



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

Tue, 23 & Wed, 24 Mar - School Photos

Wed, 31 Mar - Easter Hat Parade

Thu, 1 Apr - Last day Term 1

Mon, 19 Apr - Staff Development Day

Tue, 20 April - First day Term 2

Inside this issue:

School Photos	2
Road and Pedestrian Safety Library Timetable	2
Tell Them From Me	3
MindQuest	3
Parent Portal	3
Ridges Swimming	4
Schofields Public School Staff Photos	5 - 7

Parking and General News

Advertising

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All families should have received a note with details on how to book parent-teacher interviews. The interviews are scheduled for next week, March, 22 - 26.

COVID Safe Guidelines for Parent Teacher Interviews:

- Parents are asked to physically distance outside the school.
- Entry will be via Gate 5 for students in Years 2-6 and Gate 9 for students in Years K-1.
- Visitors must check in via the QR code at the gate as well as sign to acknowledge that they have read the Department of Education COVID-19 guidelines posted at the gate.
- Interviews are strictly time limited.
- Parents are asked not to congregate on the school site. Please arrive just before your interview and leave at its conclusion.

P&C FUNDRAISER



The P&C have organised an Easter Guessing Competition fundraiser. Children can guess how many jelly beans or Easter eggs are in the jar. The closest guess will win the jar and its contents. There are two prizes, one jar of jelly beans and one jar of Easter eggs.



Student leaders will be in the playground each morning for children to have a guess. Each guess will cost \$1.

Please support our P&C who are always a great support to our school. We have recently received another \$1000 worth of Lego for use by students at our Lego club. This has doubled the supply of this item for students and was fully funded by the P&C. Thank you P&C!

EASTER HAT PARADE

We are planning an Easter Hat Parade for Wednesday, 31 March to commence at mid-day. COVID safe guidelines for visitors and spectators will be distributed by Friday, 26 March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken next week on Tuesday, 23 March and Wednesday, 24 March. Parents should have received an individual note with instructions on how to register for online ordering.

ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

All students are reminded that they should walk their bikes or scooters across the pedestrian crossing. Our crossing supervisor is required to instruct children to do this on the St Albans Rd crossing and students should do it themselves at the Junction Rd crossing. It would be appreciated if parents and carers could remind their children of this.

Students and parents should also take care at our St Albans Rd vehicle entrance. There are minimal vehicle movements during peak pedestrian times but we should always practice increased awareness at any point where a vehicle can cross the footpath.

LIBRARY TIMETABLE

A copy of the library timetable is shown below for your information. You will notice that it operates on an odd and even week cycle. This week is Week 8.

Library Term 1 2021					
Odd Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9:45 - 10:15	3/4S	Mallee 1	Mallee 2	Mallee 3	
10:15 - 10:45	3/4M				
10:45 - 11:15	3/4Y			K Red	
Recess					
11:50 - 12:20	3/4R	3/4T		K Black	
12:20 - 12:50	3/4C	3/4P		K Orange	
12:50 - 1:20	3/4K	3/4L		K White	
Lunch					
2:10 - 2:40			Admin	Scripture	
Even Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9:45 - 10:15	5/6A	1H	2F		
10:15 - 10:45	5/6K	1A	2I		
10:45 - 11:15	5/6YP	1P	2K	K Purple	
Recess					
11:50 - 12:20	5/6B	1C	2T	K Yellow	
12:20 - 12:50	5/6R	1R	2A	K Blue	
12:50 - 1:20	5/6M	1N	2M	K Green	
Lunch					
2:10 - 2:40	5/6C	1S	Admin	Scripture	

TELL THEM FROM ME

This term and early next term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve.

The survey is for students in Years 4-6. A note with further information will be sent home shortly.

Colin Ross
Principal

| NSW Department of Education



Tell Them From Me student survey

At the end of Term 1 and early Term 2, our school will be participating in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey asks students questions about different factors that are known to impact on their wellbeing and engagement.

Your child will receive a non-consent form with more details regarding the survey. This form will only need to be completed and sent back to your child's class teacher (by Friday 26th March) if you **do not wish** for them to take part in the survey.

Running this survey will help our school understand students' perspectives on their experience at school. The valuable feedback is very much appreciated and will help our school make practical improvements.

