



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

Mon, 3 May - P&C Meeting 7pm

Thu, 6 May - Mother's Day Stall

Tue, 18 & Wed, 19 May - School Photos

Tue, 11 May - Thu, 13 May - Naplan

Wed, 23 - Fri, 25 - Stage 3 Canberra Camp

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

8 and 9 year old GIRLS	1 Lily
	2 Naya
	3 Dolly
8 and 9 year old BOYS	1 Shaun
	2 Johnny
	3 Mansh
10 year old GIRLS	1 Charli
	2 Annalise
	3 Charlotte
10 year old BOYS	1 Shlok
	2 Nathan
	3 Jyesthak
11 year old GIRLS	1 Ruby
	2 Veronika
	3 Addison
11 year old BOYS	1 Jason
	2 Adam
	3 Nelson
12 and 13 year old GIRLS	1 Emily
	2 Dakota
	3 Cassie
12 and 13 year old BOYS	1 Joshua
	2 Jake
	3 Jonas

Our school cross country carnival was held on Thursday, 22 April. It was a fantastic morning with students participating and communicating enthusiastically.

It was great to see parents and families in attendance. I would like to thank them for attending and being so flexible complying with our COVID guidelines.

Thank you to Mrs Avery and the great team of teachers who coordinated and set up the carnival. Special thanks to Mr Vella who always goes above and beyond.

Students who placed 1st to 6th in each race will represent Schofields PS at the Ridges Zone Carnival. Congratulations to all of those students.

Ribbons will be presented to placegetters on Friday, 14 May at 2:30pm under the COLA. Parents are welcome to attend.

Placegetters are listed in the table.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT (ASR)

Our 2020 ASR is available on the school website.

https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/doe-nsw-schools/annual-report/2020/3046/2020_Schofields_Public_School_Annual_Report.pdf

KNOCKOUT NETBALL



Our Netball team competed against Riverbank PS in the PSSA Knockout Netball competition on Friday, 23 April at Riverbank PS. They had great fun and learnt new skills but unfortunately lost, 9-3

The girls showed great skill, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the match. Despite their gallant efforts they were defeated.

I would like to thank and congratulate the team on their effort and attitude, well done girls.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport, support and umpiring.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Badman for organising and coaching the team.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY



On Friday, 23 April our school leaders led our ANZAC Day assembly. The leaders did an outstanding job demonstrating the importance and solemnity of the ceremony. All students participated with dignity and respect.

Thank you to Mrs Yarham and Mrs Cox for coordinating this ceremony. Thank you to the parents and families who were able to attend and thanks also to families who were able to donate flowers for our wreath. Finally, special thanks to Mrs Turner who played The Last Post and Rouse.

FARMERS MARKET

Our gardening club held a Farmers' Market last Friday afternoon. They sold out of their lettuce, basil, silver beet and spinach. They also sold many limes. They made \$133 which will be used to fund the next crop. Well done to all the members of the gardening clubs and particular thanks to Miss Regoli who organised this market. A huge thank you to all the parents and families who supported our students.



STAGE 3 PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Yesterday our Stage 3 students participated in a range of sports activities led by Year 10 students from Riverstone High School and senior students from Wyndham College. The students had a fun-filled day learning new skills and games at Riverstone High School. The senior students interacted positively with Schofields students and organised games such as soccer, netball, hockey, basketball, volleyball, cricket and touch football. The senior students did an amazing job at hosting a wonderful day and our Stage 3 students represented our school with pride.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our P&C Mother's Day stall will be held next Thursday, 6 May. All students will have the opportunity to purchase something special from a wide variety of beautiful gifts. All gifts will be \$5.

Students should bring the money with them on the day. For younger students a sealed envelope or zip lock bag containing the money and placed in school bags or a zipped pocket may be the best way of transporting the money.

P&C

Our P&C will meet on Monday, 3 May in the new learning hub. There will be a brief tour of the new building at the end of the meeting. Part of the Principal's report will include our plans for an open evening later in the term.

Link to the P&C Federation E-Bulletin for April <https://mailchi.mp/pandc.org.au/pc-federation-e-bulletin-26-april-2021?e=cc06bb306f>

PRACTICUM STUDENTS

We are currently hosting a number of teachers completing their practicum.

We are very happy to welcome:

Mr Fortunado working on Kindy with Mrs Mitchell
Miss Jize working on Year 1 with Miss Pipikios
Mr Bikeszada working on Year 1 with Miss Rowilson
Miss Jean working on Year 2 with Mrs Tocher
Miss Wood working on Year 2 with Mrs Kirby
Miss Gunton working on Stage 3 with Mrs Badman

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 18 and Wednesday, 19 May.

OC REMINDER

If you would like to have your child considered for the Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between Tuesday, 20 April 2021 and Friday, 7 May 2021. You will need to access the online application at:

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

You must not use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after Tuesday, 20 April 2021.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN test from Tuesday, 11 May - Thursday, 13 May.

A copy of the NAPLAN information letter sent home last term is on page 8 of the newsletter.

OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENTED AND MOTIVATED WRITERS

The Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize is a new creative writing competition for residents of Western Sydney. This is an exciting initiative to inspire students to develop their writing skills and is an opportunity for them to share their stories, experiences and creativity. The competition is open to students 10 years and older.

A flyer with further information is on Page 6 newsletter and the website is below.

<https://www.westwords.com.au/projects/living-stories-writing-competition/>

Colin Ross
Principal

PIONEERING ATTENDANCE TRIAL

This term we will be sending weekly SMS messages about your child's learning. These SMS are being sent to parents/carers of students in Years One to Six. This is part of an initiative being run by the Department of Education to increase the engagement of families with what students are learning in class and student attendance. The program will run from Weeks 2 to 8. In Week 8 of this term you will receive a link to a survey, which asks for your feedback on the text messages. Please complete this survey to let the Department of Education know what you think about the program. Due to the character limit set by our SMS provider, families will mostly likely receive these updates on their child's learning as two messages. If you have any further questions about the text messages, please contact the school office.

