



2022 Schofields Sparkler

Week 10 Term 2

Principal's Report

WINTER BREAK

Semester 1 student progress reports were sent home this week. They reflect the great efforts and achievements of our students across the school. Parent-teacher interviews will be held in Week 4 (8-12 August). Bookings will open early next term.

I am sure everyone is ready for a break and hope the entire Schofields Public School community get to enjoy some rest and recreation. Students return Tuesday 19 July for a very exciting and busy Term 3.

NAIDOC WEEK

Next week is National NAIDOC Week. Celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The NAIDOC Week theme for 2022 – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! – encourages all of us to champion and drive institutional, structural, and collaborative change while also acknowledging and celebrating those who, for generations, have driven positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. (JODY BROUN, CEO, NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY)

As NAIDOC Week falls in the holidays, we will be celebrating a little differently this year. Over two days in Week 5 next term students will experience a full day delivered by Koomurri – Aboriginal Incursions. Activities will include: Smoking ceremony and welcome song and dance show, didgeridoo show and storytelling, artefacts, weaponry and bush survival, aboriginal face painting, Aboriginal song and dance, Aboriginal art (on canvas), boomerang throwing and a farewell concert with student and teacher participation.

The school and P&C have partnered to bring this to all students at no cost. The P&C has kindly donated \$6000 to support this activity.

DISCO

Another great P&C supported event was our school disco run over three sessions on the evening of Friday 24 June. The students had a fantastic evening.

583 tickets were sold (K-1 = 207, Years 2-3 = 149, Years 4-6 = 227) with a total amount raised of \$5040.

There was a great turn out of parent volunteers to help the evening run smoothly. Thanks to the P&C who funded the DJ (\$650) and purchased best dressed and lucky door prizes. Special thanks to Belinda Malec for coordinating the event and all the parent helpers including Jess Wanders, Jade Varty, Thao Denham, Vanessa Lo, Laura Fletcher, Marisol Gonzalez, Katie Campbell, Angela Costello, Vanessa Denmeade, Gemma Smith, Michelle McEvoy, Karishma Agarwal, Abhishek Sharma, Cyra Noshirwan and Michael Nash.

Thank you also to the staff who gave up their Friday evening for the students.

Finally, thank you to everyone cooperating to get the children in and out of the disco safely.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing 3 days at The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber 15-17 July. The students behaved and participated exceptionally well and I would like to thank the Stage 3 team for their work at camp and school.

Below are some reflections from the students.

On 15 June we went on a bus to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber, and it was FUN! When we got there we had lunch and went to our first activity, which was rock climbing. I put on a harness and climbed, the wall was about 15 to 20 metres tall, and I made it to the top first try. The second activity was the mud run, it was fun but painful. The mud was so cold it stung. I was also dirty but still didn't shower. That night we did another activity called commando it is like hide and seek but in the dark and the teachers tried to find us in the bush - Nathan D

I loved camp so much because there were really fun activities! Also, the camp leaders were really fun, encouraging and nice. We were pushed out of our comfort zone and were sometimes even terrified of what we were about to complete. The food was delicious and kept us full. There were some down sides like rumours going around, but we got through it eventually. Talking at night, climbing massive poles and jumping off the giant swing, mud obstacle course and raft building. It was all so fun, and I wish I could go back in time and do all of it again. My camp leader bleached his hair while we were there and it looked terrible! But, overall, it was all so fun - Olivia V

Stage 3 had an amazing opportunity to go to The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Those of us who went, got to get out of our comfort zone and try rock climbing or have a relaxing time cooking damper. The Great Aussie Bush Camp is for everyone whether you like relaxing with your friends or pushing your limits and trying something new - Mansi S

Stage 3 went to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. This was a great experience to have. Some of the activities were rock climbing, raft building, the mud obstacle course, giant swing, bushcraft, high ropes and initiatives. Initiatives taught me good teamwork skills. My favourite activity was the mud course, even though the water was freezing it was a fun experience! The funniest bit was when our instructor Max told us to meditate and he poured mud water over us! This was one of the best moments of my life - Ananya V

My favourite activity by far has got to be the power fan. The power fan is when you climb up a high pole attached to a harness and jump off - Vanij S

My favourite day activity was the giant swing and my favourite night activity was commando. When we were there the instructors pushed us out of our comfort zone. The instructors were James, Reagen, Grace, Max, Saga and Sophie. We learnt to push ourselves and work together as a team - Alyssa W

I actually didn't go to camp, but we had lots of fun at school! Instead of a normal day we did fun things like coding and making volcanoes! Thanks to Mrs Piang-nee and Mrs Kemp, I had lots of fun because you were so nice and happy - Suleman K



CROSS COUNTRY

Schofields team represented exceptionally at the Ridges Zone Cross Country. Six students qualified to compete at the Sydney West carnival representing Ridges. Well done to Zuhar 2C, Shaun 3/4T, Lily 3/4R, Shlok 5/6S, Charli 5/6L and Annalise 5/6F.

