



# Schofields Sparkler

SCHOOL  
BANKING IS  
STILL ON HOLD.

DATE TO BE  
ADVISED WHEN  
IT WILL RESUME.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## Principal's Report

### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is Education Week. The theme this year is 'Learning Together' which reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

All of our activities will be shared online by one or more of our online platforms (SkoolBag App, Facebook and our school website). Unfortunately, we will be unable to host any visitors onsite.

### OPERATION ART

We had many great submissions for our Operation Art entries. Have a look at the outstanding work from some of our young artists on page 3.

### P&C

Our P&C will be meeting next Monday evening at 7pm via zoom. A push notification with instructions will be sent on Monday, 3 August via our SkoolBag App. Along with the regular meeting there will be a presentation about learning and organisation on our upgraded site.

### LEARNING AT SCHOOL TERM 3

We start Term 3 with many of the conditions still in place from Term 2.

Good hygiene practices are followed including:

- Regularly washing 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.

Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters).

### Dates to Remember

Mon, 3 Aug - P&C Zoom Meeting

Thu, 6 Aug - Reports Home

Fri, 25 Sep - Last day Term 3

Mon, 12 Oct - First day Term 4  
for Students

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## PICK UP IN THE AFTERNOON

Thank you to the parents who are able to follow physical distancing guidelines near the school gate in the afternoon. Could I please ask that:

### 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.

<p><b>No Parking</b> No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p><b>No Stopping</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Bus Zone</b> Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p><b>Mobile Phones</b> Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p><b>Speeding Offences</b> 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits</p>	<p><b>Pedestrian Crossings</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Driveways &amp; Footpaths</b> Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.</p> <p><b>U turns</b> Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.</p> <p><b>Double Parking</b> Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p>
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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.

Parents and caregivers practice physical distancing.

Everyone is patient while we endeavour to get all students safely off the school site.

Please make a sign with your child's name and class on it in large black letters whether you are walking or driving. This will help us immensely.

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.

## REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Student reports will be sent home next week (Week 3) with instructions for arranging phone interviews.

## BUILDING UPDATE

We continue to be on track for a Term 4 commencement date in the upgraded school. At our P&C virtual meeting next Monday there will be a presentation outlining our approach to learning and organisation utilising the upgraded build.

This presentation will be repeated the following week in the evening and a daytime session will be arranged, proposed time below:

Wednesday, 12 August 10am and 6:30pm (to be confirmed).

## CROSSING SUPERVISOR

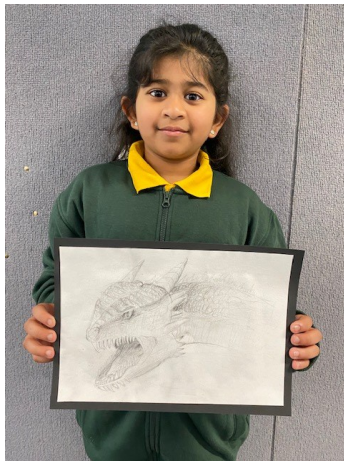
Schofields Public School has been allocated a crossing supervisor. This service will commence after the recruitment process is complete. Please see recruitment information on page 7.

## NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE ALEX AVENUE COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

Please see document with all the information regarding the new Alex Avenue school on page 4 & 5.

*Colin Ross - Principal*

## OPERATION ART 2020



Operation Art is a special art program run by the Children's Hospital at Westmead together with the NSW Department of Education.

This program provides an opportunity for schools and students across NSW to showcase their visual art achievements through exhibitions at Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW.

These art works will be framed for the exhibitions and 50 will be selected for the Children's Hospital at Westmead and 60 will be presented to various children's wards in country hospitals. Other works will also be selected to hang in offices concerned with children's special programs.

SPS students have worked really hard designing and creating some amazing artworks. Their efforts and enthusiasm is to be commended! Each class submitted an artwork to be judged by a panel of staff members. It was a difficult decision as there were many fantastic creations.

