



Schofields Sparkler

P&C Email

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Dates to Remember

Thu 9 Dec - Year 2 - Year 6 Presentation Assembly

Fri 10 Dec - Kindy Zoo Excursion

Mon 13 Dec - Kindy & Year 1 Presentation Assembly

Tue 14 Dec - Year 2 Zoo Excursion

Wed 15 Dec - Year 6 Graduation & Farewell

Thu 16 Dec - Last day Term 4

Tue 1 Feb - First Day Term 1

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

Students and staff have been working extremely hard every day as we race towards the end of the year. I would like to commend the entire school community - students, staff and families for their resilience and flexibility.

PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS

Darius M	5/6A	Aarav P	5/6K
Jonas M	5/6A	Steven S	5/6K
Julie K	5/6A	Priyanshi R	5/6K
Angus M	5/6A	Jason P	5/6M
Chelsea J	5/6A	Joshua P	5/6M
Aanya J	5/6A	Anokhi M	5/6M
Charan M	5/6A	Dakota L	5/6M
Basil E	5/6B	Dhyey R	5/6M
Dylan C	5/6B	Tahlia M	5/6M
Evie Q	5/6B	Abisha S	5/6M
Cassie Y	5/6B	Pranav O	5/6M
Heather F	5/6B	Emma-Grace T	5/6R
Jaeda-Blue R	5/6B	Jake M	5/6R
Lara G	5/6B	Loki B	5/6R
Jacob R	5/6C	Alanna B	5/6R
Antara M	5/6C	Jack A	5/6R
Emily S	5/6C	Isabelle B	5/6R
Krish T	5/6C	Naivedh B	5/6R
Mohnish S	5/6C	Evan Josphe T	5/6YP
Matilda D	5/6C	Soniru M	5/6YP
Kris S	5/6C	Rishi C	5/6YP
Alyssa P	5/6C	Sunaina G	5/6YP
Ella W	5/6K	Ishan K	5/6YP
Angad S	5/6K	Thanish G B	5/6YP

We were able to present Principal's Medallions to Year 6.

The Medallion is our highest award for consistent demonstration of our school expectation of being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.

Well done to the following Year 6 students.

CRAZY HAIR, SOCK AND ICE-BLOCK DAY

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our Year 6 Fundraiser. Students had a great day and certainly enjoyed the ice blocks. Thanks to our P&C and Gemma Smith for organising the ice-blocks and the Year 6 team for coordinating the day.

We raised over \$700 towards the Year 6 farewell and gift to the school. Year 6 have selected new jerseys for our Oz Tag teams and new school representative shirts as their gift. Year 6 leaders designed options and Year 6 voted on the final designs. We are expecting artwork from the supplier before the final newsletter of the year. We will share the designs then. On behalf of the school and students, thank you Year 6.



P&C NEWS

Our final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday evening at 7pm. We are able to hold this meeting onsite. We will do this in the community room. Everyone attending will need to provide evidence of full vaccination to attend onsite.

In further P&C news, our awesome P&C has been successful in gaining another grant for our school. Thanks in particular to Alison Woodbury for her work on these. The latest grant is for \$33,000 to build a Nature Discovery Trail. We will be building this in a similar style to our sandpit. Also, before the end of the year the shade sail over the sand pit should be installed. This project is funded by one of the grants. And finally, our new signage on the hall should be installed before the end of the year. This project is funded by our P&C.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

Presentation assemblies for students will be held in the coming week with assemblies for students in Years 2-6 being presented awards on Thursday 9 December and Kindergarten and Year 1 awards on Monday 13 December.

Each class in Kindergarten - Year 2 presents 4 class awards and each class in Year 3 - Year 6 presents 6 class awards.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to these events due to current guidelines.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Graduation and Farewell will be held on Wednesday 15 December. Detailed information has been sent home with the students and was also outlined in a Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening.

REPORTS

Semester 2 student reports will be sent home on Tuesday 14 December.

SCHOOL BANKING

On 24 October 2021, the Treasurer and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC sent an email to the school to advise that school banking programs will no longer be run in New South Wales schools from 2022.

Our school banking program has been on pause due to Covid restrictions.

School banking programs at our school are arranged at a local level by the schools' P&C Association and volunteers. With the upcoming cessation of the program, students will no longer be able to deposit savings through the school banking program at Schofields PS. You can still keep your child's bank account open and can continue to make deposits into your child's accounts through online transfer or at any bank branch. More information is available on the department's [school banking website](#) and Commonwealth Bank of Australia's [school banking website](#).

