



# Schofields Sparkler

## P&C Email

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## Principal's Report

### RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

It was fantastic to welcome back students from Years 2-6 this week. The sound of the playground and interactions in the classrooms was a joy to behold. Students, teachers and families have quickly settled in to the new routines. A big thank you to everyone, students, staff and families for their outstanding flexibility, efforts and consideration of others.

### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Congratulations Year 6 and the fundraising team led by Miss Raphael and Miss Moore. The fundraiser is now closed and has raised \$3665.50! A sensational effort. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who have completed challenges as targets have been met. There are more to come shortly via our Facebook page. A very big thank you to everybody in the community who supported our fundraiser.

### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We held our first Kindergarten Information Session for 2022 students on Wednesday evening over Zoom. It was well attended and provided a great deal of information for families of students commencing Kindergarten next year.

### P&C

Our November P&C meeting will be held over Zoom on Monday, 1 November (next Monday). I would again like to thank the P&C for their generous \$1000 donation to the Year 6 fundraiser.

Zoom link has been distributed through our Skoolbag app.

### NAPLAN REPORTS

Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN report for parents this week.

### SCHOOL PHOTO UPDATE

The delivery of school photos has been delayed due to regional travel restrictions. We expect they will be delivered and distributed in the next two weeks.

## Dates to Remember

Fri, 17 Dec - Last day  
Term 4

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## **PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY**

This term, parents will have the opportunity to participate in the Partners in Learning parent survey, a part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. Due to Covid-19, parents and carers will need to complete the survey offsite using a personal device. All information provided is confidential and the survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Although participating in this survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much encouraged and appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

To access the survey for our school, please go to <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/schofieldsps>

## **ROAD SAFETY**

There have been a number of incidents of parents and students crossing Junction Rd unsafely. It is vital that children use the supervised crossing to maximise their safety. Teachers will be reminding children of this during class next week. The link below provides many great safety tips for families and students.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/backtoschoolsafety.html>

## **NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2022**









If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 5 and not returning to Schofields Public School in 2022, please call the school office on 02 9627 1534 to advise us.

*Colin Ross*

*Principal*

## 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.

 <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.	 <b>\$191</b> +1 DEMERIT POINTS	<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.	 <b>\$457</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS
 <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.	 <b>\$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS	<b>Driveways &amp; Footpaths</b> Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.	 <b>\$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS
 <b>Bus Zone</b> Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.	 <b>\$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS	<b>U turns</b> Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.	 <b>\$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS
 <b>Mobile Phones</b> Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. <small>May be subject to Double Demerits</small>	 <b>\$457</b> +4 DEMERIT POINTS	<b>Double Parking</b> Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.	 <b>\$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS
 <b>Speeding Offences</b> 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. <small>May be subject to Double Demerits</small>	 <b>\$200</b> +1 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.

On the corner of St Albans Road and Lambeth Road (to the right and to the left) there is a new yellow line on the road which indicates it is a clearway. Police have been fining people for parking in this clearway.

### COURTESY TO OUR NEIGHBOURS



Please be courteous to our neighbours by not blocking driveways. Blacktown Council has clearly marked the road, as indicated in the photograph, showing the

area where parking is prohibited. If you park in this area you are actually blocking two driveways. Riverstone Police have been contacted and will be making extra patrols around the school during mornings and afternoons.

## 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.

### P&C NEWS

The latest P&C E - Bulletin can be viewed at this link: [E - Bulletin | 25 October \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

The next P&C Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, 1st November. Meeting details will be sent out via the SkoolBag App.

## School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.□

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate.External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.□
- Watch our short [parent videoExternal link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor videoExternal link](#).

### Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.
- Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

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**1** day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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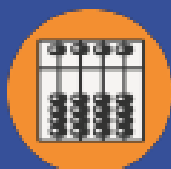
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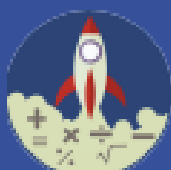


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in a fun and easy way**



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Kindergarten to Year 3



**Rocket Maths**  
Year 4 to Year 7



**Thinking Skills**  
Year 3 to Year 7



**Super Writers**  
Year 2 to Year 6



**Reading Heroes**  
Year 3 to Year 6

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