



Schofields Sparkler

P&C Email

Any P&C related queries can be emailed directly to schofieldspandc@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 15 Dec - Year 6 Graduation & Farewell

Thu, 16 Dec - Last day Term 4

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our student leaders did an outstanding job leading our Remembrance Day observance to pay respect and pause for one minute to remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans and current serving personnel.

Our school captains later laid a wreath at the Riverstone Cenotaph.

Lest We Forget

ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

I have been contacted on a number of occasions by Blacktown Council and concerned parents about the safety of students on the footpaths and roads around the school. Behaviours of concern include: parking in no stopping zones, U-turns across double lines, adults and children not using the pedestrian crossing.

Children start learning their road and pedestrian behaviours from the first time they are in a car or around roads.

Please consider this when driving or near roads with your children. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

END OF YEAR EVENTS

In the latest update to guidelines there have been a number of changes that will allow some of our end of year events to proceed in a Covid safe way.

End of year presentation assemblies will proceed in cohort groups. Unfortunately, no audiences at this stage.

Our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 excursions to Sydney Zoo will be proceeding in accordance with guidelines.

We anticipate that the Year 6 Farewell will be able to proceed.

PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS

Many students aim to achieve a Principal's Medallion which is our highest award in our Positive Behaviour for Learning system. Learning from home has caused significant disruption for many students who would have achieved this award. We will review the levels of achievement in the awards system and adjust the level required for the award of a Principal's Medallion in 2021. We will explain the process to students and I will review the process at the next P&C meeting (which can be held onsite for double vaccinated parents).

P&C - YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

On Friday, 26 November we will be holding our final fundraiser for the year. The P&C have organised a donation of ice-blocks and the Year 6 students would like to have a crazy sock and hair day. So for a gold coin donation, students will receive an ice-block and can wear crazy socks and have crazy hair.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted on Wednesday, 17 November 2021. The test will be a computer-based test, 60 minutes in total, and sat in one single session.

The test will be conducted at school, and to maintain community safety, the test will be administered by the school's teachers.

Test authority emails were sent on the evening of Wednesday, 3 November. The Test authority email tells parents where their children will sit the test. Students must present a printed copy of their Test authority on the day of the test to sit the test.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL - YEAR 7 2023

Applications for entry in to Selective High School Year 7 2023 close on Wednesday, 17 November 2021. The placement test will be held on 10 March 2022.

To apply for entry, go to Application process to find guidance for completing and submitting your application, or link directly to the online application form. Please use one of the following supported browsers: Google Chrome (Windows 10), Firefox (Windows 10), MS Edge (Windows 10), Safari (Macbook pro), Safari (ipad air 2 - iOS 13.6.1), Safari (iphone 8 - iOS 13.6.1), Samsung Internet (Samsung Galaxy phone). Please check that one of these is your default browser.

Information and application form available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

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.



No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



\$191
PENALTIES FROM
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



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.



\$344
PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



\$344
PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS



Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits



\$457
PENALTIES FROM
+4 DEMERIT POINTS



Speeding Offences

40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits



\$200
PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

Pedestrian Crossings

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.



\$457
PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



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PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.



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PENALTIES FROM
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



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PENALTIES FROM
+3 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

P&C NEWS

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

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.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022.

If you need an enrolment form please contact the school office on 9627 1534 to arrange pick 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, and they live within our school catchment, please refer them to the school office ASAP.

If you have a completed form please drop it in to the school with your child's birth certificate, immunisation history statement and 1 x proof of address.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Could you please return all library books to the school asap for end of year stocktake.

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

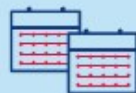


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

Nutrition Snippet

FRIDAY NIGHT FAKEAWAYS.



Our 'fakeaways' are good for health and for the wallet!

- Easy pizza - you have to try this recipe to believe how easy it is!
- Mixed salad - make the meal complete with this simple salad

 3.5 of your 5 veg serves!

For these recipes and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

SENSATIONAL SUMMER VEG.



Try these summer sizzlers:

- Veggie and black bean tacos
- Fattoush salad
- Veggie filo cups

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more about what's in season.



For these recipes and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

SILLY SEASON FUN.

Get the kids to design their own seasonal creation!



Have fun and get fruit and fibre into the day!

Our super easy banana pikelet recipe is perfect for the kids to get creative in the kitchen!

For these recipes and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Vegetable gratin



Ingredients

Olive oil spray
1kg frozen chunky mixed vegetables, thawed
1 tbsp margarine
2 garlic cloves, crushed
¼ tsp dried thyme
¼ cup plain flour
1 tsp Dijon mustard
2 cups reduced-fat milk
1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup fresh wholemeal bread crumbs
2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

- Serves 6

Method

Preheat oven to 190°C. Spray an 18 x 28 cm shallow baking dish with oil. Drain thawed vegetables well and set aside.

Melt the margarine in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and thyme and cook for 30 seconds. Whisk the flour and mustard into the milk and gradually whisk into the saucepan. Cook, whisking constantly, for 5 to 10 mins or until thickened. Remove from the heat and stir in ¼ cup of the cheese until melted. Fold in the vegetables and pour into the baking dish.

In a bowl, combine the remaining cheese with the bread crumbs and parsley. Sprinkle over the vegetables and bake for 20 min or until golden brown.

For more recipes visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

LEARN BALL SKILLS

- ♦ Easy to join, fun to play
- ♦ Inclusive program for all abilities
- ♦ Outdoors non-contact



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT

HOW TO PLAY FOR FREE!

Every NSW school student (K-12) is entitled to 2x \$100 Active Kids vouchers each year. Learn more at service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

Schofields Cricket Club


Junior Blaster 6 - 7 at Schofields Park
Monday 1st Nov - 20th Dec

sccblasters@gmail.com

Master Blaster 5.30 - 7

Friday 5th Nov - 17th Dec



 **Play Cricket**

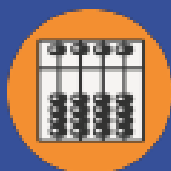
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PROGRAM**



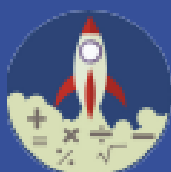


Ingenious
ACADEMY
Creating Champions

**Empower your child's learning
in a fun and easy way**



Abacus Course
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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AN EXPERT



Enroll now
for 2021

We are now in
**THE SCHOFIELD
PUBLIC SCHOOL**
on
Wednesday @ 3.10pm

Abacus helps in

- Memory
- Confidence
- Visualization
- Speed & accuracy
- Learning ability
- Concentration.

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