The decision was made following the review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) [review on School Banking Programs](#) on 15 December 2020, which found that the costs of the program outweighed the benefits.

Key findings of the review include:

- School banking programs claim to help children develop long term saving habits; however, providers were unable to demonstrate that these programs in and of themselves improve savings behaviour.
- Payments to schools for implementing school banking programs incentivise schools to encourage greater participation in the programs.
- Young children are vulnerable consumers and are exposed to sophisticated advertising and marketing tactics by school banking program providers.
- School banking program providers fail to effectively disclose that a strategic objective of these programs is customer acquisition.

Financial literacy is embedded in the curriculum K-10. It is part of a continuum of learning in the *work and enterprise* learning across the curriculum content area from K-12. In Mathematics K-10, students develop knowledge, understanding and skills specifically related to financial literacy, such as money, financial transactions, pay rates, taxable income, rebates and levies. In Stages 4 and 5 many students elect to study commerce. A key objective of the Years 7-10 commerce syllabus is for students to develop skills in decision-making and problem-solving in relation to consumer and financial issues they may encounter now and in the future. Opportunities also exist for the inclusion of financial literacy in the mandatory Life Ready course in Stage 6. More [information on the NSW Curriculum](#) is available.

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>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>PENALTIES FROM \$191 +1 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p>Pedestrian Crossings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone. <p>PENALTIES FROM \$457 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <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>PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p>Driveways & Footpaths</p> <p>Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.</p> <p>PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p>PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p>U turns</p> <p>Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.</p> <p>PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p>Mobile Phones Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p>PENALTIES FROM \$457 +4 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p>Double Parking</p> <p>Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p> <p>PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <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>PENALTIES FROM \$200 +5 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><small>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL</small></p> <p><small>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.</small></p>

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 | 8 November \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Could you please return all library books to the school as soon as possible 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

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

(M T W T F) (M T W T F)



Prevention Education and Research Unit (PERU) &
the Vaping Advisory Committee



presents

UNPACKING VAPING

Q&A Session for Parents of western Sydney students

SCAN+ TO
REGISTER



Date: Wednesday 1st December

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

via Zoom

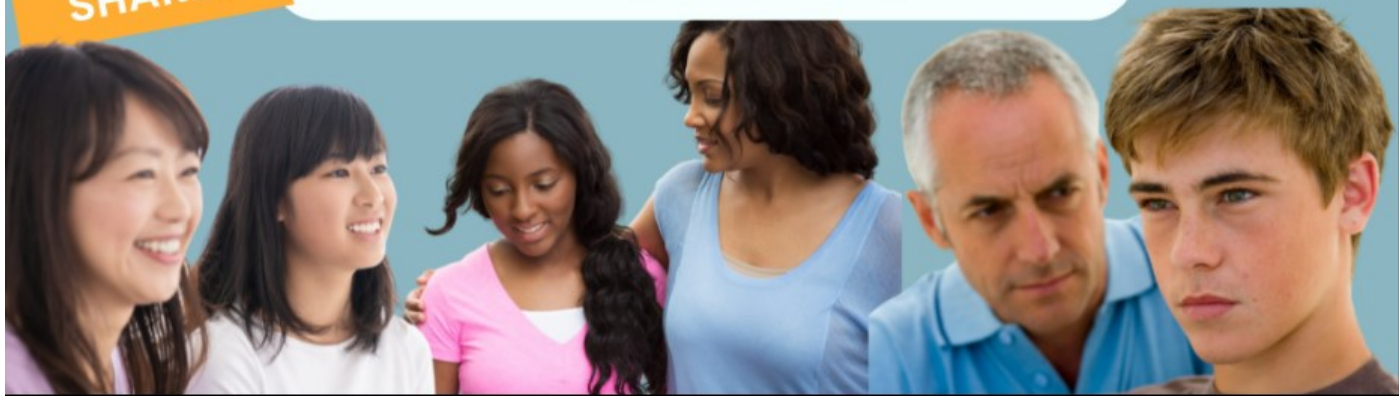
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and Schofields Public School
from 17th Dec 21 to 31st Jan 22**

**BOOK IN
TODAY**

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or **EMAIL** bookings@nwcc.com.au

*Book before the 3rd of December to receive a
10% Early Bird Discount*

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happy caring connected

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



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



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



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



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

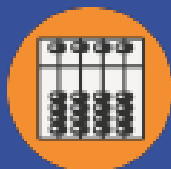
**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**



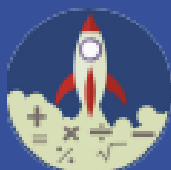


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in a fun and easy way**



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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