Congratulations to the following students, whose artworks have been selected for the Operation Art 2020 program;

Early Stage 1 - Kalki

Stage 1 - Felix

Stage 2 -Ashlynn

Stage 3 - Razi

A very special mention must go to Molly (KM) and Breonna(3/4TK) for their outstanding entries too!

Well done to all students who created wonderful artworks. It has been fantastic to see all the creativity that Schofields Public students have to offer.

*Mrs Kirby*

## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Artist impression of the new primary school for the Alex Avenue Community

## New primary school for the Alex Avenue community

### Project Update

July 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.

#### Project overview

A project is underway to deliver a new primary school on Farmland Drive, Schofields to support the growing community. The school will include:

- 19 new flexible learning spaces
- a library, hall, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- administration and staff facilities.

The new school is designed to accommodate up to 500 students from K-6 and to allow for future expansion of up to 1000 students.

#### Progress summary

Main construction works have begun and are progressing well with three school buildings now delivered and installed on site.

Modern construction techniques are being used in the build, including constructing school buildings offsite. This reduces the impact to local residents and saves time when compared to traditional builds.

#### Next Steps

Planned works over the coming months include:

- earthworks on the school site
- installing and connecting services
- building a lift and installing walkways
- commencing construction on the school hall
- building two covered outdoor learning areas.

Work hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

Dust and noise control are in place to reduce the impact on local residents. Traffic control and security will be used where required. We will ensure disruptions to the wider community are minimised.

#### Keeping you updated

We will keep you updated and provide more information about construction in the coming months. You can contact us using the information below.

#### For more information contact

School Infrastructure NSW  
 Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
 Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Will there be tours of the school before Day 1, Term 1, 2021?**

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority. To account for social distancing measures, we will continue to review the ways we keep you informed about our project in our community.

**Where are the school entry and exit points and kiss and drop area?**

School pedestrian entry and exit points are on Farmland Drive and the soon to be constructed Pelican Road. The kiss and drop area will be located off Farmland Drive. There is no pedestrian or vehicle entry to the school from [Jerralong Drive](#).

**Will a new high school be built in the near future?**

There are a number of existing high schools currently servicing the local area. These are:

- The Ponds High School, a new school completed in 2015
- Riverstone High School, upgraded in 2020
- Quakers Hill High School

**Will the school be completed in time?**

The forecast completion for the school is early 2021.

**When will enrolments be accepted?**

The school is accepting enrolments for Day 1, Term 1, 2021. Enrolment packages are available to collect at [Hambledon, Riverbank and Schofields Public Schools](#). You can also access an application to enrol in a NSW Government school here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

The Application to Enrol, is to be submitted, along with all ORIGINAL documentation to Mrs Kristie Edwards at Riverbank Public School, 25 Wentworth Street [The Ponds NSW 2769](#)

Enrolments will be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Education guidelines. A student is able to enrol at the new primary school if their permanent and principal residence is located within the school catchment area. For enrolment enquiries, please contact the School Administration Rebecca Dawson Manager on 9626 7511 Ext 148

**What is the school catchment/enrolment area?**

The NSW Department of Education has confirmed the school catchment area for the new primary school. The catchment for the new primary school was informed by demographic advice about projected enrolments in the Schofields area and in consultation with local primary school Principals. The Department's process for enrolments in public primary schools will apply.

For a closer look at the catchment go to [my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder](http://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder).

**School information sessions**

We invite parents interested in enrolling their child or children at the new school to join a community information session on Tuesday 21 July 2020 at Riverbank Public School.

Due to current social distancing restrictions, you will be required to register your attendance. There is a limit of one family member per session, with children being asked to remain at home.

If you have any questions or require further information about the information sessions, please contact the Principal, Tracy Anderson on 9629 7511 Ext 148

**Session 1 - 9:30am to 10:30am, Tuesday 21 July 2020**

Click or scan the QR code to register.

