class and playtime by our students. We are also planning a working/teaching garden space utilising funds provided by a Sustainable Schools grant. Finally, we will shortly be purchasing at least \$1000 worth of Lego to establish a Lego club for students at lunch times, more details later in the newsletter.

The sandpit and Lego are being purchased with funds from grants that were applied for by our fantastic P&C. I would like to say a huge thank you to the P&C for helping to improve our school learning spaces.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please be on the look out for notification of upcoming information sessions on:

- ◆ Our support unit classes that will be part of the upgraded school.
- ◆ Teaching and learning at Schofields Public School and how the new building will be utilised going forward.

THE MUSIC BUS

The Music Bus has been unable to operate at Schofields PS during the Covid 19 restrictions. Unfortunately we will not be able to consider it recommencing until after restrictions are lifted and we have evaluated the suitability and available spaces on the upgraded site.

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USING OUR KISS AND DROP AREA



Kiss and drop zones are signposted as 'no parking'.

Please read the guidance below to assist in managing this space during the current restrictions.

KISS AND DROP AREA: This is the No Parking zone. The rules for all No Parking zones are that you may stop while loading or unloading passengers (or goods) up to a maximum of two minutes and must remain within 3m of your vehicle. This is not a waiting zone.

The Kiss and Drop arrangements are there so that everyone can pick up and drop off their children quickly and safely. For this to happen please follow these rules:

If you are the first car, please move to the front of the area to allow for the following cars to move in behind you.

You ARE NOT allowed to park and leave your car. You are required to remain in or within 3 metres of your vehicle

You may stop to drop off or pick up for a maximum of 2 minutes in this zone. It doesn't matter whether your engine is running or not. Your two minutes starts from when you pull in.

In the morning please have children's school bags in the car with them so they can get out quickly and safely.

For the afternoon pick up please time your arrival – Kindergarten (and older siblings) can be picked up from 2:45pm, Years 1 and 2 (and older siblings) can be picked from 3:00pm, Stages 2 and 3 can be picked up from 3:10pm. Please do not arrive before your child/ren's pick up time and park in this area. There are other places that you can park legally and wait.

A sign like the one in the photo below may help us in getting your children to your car. Please make sure that all children are buckled up before driving off.

Operating hours for these rules are: 8:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm



SORRY DAY/RECONCILIATION WEEK

"Reconciliation is not marked by one moment in time. It is ongoing, now and into the future" Roslyn McGregor

The children at SPS took part in paying respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by engaging in activities to commemorate Sorry Day and National Reconciliation week.



P&C NEWS

LEGO CLUB IS COMING!!!

Schofields P&C are pleased to announce that they were successful recipients of a 2020 Stockland CARE Grant to the value of \$1000 this month. The funds will be donated to the school by the P&C to start a Lego Club which will provide students an opportunity for creative and enjoyable lunch time play. The P&C would like to thank Stockland for supporting our school community.

CHANGES TO THE OPPORTUNITY CLASS (OC) PLACEMENT PROCESS FOR 2020 YEAR 4 STUDENTS

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)

Colin Ross - Principal

NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Artist Impression of the Schofields Public School upgrade

Schofields Public School

Project update

June 2020

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across New South Wales. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and support growth in the local economy.

Schofields Public School

A project is underway to redevelop Schofields Public School. The project will deliver new flexible learning spaces and upgraded facilities where the existing school facilities were located.

Progress summary

- Works remain on track to be completed during Term 3, 2020
- The internal fit out of buildings A, B and C is nearing completion and the installation of joinery has started

- Landscaping is underway including preparation for the new covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and continued work on the On-site Detention Tank (OSD). Soil that was removed during the construction of the OSD tank has been replaced
- The work impacting the St Albans Street footpath has started and will continue until project completion

Next steps

- The COLA and remaining landscaping works will be completed prior to the new buildings opening
- Connections between the temporary school and the new build will continue over the coming weeks including for electricity, internet and phone lines
- School fencing will be finalised to ensure perimeter security.

For more information contact:

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NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure

Frequently asked questions

Can the open learning spaces be partitioned off?

Yes. While open learning spaces encourage collaboration between students and teachers and are appropriate for some classes, all open learning spaces will have the ability to be partitioned off for quiet or specialised learning.

The Department of Education recognises these types of spaces are not a 'one size fits all' approach with some subjects requiring specialist facilities that can be closed-off for sound management.

Where will the onsite parking be located?

Staff and special education students will continue to access onsite parking near the corner of Lambeth and St Albans Roads following completion of the project. There are no other allowances for onsite parking.

Can the community have a tour of the new facilities before they open to students?

For safety reasons, the Department of Education does not run community tours of an active construction site. Upon completion of the new school, the project team will work with the principal to facilitate a community tour.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021.

If you need a form please come in to the school office and pick one up.

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.

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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YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am -12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am -12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

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Nutrition Snippet

AUTUMN FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these snack ideas:

- [Japanese veg. pancakes](#)
- [Pizza muffins](#)
- [Apple ring pancakes](#)

For these recipes and more visit

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Nutrition Snippet



Use cooking to practice maths, science and reading - and you have something delicious when you finish.

Try these delicious [Thai chicken meatballs](#). There is even a video to show you how.

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Nutrition Snippet



Let the kids choose and cook (or help cook) a healthy recipe. They will be sure to eat their own creations.

Check out the website for lots of quick and easy recipes.

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Nutrition Snippet

WHAT IS A SERVE?



1 medium piece

OR



2 small pieces

OR



1 cup chopped

One serve of fruit is about 150g or one cup

- Try weighing and measuring different fruit to see how much you eat.
- Aim for 2 serves a day.

For fruit recipes and more visit

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