At the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival Shaun 3/4T, Lily 3/4R, Shlok 5/6S, Charli 5/6L and Annalise 5/6F all represented Ridges Zone and Schofields PS very well. Congratulations to all of you.

Lily came 5th and qualified for the NSW Cross Country Championships. Well done Lily.



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Schofields Public School will be participating in the 2022 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. The NSW Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students in Years 3 to 6 to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to improve their vocabulary and spelling and to promote literacy skills in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in winning their class Spelling Bee and will progress to the SPS school final to take place on Wednesday 20 July, 2022. These finals will determine one junior and one senior student to represent SPS at the regional finals.

Juniors: 3/4 A – Asmi, 3/4 C – Naya, 3/4 D – Mansh, 3/4 F – Varun, 3/4 G – Arnav, 3/4 M – Ryan, 3/4 R – Charlie, 3/4 S – Karmah, 3/4 T – Tanisha

Seniors: 5/6 YK – Reyansh, 5/6 F – Aadvik, 5/6 S – Riya, 5/6 L – Sarthak, 5/6 J – Ananya, 5/6 M – Teesha, 5/6 W – Vivaan, 5/6 HP – Dhruv

Regional finals will be held later in Term 3. If successful, students will go on to the State finals.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Costi for coordinating this activity.

DEBATING

This term, the Schofields Debating team has had 3 debates. In Week 8, the students presented very convincing arguments against the Kellyville Ridge team as to why *Australia should ban Roblox*, however the opposition presented a stronger case. In Week 10, the students debated against Pitt Town, thoroughly convincing their audience that *parents should have to provide for their kids* and winning the debate. Congratulations to our debating team on their recent success.

PREMIER'S DEBATING

On Wednesday 25 May, students from the Schofields Public School's Premier's debating team debated against the Wilberforce Public School team. Ananya A, Tanisha G, Riya V, and Eshaan R worked together to persuade the adjudicator and audience that primary schools should teach extra maths and science instead of teaching music. They had an abundance of convincing arguments which were unfortunately not enough against the opposition's stronger case.

Melissa Shelton - Debating Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday and Friday of Week 6 Thomas (5/6L) and Sioeil (3/4T) headed to Coffs Harbour as members of the Hills Bulls to participate in the NSW OzTag state championships. Over the 2 days the boys played teams from all over New South Wales winning 5 out of the 6 games played, making it to the finals. The boys played strong, giving it their all but unfortunately were defeated in overtime, 3-2. They walked away with their head held high and silver medal around their neck! Congratulations Tom and Sioeil!

NSWPSSA NETBALL KNOCKOUT

On Monday 27 June, 8 girls from Schofields Public School travelled to Regentville Public School to participate in the third round of NSWPSSA Netball Knockout. With pride, the girls took to the court to see who would progress through to the fourth round. After a nail-biting game, the final score was 7-16. Congratulations girls on an amazing effort! You may not have won this game, however, you displayed wonderful sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the competition, and beat your personal goal of making it to the quarter-finals!

Courtney Freund – NSWPSSA Netball Coordinator

PANTHERS TROPHY

On Monday 20 June, Schofields Public School had their under 10s and under 12s rugby league teams participate in the Panthers Trophy Gala Day held at Whalan Reserve.

The under 10s drew their first game and won their other three games. The under 12s team won their first game and lost their other two games.

Mitchell Coleman - Panthers Trophy Coordinator

NSWPSSA SOCCER

The senior boys PSSA Soccer team competed against North Rocks Public School in a knockout competition. Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the first round by 15 points. All students demonstrated exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship and should be very proud of their efforts.

Jennifer Moore – NSWPSSA Soccer Coordinator



PARKING

Please be mindful of our neighbours and do not park over driveways.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is very full, it will be located next to Gate 3 this afternoon. All remaining items will be discarded after school today.

Please remember to label all items including jumpers, jackets, hats, lunchboxes and drink bottles.