**Session 2 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Tuesday 21 July 2020**

Click or scan the QR code to register.





**Kevin Conolly MP**  
Member for Riverstone

23 July 2020

### **THREE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS FOR RIVERSTONE ELECTORATE**

Safety for students at school across the Riverstone Electorate will be strengthened with three new school crossing supervisors to soon be appointed as students return to the classroom.

Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly MP said that Riverbank and Schofields Public Schools as well as St Joseph's Primary School were each preparing to welcome an additional school crossing supervisor. While Schofields and St Josephs will be receiving their first crossing supervisor, this will be Riverbank's third crossing supervisor.

These schools will be three of 80 schools across the state preparing to welcome a new school crossing supervisor as part of the NSW Government's plan to fast track the appointment of 300 new school crossing supervisors within three years.

"These appointments have been made possible thanks to the NSW Government's \$18.5 million commitment to increasing student safety around schools. The new crossing supervisors will monitor children as they walk to and from school," said Mr Conolly.

"We look forward to welcoming our new school crossing supervisors over the coming months as they join more than 1200 others across the state helping to keep primary school students safe."

"Recruitment for these positions will open shortly and I strongly encourage dedicated people interested in serving their community to keep an eye out for the job ads," Mr Conolly said.

Higher fines and demerit points apply within school zones, and the Speed Advisor app is available to alert drivers when they enter an active school zone.

The Centre for Road Safety also provides road safety educational activities for teachers to use in the classroom and for families to share with their children at home on the Safety Town website <https://www.safetytown.com.au/>

For more information about the School Crossing Supervisor program please visit: [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/schoolcrossingsupervisorprogram.html](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/schoolcrossingsupervisorprogram.html)

MEDIA: Rick Cortese (02) 8883 3499



# Part-Time Work

Multiple Permanent Part-Time positions – Blacktown Local Government Area - 5335

## Help protect our vibrant school communities

### Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am – 9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

- Marayong South Public School
- Rooty Hill Public School
- Ropes Crossing Public School
- Schofields Public School

Morning and Afternoon shifts for various schools in the area during the school term are listed below:

- St Joseph's Primary School - 8.00am – 9.00am and 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Tyndale Christian School - 8.05am - 9:05am and 2.35pm-3.35pm
- William Clarke College - 8.00am - 9:00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy



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Roads & Maritime  
Services

If it does, visit [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Nutrition Snippet

### KIDS AND CALCIUM.



Calcium is important for growing healthy bones and teeth.

Our calcium-rich **custard pudding** makes a delicious lunch box treat, snack or dessert.

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## Nutrition Snippet

### THIRSTY?



Water or plain milk is the best.

Try these ideas to zing up your drink:

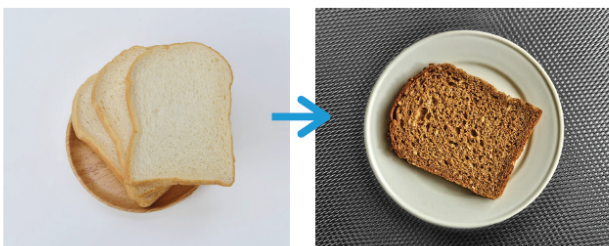
- Water flavoured with slices of strawberries, orange or lemon makes a refreshing change
- For the lunch box, add some berries or cucumber slices to a bottle of water and pop it into the freezer
- Check out our [blog](#) for more healthy thirst-quenching ideas

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## Nutrition Snippet

### WHOLEGRAINS.



Simple swaps - good for the gut.

Aim to eat at least two-thirds of your breads and cereals as wholegrain or wholemeal foods.

Check out the [healthy lunchbox website](#) for more wholegrain inspiration your family will love.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## Sunsmart Snippet

### Vitamin D



Sensible sun protection does not put people at risk of vitamin D deficiency.

Most kids need just a few minutes of sun exposure, such as playing outside at morning tea, to get enough vitamin D.

Protect your skin when UV is 3 or above.

[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