MINDQUEST 2021

On Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 May 2021 the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend, MindQuest, will be held for primary students from Year 1-6 at Glenwood High School. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. They will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, Earth Sciences, 3D Printing, Lego Robotics, Art and more. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

Brochures are available from the school office or Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Friday, 23 April 2021

PARENT PORTAL

Last week, all families received a note regarding accessing the Sentral Parent Portal. This communication platform will keep you fully informed about events happening at the school and make it easier for you to manage your child's education. We are already using the Sentral Parent Portal to book parent teacher interviews. We would like to thank all the families that have already registered and booked their interview and encourage those who have not to do so. If you require another note on how to access the portal, please contact the school office.

Next term we will be using the Sentral Parent Portal to send families SMS messages with updates about their child's learning and hope in the future to use it for absences, student reports and notes to parents. In order to ensure that this works effectively for your child, please make sure your contact details are correct when you register for the parent portal by clicking on the "My Details" tab.

David England
Deputy Principal

RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimmers did an outstanding job representing Schofields Public School at the Ridges Zone Carnival. Congratulations to Zaiden who made it through to the Sydney West Carnival in the 50m freestyle.

Other notable performances were Charlie, Julie and Ella who qualified for finals on the day. Well done to the entire team for their efforts and attitude.

Thank you to Miss Regoli who managed the team.

RIDGES SWIMMING CARNIVAL



SCHOFIELDS SWIMMERS

Schofields Public School swimmers had a blast at the Ridges Swimming Carnival on the 4th March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. They represented our school with energy, confidence and determination to win. Congratulations to Zaiden, Charli, Julie and Ella for qualifying for the 50m freestyle finals. A special mention to Zaiden who came 2nd in his 50m freestyle final and Charli who came 5th overall in her 50m backstroke race. All of the swimmers should be very proud of their efforts. Go Schoies!

Miss Regoli
(Swimming Coordinator)



Schofields PS Staff

KYellow

Room 7

Miss Khuu



KGreen

Room 5

Mrs Faccin



KBlue

Room 6

Mrs Hubble



KPurple

Room 10

Mrs Mitchell



KRed

Room 9

Mrs Barnett
Assistant Principal



KWhite

Room 8

Miss Rowe



KOrange

Room 17

Miss Dale



KBlack

Room 18

Mrs Roberts



1H

Room 3

Ms Harul



1A

Room 4

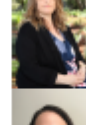
Miss Alfons



1C

Room 12

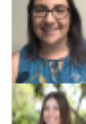
Mrs Costi



1N

Room 15

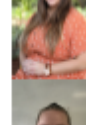
Miss Poullos



1P

Room 14

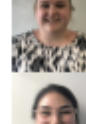
Miss Pipikios
Assistant Principal



1R

Room 16

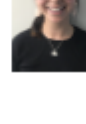
Miss Rowlison



1S

Room 13

Miss Sahin



2K

Wattle Pod

Mrs Kirby
Miss Wood



2I

Wattle Pod

Miss Iemma



2F

Wattle Pod

Ms Freund



2T

Grevillia Pod

Mrs Tocher
Assistant Principal



2M

Grevillia Pod

Miss Moloney



2A

Grevillia Pod

Mrs Ridden



3/4T

Eucalyptus Pod

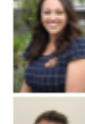
Miss Moodley



3/4P

Eucalyptus Pod

Mrs Penellum



3/4L

Eucalyptus Pod

Mr Ryan



3/4R

Waratah Pod

Miss Regoli



3/4K

Waratah Pod

Mrs Turner



3/4C

Waratah Pod

Mr Coleman



Schofields PS Staff

3/4S

Bottlebrush Pod

Mr Storey
Assistant Principal



RFF

(Relief from face to face)

Miss Wood



3/4M

Bottlebrush Pod

Miss Shelton



RFF

(Relief from face to face)

Mrs Rodgers-Falk



3/4Y

Bottlebrush Pod

Miss Yong



RFF

(Relief from face to face)

Mrs Mills



5/6A

Banksia Pod

Mrs Badman



RFF

(Relief from face to face)

Mrs Wilson



5/6K

Banksia Pod

Mrs Kemp



English as an Additional
Language or Dialect

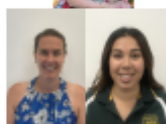
Mrs Licata



5/6YP

Banksia Pod

Mrs Yarham
Assistant Principal (M-W)



English as an Additional
Language or Dialect

Mrs Kernaghan



5/6C

Boronia Pod

Mrs Cox
Assistant Principal (Th-F)



