



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

Fri, 28 Aug - Summer PSSA Starts

Fri, 25 Sep - Last day Term 3

Mon, 12 Oct - First day Term 4

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

EDUCATION WEEK- LEARNING TOGETHER

We are all learning together to adapt, be flexible and maximise our teaching and learning opportunities in the current circumstances. During Education Week we celebrated and shared online some of the wonderful work and learning happening at SPS. You can still access many of the images on our website and see some highlights on Page 5.

<https://schofields-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery.html>

We also planned our first assembly in many months but the weather intervened, so we had our first virtual assembly. We were able to present our 2021 Student Representative Council badges to class representatives, certificates to our Operation Art winners and finally, the medal to our highest fundraiser from last year's Colour Run.

2020 - SRC

1/2A	Sage	3/4D	Romir
1/2B	Meera	3/4G	Nelson
1/2C	Jordan	3/4M	Valentina
1/2D	Arnav	3/4R	Luciana
1/2H	Ishir	3/4S	Riya
1/2I	Zaiden	5/6B	Apphia
1/2L	Ellias	5/6C	Mannat
1/2M	Jayke	5/6K	Tamanna
1/2N	Neha	5/6M	Layla
1/2T	Naya	5/6P	Tahlia
3/4A	Kriti	5/6W	Abisha
3/4B	Jiya		

OPERATION ART

Winners

Early Stage 1 - Kalki

Stage 2 - Ashlynn

Stage 1 - Felix

Stage 3 - Razi

Highly Commended

Molly - KM

Breonna - 3/4TK

Colour Run Highest Fundraiser 2020

Mairangi - 1/2B

YEAR 6 MUFTI DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 mufti day. Over \$800 was raised. Funds will be used to reduce costs associated with the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

BUILDING UPDATE MEETINGS

Thank you to all the parents who were able to take part in our online updates on Tuesday morning and evening. We were able to share a great deal of information about our plans for next term. We will compile some of the frequently asked questions for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

PARENT TEACHER PHONE INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS

All families should have received their child/ren's report and interview booking information. Teachers will be making the interview calls next week as close to the booked time as possible. Please remember teachers will have their number blocked so be on the lookout for a call with **no** caller ID.

SCHOOL PLANNING CONSULTATION

In 2021, we will be commencing a new school plan improvement cycle. Community engagement is a critical factor for improving the progress, achievement and wellbeing of your students. When schools, families and the broader community work together to develop positive connections, students thrive.

At this stage we are planning for this consultation to be via online meetings. We will schedule a series of opportunities for families to have input about our school improvement plan. Dates, times and formats will be communicated as soon as possible to allow as many families as possible to take part.

GALUNGARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school formerly known as Alex Avenue has been formally named Galungara Public School. Please see the media release from Mr Kevin Conolly, Member for Riverstone on Page 4.

P & C NEWS

The P&C Federation has sent a link to three webinars which may be of interest to parents and carers. The link to the webinars is - <https://www.pandc.org.au/pc-federation-webinar-recordings/>

The Webinar topics are:

- ◆ Technology for Parents
- ◆ P&C Association Zoom Training
- ◆ Rural and Remote Education Strategy Consultation

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.

<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>No Parking No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">PENALTIES FROM \$191 +1 DEMERIT POINTS</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">PENALTIES FROM \$344 +2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">PENALTIES FROM \$344 +2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Mobile Phones Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">PENALTIES FROM \$457 +4 DEMERIT POINTS</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Speeding Offences 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">PENALTIES FROM \$200 +5 DEMERIT POINTS</p> </div>	<p>Pedestrian Crossings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. PENALTIES FROM \$457 +1 DEMERIT POINTS 2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone. <p>Driveways & Footpaths</p> <p>Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath. PENALTIES FROM \$344 +2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>U turns</p> <p>Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines. PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>Double Parking</p> <p>Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone. PENALTIES FROM \$344 +2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">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.</p>
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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.

Colin Ross - Principal

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.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to our 291 families that have paid their Voluntary Contribution Fees. It is not too late to make your payment.



Wednesday, 12 August 2020

NAME OF NEW SCHOFIELDS SCHOOL HONOURS THE AREA'S ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

The name of a new public school in Schofields will honour the local Aboriginal people and their custodianship of the land on which the school is located.

Currently under construction on Farmland Drive in Schofields, the Galungara Public School is situated on traditional Darug land and its name recognises the continuing heritage of the first inhabitants.

Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly said the name, Galungara, is the Darug word which translates to 'the stem' or 'the flower stalk' of the *Xanthorrhoea Australis* (grass tree).

The *Xanthorrhoea* tree itself is an ancient species which grows in south-eastern Australia and produces a resin that has been used by aboriginal people for thousands of years to make traditional tools and adornments.

"Naming the school 'Galungara' provides the opportunity to acknowledge our Darug predecessors," Mr Conolly said.

"I am advised that the whole school project will continue the sense of connection with the Aboriginal custodians of the land through the choice of the school name, emblem, building identifiers, playground space and uniform."

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell said the school name was chosen after community consultation via an on-line platform where four possible school names were proposed.

"Support for the name 'Galungara' was strong with 48 per cent of the incoming parent community, Department of Education personnel and the wider local community voting for this name.

"Darug Ngurra, formerly The Aboriginal Tribal Corporation, along with Nurragingy Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) also expressed their support of Galungara in recognition of its significance to the Darug people.

Mr Conolly has also been involved in the consultation process which has led to the choice of the name "Galungara".

The new school in the Schofields area is needed due to rapid population growth arising from substantial residential development in this part of the North West Growth Area of Sydney.

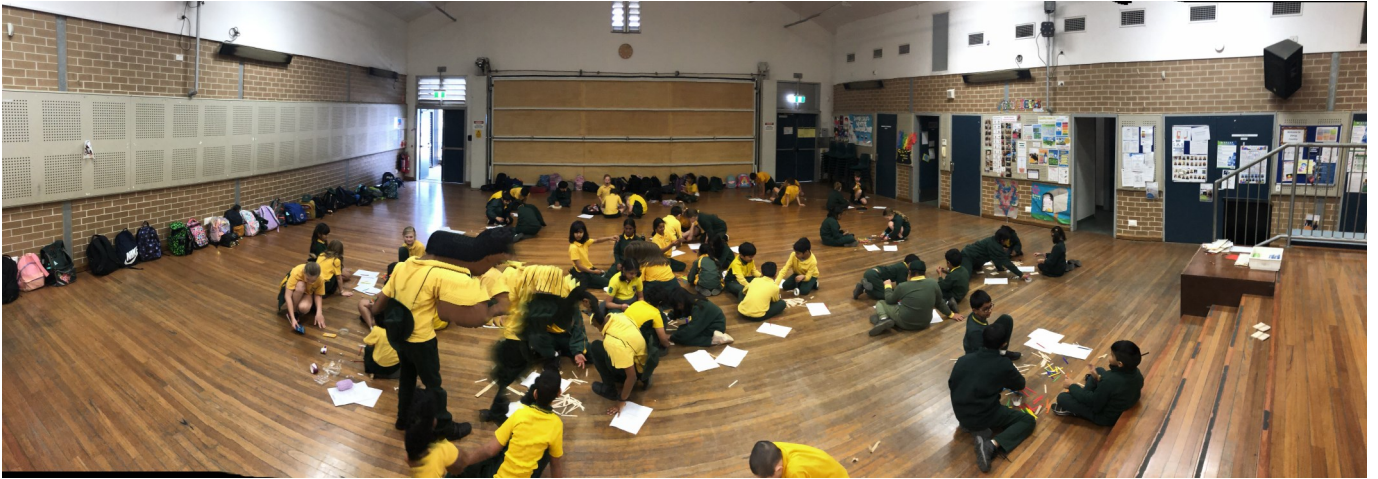
Blacktown Council advises that in 2020 the population for the Alex Avenue precinct land release, where the school is situated will be 9,551 and forecast to grow to 19,174 by 2036.

Galungara Public School will cater for up to 500 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 but it has been master planned for up to 1,000 students from years K-6 including a support unit of three classes.

The school is rapidly taking shape on the site at Farmland Drive, as pre-constructed modules are delivered and assembled.

The school will be operational from Day One, Term 1 2021.


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Developing resilience in children



What a parent can do to build resilience

This workshop helps parents gain knowledge about resilience, looks at how it is developed and what external factors can effect resilience. It also looks at how to promote your child's resilience and examines what resources are available to parents.

The 1.5-hour session covers topics such as:

- What is resilience?
- Why is it important?
- What are the factors associated with it?
- 7 learnable skills of resilience
- The overall model of resilience
- The protective factors associated with resilience

When: Wednesday 28th October 2020- 10:00 am- 11:30 am

Where: Online via Zoom. Please click on the below link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYtcOqgpj4sGNJUtpfOJ-ynLhBldvcFLmnz>