EX-STUDENT

On Wednesday 29 June, we had a visit by an ex-student Nell Moody, nee Williams (1940-1942) who was visiting the area with her friends Heather and Gordon Bell. Nell (closest to me in the photo) told me many stories of her days in the school house where we are photographed. One story was of how she received one cut of the cane across the hand because she had laughed when the headmaster tripped when chasing a snake. He had tripped on some paspalum that the boys had tied together to trip people! She is standing on the spot where she received this punishment. Hasn't school changed!

I have invited them back to celebrate our centenary on or around 10 November 2023, 100 years since the school opened on this site.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the 359 families that have paid their voluntary contributions, it is not too late to pay.

P&C UPDATE

Latest E-Bulletin [E-Bulletin | 10 June \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 July	Last day of Term 2
18 July	Staff Development Day
19 July	Students commence Term 3
20 July	Premiers Spelling Bee school final
26 July	Athletics Carnival Years 2-6
28 July	OC Test
1 August	P&C Meeting
1-5 August	Education Week- including open day
8-12 August	Parent-teacher interviews
15-16 August	Aboriginal incursions
19 August	Kindergarten to Sydney Zoo
31 Aug-1 September	School photos

Premier's Reading Challenge closes for student entries on Friday 19 August.

Please see the following table for the minimum requirements to complete the challenge.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from	Additional information
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6,	Books can be read on your own, read them with someone else, or someone can read them to you.
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9	Books must be read on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9	Books must be read on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

All students K-6 will need to log on to the Premier's Reading Challenge website (<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>) using their school user name and password. These details were sent out in Term 1.





VACATION CARE PROGRAM

WEEK 1	MONDAY 4th July GAMES GALORE Create and play your own Noughts and Crosses Game Around the World Board Games Play Giant Games like Pass the Pigs + more	TUESDAY 5th July SILLY SPORTS Wear your favourite team's jersey today! Challenge your friends to a game of Sock Wrestling Play European Handball Capture the Flag + more	WEDNESDAY 6th July SCIENCE YOU CAN EAT Learn how to grow Strawberries Make layered, coloured Lemonade Make Madam Bush Tucker - Wattle Seed Ice Cream! + more	THURSDAY 7th July HIP HOP HEROES Hip-Hop Heroes' IncurSION: Time: 10am - 12:15pm Make some cool Graffiti Artwork Can you work out our Record Maze? + more ADDITIONAL COST: \$15	FRIDAY 8th July ULTRA MESS MAKERS We recommend you wear some old clothes today! Water Pistol Painting Make an Indigenous Clay Hand Canvas + more		
	WEEK 2	MONDAY 11th July GROWING & GARDENING Make your own Watering Can Make a fresh Garden Salad Lady Bug Rock Painting Learn about Composting + more	TUESDAY 12th July ROCKSTARS & MAESTROS Drumming Around the World IncurSION: Time: 10am - 2pm Play Musical Party Games! + more ADDITIONAL COST: \$15	WEDNESDAY 13th July MOVIE MANIA EXCURSION Reading Cinemas Excursion: Time: 8:30am - 2pm Please arrive to care NO LATER than 8:30am Movie: Minions 4 (PG) + more ADDITIONAL COST: \$35	THURSDAY 14th July CREEPY CRAWLIES Make your own Bug Puppets Make a creepy Spider Hanging Beautiful Butterfly Painting Go on a Creepy Crawly Scavenger Hunt + more	FRIDAY 15th July CHRISTMAS IN JULY Wear your best Christmas outfits & shirts today! Design your own Snow Globe Snow Man Snack in a Cup Minute to Win It - Winter Edition! + more	
		WEEK 3	MONDAY 18th July REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE Design and build your own creations using various materials and your own Imagination Design your own Sleds and build Forts using Recycled Boxes + more	TUESDAY 19th July BACK TO SCHOOL	To Book Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au or visit: nwcc.com.au/childcare <small>Program subject to change without notice.</small>		



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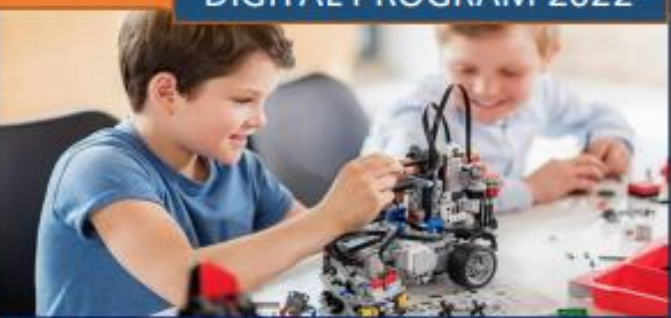
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