David England
Deputy Principal

SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY

The sun was shining and the children were smiling as we kicked off our 2021 Cross Country last Thursday. The children ran either two or three laps of the 1km course and cheered their friends on.

Students placing in the top 3 of their age group will be awarded at an upcoming assembly and those students who qualified for the Ridges Cross Country have been notified. It was fantastic to be able to welcome parents back to our school events. Many thanks to our teachers for their hard work in making the day a success.

Congratulations to all the students on a fabulous morning of running!

MRS AVERY



are we here yet?

perhaps.
but where is here?
and who are we?

Important dates for entrants

Entries close midnight, Sunday 2nd May

Winners and highly commended entries in each category, from each LGA, will be announced on 29th May, 2021

The overall winners will be announced by 30th June.

WestWords is Western Sydney's Literature Development Organisation dedicated to developing and championing the writers and writing that comprise the heart of Western Sydney.

To find out more:



WestLit Libraries is a collaboration between the library services from Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith to bring the Western Sydney story forward.

Living Stories is a WestWords, WestLit Libraries initiative

This project is proudly supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW as part of Arts Restart

Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2021

are we here yet?

Open to adults and children aged 10 years and above who live in Western Sydney.

Entries close midnight Sunday 2nd May.

Entries can only be submitted online at westwords.com.au

Competition guidelines and criteria

- ✓ Entry is free via the online entry form at www.westwords.com.au/living-stories.
- ✓ Entries are limited to one per person.
- ✓ To be eligible, entrants must reside within one of the following local government areas:
 - Blacktown City
 - Blue Mountains City
 - Camden Council
 - Campbelltown City
 - The City of Canterbury-Bankstown
 - Cumberland Council
 - Fairfield City
 - Hawkesbury City
 - Liverpool City
 - The City of Parramatta
 - Penrith City
 - The Hills Shire
 - Wollondilly Shire
- ✓ Entries must be written primarily in English, and may be in the form of short story, poetry or personal essay. The length must not exceed 500 words (title excluded).
- ✓ The theme to which entries should respond is ARE WE HERE YET?
- ✓ WestWords/WestLit is unable to provide any additional clarification or advice.
- ✓ Work must be original and unpublished.

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- * Originality and creativity
- * Construction and use of language
- * Engagement with the stated theme.

- ✓ Facilitators of the associated writing workshops to be held within participating LGAs will not be acting as judges for the competition.
- ✓ Do not include external links, such as video or audio, within your text. Doing so will invalidate your entry.
- ✓ The judging process will be conducted blind. Please do not include your name within the text of your entry.
- ✓ To be eligible, all entries must be lodged via the online entry form at www.westwords.com.au/living-stories, by midnight on 2nd May.

There are four categories:

- * 10-12 years
- * 13-15 years
- * 16-18 years
- * Adult (18+)

Please note that an entrant's category is based upon the age they will turn in 2021.

One winning entry and one highly commended entry from each category in each participating LGA will be announced on Friday 21st May, 2021.

Only winners and highly commended entrants will be individually notified.

Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.

The Workshops

WestWords and WestLit Libraries are offering free writing workshops in your local area. See www.westwords.com.au for details.



In each LGA and in each category, a winner and highly commended will be awarded.

From the regional winners an overall winner and highly commended in each category will be selected.

All winning and highly commended entries will be published in book form and online.

Entries can only be submitted online at www.westwords.com.au
Further information contact WestWords:
E admin@westwords.com.au
P 1800WestWords
W westwords.com.au

Total prize pool: \$10,250

Overall

Winner

Adult - \$1,000
Junior categories - \$500

Highly Commended

Adult - \$500
Junior categories - \$250

Regional (awarded in each participating LGA)

Winners

Adult - \$300
Junior categories - \$100

Highly Commended

Adult - \$100
Junior categories \$50

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. PENALTIES FROM \$191 + 2 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. PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone. PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>Mobile Phones Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. PENALTIES FROM \$457 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS <small>May be subject to Double Demerits</small></p> <p>Speeding Offences 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. PENALTIES FROM \$200 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS <small>May be subject to Double Demerits</small></p>	<p>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. PENALTIES FROM \$457 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>Driveways & Footpaths Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath. PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>U turns Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines. PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p> <p>Double Parking Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone. PENALTIES FROM \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
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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.

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

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.



Thursday, 11 March

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During May 2021, students in Years 3 & 5 will sit NAPLAN.

The schedule for the tests is as follows:

Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May
Language Conventions test (spelling, grammar and punctuation)	Reading test	Numeracy Test
Writing Test		

On Friday, 14 May – a ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are from a language background other than English, have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test; or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the school principal. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Alternative format test materials are available to meet the needs of individual students (e.g. braille, large print, black and white test material or the electronic test). Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal if you need to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

For further information about NAPLAN, visit [NESA’s NAPLAN website](#).

Kind regards
Colin Ross
Principal



Part-Time Work

1x Permanent part time position – William Clarke College – Kellyville - 11382

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.00am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!
Applications close Sunday 9th May 2021



High Performing Students Team

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

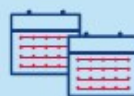


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



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



Abacus Course
Kindergarten to Year 3



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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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LEARN ABACUS FROM
AN EXPERT



Enroll now
for 2021

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

Abacus helps in

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- Confidence
- Visualization
- Speed & accuracy
- Learning ability
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