Learning Support

Mrs Turner



5/6M

Boronia Pod

Miss Moore



Learning Support

Mrs Avery



5/6B

Boronia Pod

Mr Bullen



Learning Support

Mrs Jain



5/6R

Boronia Pod

Miss Raphael



Mallee 1

Mrs Johncey
Assistant Principal



Mallee 2

Mrs McGuinness



Mallee 3

Miss Walsh



RFF

(Relief from face to face)

Mrs Boulton



RFF

Ms Robinson



Schofields PS Staff

Principal

Mr Ross



Office Manager

Mrs Helies



Deputy
Principal

Mr England



Admin Officer

Mrs Jones



Deputy
Principal

Ms Thoroughgood



Admin Officer

Mrs Marosevic



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer
Mallee 1

Mrs Haley



Admin Officer

Mrs Nicolls



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer
Mallee 2

Mrs Rietdjik



Admin Officer

Mrs Denham



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer
Mallee 3

Mrs Diacopoulos



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Leckey



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mr Proglia



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Istoc



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Brassington



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Kolaitis



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Gurumoorthy



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Tollis



SLSO

School Learning Support Officer

Ms Uchil



General
Assistant

Mr Vella



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> <p>1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. PENALTIES FROM \$457 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>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>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. 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. PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p>Mobile Phones Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. PENALTIES FROM \$457 +4 DEMERIT POINTS May be subject to Double Demerits</p>	<p>Double Parking</p> <p>Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone. PENALTIES FROM \$344 +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p>Speeding Offences 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. PENALTIES FROM \$200 +5 DEMERIT POINTS May be subject to Double Demerits</p>	<p>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL</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

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.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property basket is now located outside the school admin building. Please clearly label your children's belongings as there are quite a few items in lost property without names.

K-12 UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

All items from the uniform range are in stock except sizes 4K, 6K, 8K, 10K, 12K in the polo shirt.

How to order - <https://www.k12uniformstore.com.au/sps/>

All orders received before 9am on Tuesday are delivered to the school weekly on a Wednesday after 2pm.

Should parents wish to exchange items they must send in the completed Exchange form with the item to the office and correct fitting items will be sent to the school for the next delivery, if in stock.

GLASS BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS

We have had an increasing number of students bring glass containers and bottles to school, this is very dangerous because if these are dropped they will smash. Please do not send glass containers or bottles to school.

ULTRA
Kidz OSHC

YOU ARE INVITED

...come and join the fun!

Autumn
2021

WEEK 1

MONDAY
5th April 2021

CLOSED
Easter Monday

TUESDAY
6th April 2021

EASTER FUN

WEDNESDAY
7th April 2021

**OLD
MACDONALD'S
FARM**

THURSDAY
8th April 2021

**JURASSIC
DAY**

FRIDAY
9th April 2021

**NWCC
WHACKY
OLYMPICS**

WEEK 2

MONDAY
12th April 2021

**DISNEY
DAY**

TUESDAY
13th April 2021

**SILLY
SCIENCE**

WEDNESDAY
14th April 2021

**TECHNOLOGY
DAY**

THURSDAY
15th April 2021

**AUTUMN
GARDEN**

FRIDAY
16th April 2021

**SPACE
DAY**

WEEK 3

MONDAY
19th April 2021

**PYJAMA
& MOVIE DAY**

TUESDAY
20th April 2021

**RETURN
TO SCHOOL**
Term 2 begins

Save time & book Australia's best holiday programs with KidCampus



**Coding, Science, Arts, Dance,
Sports & More**

Easily find and book hundreds of
activities near you.

Book on KidCampus for hassle-
free school holidays.



kidcampus.com.au



0480 015 701



"Schofields Public School's newsletter contains paid advertisements which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement or recommendation of any product or service by the NSW Department of Education or Schofields Public School".



Ingenious
ACADEMY
Creating Champions

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



Abacus Coursework
Kindergarten to Year 3



Rocket Maths
Year 4 to Year 7



Thinking Skills
Year 3 to Year 7



Super Writers
Year 2 to Year 3

ENROL NOW

PH: 0401664767
ingenious-academy.com
info@ingenious-academy.com

"Schofields Public School's newsletter contains paid advertisements which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement or recommendation of any product or service by the NSW Department of Education or Schofields Public School".

Einstein Kidz Abacus

LEARN ABACUS FROM

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.

Book a Trial Class Today

email: info@einsteinkidzabacus.com.au
www.einsteinkidzabacus.com.au

Contact

1300 75 57 75

"Schofields Public School's newsletter contains paid advertisements which assist with the cost of publication. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement or recommendation of any product or service by the NSW Department of Education or Schofields Public School".

