



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](mailto:schofieldspandc@gmail.com)

Dates to Remember

Thu, 1 Apr - Last day Term 1

Mon, 19 Apr - Staff Development
Day

Tue, 20 April - First day Term 2

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Principal's Report

A GREAT TERM OF LEARNING

Term 1 has absolutely flown past. The students have engaged with their learning and worked incredibly hard all term. They are to be congratulated for their efforts. I would like to thank the hardworking staff for another great term of work and making Schofields Public School a great place to teach and learn. Finally, thank you to parents, caregivers, families and community members for their continuing support and contributions to the school, particularly during this time of ever changing COVID guidelines and restrictions.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe Easter break. Students return on Tuesday, 20 April.

EASTER HAT PARADE

The students and staff enjoyed a fun-filled Easter Hat Parade yesterday. Creativity and artistic flair were on display in abundance. Well done to all the students for their great work. Thank you to Ms Harul and the Year 1 team for their coordination of this event.

We also announced the winners of the P&C Easter Guessing competition. Thank you to our wonderful P&C and Gemma Smith in particular for making this fun-filled activity available to the students. A photo gallery is included later in the newsletter.

JELLYBEAN GUESSING COMPETITION

Winner: Krishav Year 4

Runners Up: Kirralee Year 5

Alyssa Year 5

Ashar Year 2

EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

Winner: Vaishnavi Year 2

Runners Up: Ryan Kindergarten

Henry Year 5

Alyssa Year 5

P&C

Congratulations to our new P&C executive for 2021. I look forward to another productive year. The P&C executive team is shown below:

President: Fiona Watson

Vice President: Amba McCrudden

Treasurer: Jessica Wanders

Secretary: Annemarie Herrmann

P&C Subcommittee Co-ordinator Positions

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Gemma Smith

Fundraising Committee: Belinda Malec, Kim Verheyen, Jordan Kaey

Banking Co-ordinator: Kim Verheyen

Disco Co-ordinator: Belinda Malec

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 3 May at 7pm. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this meeting. I will include in my report a review of the new 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan, which is available for viewing on our school website.

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES 2022

Opportunity classes located in government primary schools cater for academically gifted Year 5 and Year 6 students with high potential. These classes help students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

The High Performing Students Team administers the opportunity class placement process.

Parents normally apply when students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class.

Application information

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2022 open on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 and close on Friday, 7 May 2021. Late applications cannot be accepted.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday, 21 July 2021.

Read Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 (attached to this newsletter) for information about the process and important dates.

Further information available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

An intention to apply note has been sent home with each Year 4 student. Please return this note by Friday, 23 April.





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

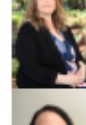
Miss Alfons



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Room 12

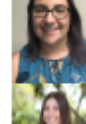
Mrs Costi



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Room 15

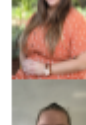
Miss Poullos



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Room 14

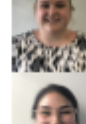
Miss Pipikios
Assistant Principal



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Room 16

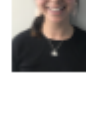
Miss Rowlison



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

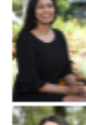
Mrs Ridden



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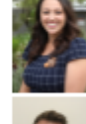
Miss Moodley



3/4P

Eucalyptus Pod

Mrs Penellum



3/4L

Eucalyptus Pod

Mr Ryan



3/4R

Waratah Pod

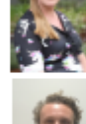
Miss Regoli



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Waratah Pod

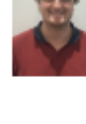
Mrs Turner



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

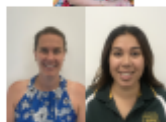
Mrs Licata



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

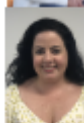
Mrs Jain



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

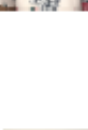
Mrs Kolaitis



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> <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

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.



Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application site opens:
Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:
5pm, Friday 7 May 2021
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information released overnight on:
Friday 1 October 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents* should check the Department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

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

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

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

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

HARMONY WEEK



Our Recipe For Harmony



Add a heap of healthy and delicious meals



Mix in a variety of different cultures, tastes and traditions



Taste and Experience a diverse range of foods from all round the world. They are all amazing

No matter our background, meal times are a fantastic inclusive opportunity to bring us together as family, friends and community while we share our stories and experiences

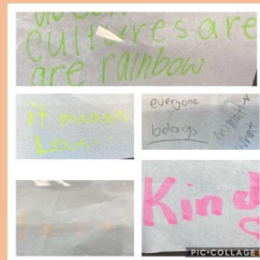
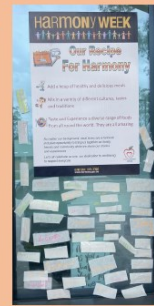
Let's all celebrate as one, our dedication to continuing to respect everyone



EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

@ Your Canteen

Did you see us at the canteen celebrating Harmony Week... ?



HAPPY EASTER



FROM
YOUR
CANTEEN FAMILY



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

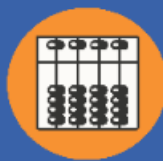
**PYJAMA
& MOVIE DAY**

TUESDAY
20th April 2021

**RETURN
TO SCHOOL**
Term 2 begins



Empower your child's education
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 5



Reading Heroes
Year 2 to Year 4

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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.

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THE PONDS HOLIDAYS CRICKET, SOCCER, BASKETBALL CAMPS



Register now!

Location: THE PONDS HIGH school

Fee: \$130 for five days

6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 16th April

casual-\$28

time 9.45-11.45

SPORTS- Soccer, Cricket, Basketball

Website: sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au

Reach High



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM [THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL] SOCCER/CRICKET/BASKETBALL

FEE-\$175 FOR WHOLE TERM FOR ONCE A WEEK

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

ALL YEAR PROGRAM TIME 2:45-5

PICKUP BY OUR STAFF FROM RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

ADVANCED INDOOR/OUTDOOR CRICKET COACHING

VENUES: THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL (EVERY SUNDAY 9-10:30)

, PENDLE HILL INDOOR CRICKET CENTER
PARRAMATTA PARK

COACH SANJIV DUBEY- ICC LEVEL 3 QUALIFIED AND SENIOR ASSISTANT
HEAD

COACH IN PREMIER CRICKET NSW

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