



# Schofields Sparkler

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
**Principal's Report**

## STAFFING UPDATE

We have recently had to make a number of changes to staffing and classes due to enrolment numbers and staff movements.

Mrs Cox has been successful in gaining a relieving Assistant Principal position at Oakhill Drive Public School. We wish Mrs Cox all the very best in her new position. Mrs Lacey Kirby will be teaching 5/6C from Monday to Thursday and Miss Emily Wood will be teaching the class on Fridays.

We have restructured our Year 1 and 2 cohorts to reduce the number of classes we have in each grade by one class. In Year 2, students from 2K were placed in another Year 2 class. In Year 1, students from 1H were placed in another Year 1 class.

Mrs Harul is undertaking a role as the English as an additional language or dialect (EALD) teacher.

## PAINT SHIRTS

Students in all grades should have a paint shirt to protect their school uniform when painting in class. This item was not included in the requirements for students in Years 3-6 at the start of the year.

A paint shirt should be sent with your child to the class teacher for use in class. Old button up shirts that can be worn backwards by children are ideal.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND LABELLING

Each day we collect a large amount of school uniform items. Unfortunately, many of these items are unlabelled. Each week we go through these items and return any items that are labelled to the owners. Please label all items of your children's clothing, especially hats, jumpers and jackets.

Schofields Public School is very proud of its school uniform. At the moment we have an increasing number of students wearing non-uniform jumpers. School jumpers are available through our online uniform shop. If you require assistance in providing the school uniform for your child/ren, please contact the school office on 02 9627 1534.

## Dates to Remember

**Tue, 18 & Wed, 19 May** - School Photos

**Thu, 20 May** - Principals Assembly

**Fri, 21 May** - Ridges Cross Country Carnival

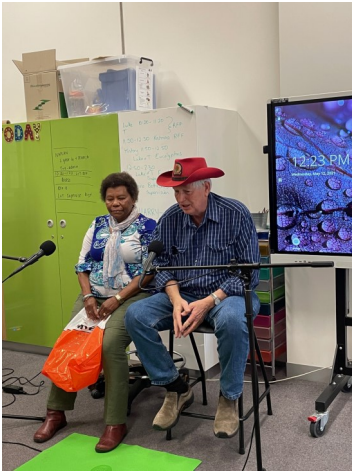
**Fri, 28 May** - Cross Country Ribbon Presentation

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

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## STAGE 2 HISTORY FORUM



In History this term, Stage 2 have been learning about how and why the features of their local community and school have changed over time or remained the same. Students participated in a Community Member Visit where former teachers, students and members of the local community shared their experiences of attending Schofields Public School, as well as living and/or working in the Schofields community. Students enjoyed learning many new interesting facts and seeing how our school and local community have changed.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Hofstadler, Ms Burke, Mr & Mrs Sayers for kindly sharing their time and experiences for the benefit of our students.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Rodger-Falk for their work organising and coordinating this fantastic educational opportunity.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

Thank you to the wonderful mums and school leaders for running the Mother's Day Stall. The P&C raised over \$400 from the Mother's Day stall.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

School photos will be held next week on **Tuesday, 18 and Wednesday, 19 May**.

The Principals Assembly will be held on **Thursday, 20 May**. Parents of gold award recipients will be notified via letter of the details of the assembly.

The Ridges Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday, 21 May** at Patterson Reserve Quakers Hill. This is only for children who placed top 6 in the school cross country.

The Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) Camp will be held from **Wednesday, 23 June - Friday 25, June**.

## NEW STAIR ARTWORK



We have had some new artwork added to our school stairs. It's definitely added some colour and fun to the stairs and the kids all love it.



## TREE DONATIONS

Thank you to all families who were able to donate their Blacktown City Council free plants. We hope to be planting them on schools national tree day at the end of July.

## DRUG AND HEALTH SAFETY

Over the next few weeks all classes will be reviewing the important lessons from our personal development/health/physical education syllabus around drug and health safety.

## CHICKEN POX

We have recently had a number of cases of chicken pox in the school. Thank you to all parents who have been monitoring their children for symptoms and seeking medical advice.

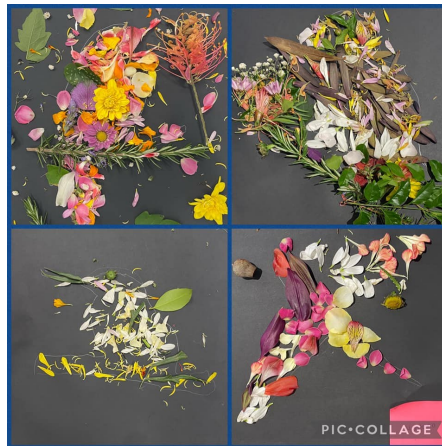
It would be greatly appreciated if your child has any infectious condition that families seek medical advice and keep their children at home until medical advice confirms that they are no longer infectious.

Colin Ross  
Principal

## OPERATION ART ENTRIES

Below are some examples of entries we will be submitting to Operation Art. These have been created by our Year 2 students.

They are truly amazing.



**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><b>No Parking</b> No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$191</b> +1 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Pedestrian Crossings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.</li> <li>Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.</li> </ol> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$457</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p><b>No Stopping</b> 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><b>PENALTIES FROM \$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Driveways &amp; Footpaths</b></p> <p>Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p><b>Bus Zone</b> Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>U turns</b></p> <p>Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p><b>Mobile Phones</b> Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$457</b> +4 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Double Parking</b></p> <p>Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$344</b> +3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
 <p><b>Speeding Offences</b> 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$200</b> +5 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL</b></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**

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.

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

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# RIVERSTONE FESTIVAL



**Saturday 15 May 2021**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**Mill Street Park, Riverstone**

**Street Parade at 11 am**



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**Girls Only (7+ years and over) Off-season Free Weekly 🏏 Training Program !!**

**From:** Saturdays (starting May 8<sup>th</sup> onwards)

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

**Location:** Mill Street Reserve, Mill Street, Riverstone 2765.

All equipment provided (except personal protector guard) or bring your personal kit.

Come along and bring along any friend(s).

Help spread the word to as many girls as possible.

Come and lets play 🏏🏏🏏🏆🏆

For any further information contact us at [schofieldscricket@hotmail.com](mailto:schofieldscricket@hotmail.com).

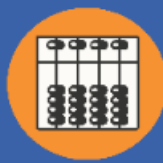
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