



2022 SCHOFIELDS SPARKLER

WEEK 10 TERM 3

Principal's Report

Staffing

Firstly, welcome to Mr Brendan Hall who joined us this term as Relieving Deputy Principal and has been a tremendous asset. Ms Thoroughgood has returned from leave, and we are extremely glad to have her back. Unfortunately, Mr Ross has had to take leave for the remainder of the term due to illness and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Interviews

Since our last Newsletter we have had Parent/Teacher Interviews. Despite some technical difficulties, these went well and parents and caregivers are reminded that should they wish to speak in greater detail around a specific issue with their child's teacher that they can call the office and arrange a meeting.

Ridges Athletics Carnival

Thank you to Miss Moore, Miss Shelton and Mr Hall who took our school team to the Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival. The students performed very well with Archie H, Archie W, Lily, Kensington and Shaun qualifying for the Sydney West Regional Athletics Carnival which were held on Friday 23 September.

NAIDOC Celebrations

August 15 and 16 saw us celebrate 2 days of NAIDOC activities. This was a fantastic experience for all staff and students. We are very grateful to the P&C for their contribution which allowed all students to participate at no cost.

Orienteering

Schofields Public School took part in the Sydney West Orienteering Carnival for the first time since COVID and were once again crowned champions! Orienteering is a sporting event that uses maps and checkpoints to race a course. Sydney West is the largest of the 4 Sydney associations and so winning is quite the achievement.

Kindy Excursion

Kindergarten travelled to the zoo for their excursion, and, for the first time, it didn't rain on them the whole day. The students had a wonderful time and thank you to the Kindy team for their organisation.

PBL Assembly

Our next PBL assembly will take place on Wednesday of Week 10 (21 September). Parents of students receiving an award will be notified and are welcome to attend.

Book Character Parade

We were delighted to have our book character parade. It felt like a long time since we got to do something like that. The kids were clearly excited with a larger than usual number dressing up and clearly the teachers were very excited to dress up too with most stages and grades dressing to a theme and clearly having a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs Piang-Nee for her organisation of the event.

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to Anam in Year 1, Laura in Year 2, Mansh from Year 3, Anirudh from Year 4, Aadvik from Year 5 and Leah from Year 6. They will be going to Rouse Hill Public School on 21 September for the inter-school finals.

Spelling Bee

Charlie from Stage 2 and Sarthak from Stage 3 took part in the inter-school finals for the Premier's Spelling Bee. Both students did extremely well making the 5th round and final four respectively.

School Photos

School photos took place over 2 days last week. We look forward to seeing the end product. Thank you to Mrs Rogers-Falk for her organisation there.

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to the P&C for their organisation of another wonderful Father's Day Stall. We hope that all the dads had a great day.

Jersey Day

The SRC organised for this to take place on September 2. We raised somewhere in the order of \$600 for organ donation.

Check-in Assessment

Year 6 recently took part in the Check-in Assessment. This is a state-wide online assessment that, as the name suggests, is just a quick temperature check on student's literacy and numeracy skills and gives teachers data that they can then use in their programming to better meet the needs of students. Year 5 will do theirs early next term and Years 3 and 4 after that.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 6 September student in K-2 had their athletics carnival followed by a picnic with families. It was a wonderful day and thank you to Miss Regoli for her organisation.

Colour Fun Run

Lastly, on Friday of Week 10 we will be having the colour fun run which is a collaborative project between Stage 3 and the P&C. So far, we have raised in excess of \$21 000. Prizes have been handed out at our weekly assembly with more being handed out in the coming weeks.

Disco

Our disco was on Friday night. Thank you to all the students that attended and thank you to all the volunteers who made the night possible.



Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

Last Friday, Kindergarten students visited Sydney Zoo. Students were excited to see all the animals and participate in an education session all about Living Things. The children were able to touch and learn about a variety of animals including stick insects, lizards and snakes, as well as seeing larger animals in their enclosures and learning about what they need to survive.



The scorpion glowed in the dark - Aiden K Black

My favourite was the shark. They look cool - Ivy K Green

I liked the green snake because he was my favourite colour - Finn K Purple

I liked the tigers - Siya K Purple

I like the penguins because I have a penguin at home - Elijah K White

I liked the elephants - Rayed K Red

Premier's Spelling Bee

On Thursday 8 September, our SPS representatives competed in the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Charlie in 3/4R (Junior) and Sarthak in 5/6L (Senior) participated in their respective regional finals against students from all over New South Wales. They were given some difficult words - Charlie made it to round 5 and

Sarthak came in 4th place. We are so proud of these boys for their efforts and for being great representatives of Schofields Public School.



Combined Schools Signing Choir

On Monday 19 September students involved in the signing choir will be traveling into the city with Mr Storey to perform in the Combined Schools Signing Choir with other students from across NSW. They have been working very hard at learning the songs for the event which includes both singing and performing Australian Sign Language and we will wish them all the best for the day.



Ethics teachers needed at Schofields Public School for 2023

As your child starts Kindergarten at Schofields Public School next year, we would like to let you know about the school's Primary Ethics program.

Primary Ethics was started in 2010 to offer NSW primary school students philosophical ethics as an alternative to attending non-scripture classes. Ethics classes are now offered in more than 450 schools around the state, all taught by volunteers. Classes teach children logical reasoning and thinking skills and develop their ability to support arguments with evidence. Students learn to disagree respectfully and think about decisions that affect them and people around them. The classes aim to provide an inclusive, secular learning environment and foster a respect for diverse views and ways of thinking among our students.

Some examples of the topic areas covered in kindergarten include:

- Intentions – What happens if you hurt someone without meaning to? What happens if you say sorry but there are still consequences?
- Telling the truth – Should we always tell the truth, or are there times when we shouldn't? What happens when we don't tell the truth?
- Knowledge – How do we know what we know? When do you know something and when are you guessing?

We would like to be able to offer ethics classes to families of kindergarten students who request it. To meet demand for ethics classes next year, we need a number of new ethics teachers ready to begin in February 2022. Primary Ethics teachers include school parents, grandparents and local community members. You don't need previous experience teaching or working with children, all ethics teachers are fully trained to deliver the highly structured, age-appropriate Primary Ethics curriculum. The total time commitment is around 45 minutes per week, including a class every Thursday afternoon and time to read over the lesson in preparation for the class.

If you're interested in becoming an ethics teacher, or if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact our Ethics Coordinator, Arpana Ahluwalia at arpanaahluwalia@gmail.com. For more information about the ethics program, go to www.primaryethics.com.au.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world”

Simon Longstaff AO Executive Director - The Ethics Centre

SEVEN NEW SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

Partners in Learning parent survey

This term, parents will have the opportunity to participate in the 'Partners in Learning' parent survey, a part of the 'Tell Them From Me' suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child(ren)'s experience at school.

The survey is conducted entirely online and can be completed on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. All information provided is confidential and the survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Although participating in this survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much encouraged and appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

To access the survey for our school, please go to <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/schofieldsp>



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AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU #noonedoesitlikemotiv8sports

WE HAVE 3 EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM THESE HOLIDAYS. TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW or FEEL FREE TO CALL US DIRECT on 0402 200 479

* TIME: 8.30am to 3.30pm daily *

COST: \$110 -\$150 AGE: Kindy to YR6

MON 26th - WED 28th SEPT
PONDS High School (3 DAY)

TUES 4th - WED 5th OCT
TYNDALE Christian School

THURS 6th - FRI 7th
PONDS High School



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Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20-hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:15am - 9:15am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 25th September 2022

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number:78055** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Manisha Bains
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SPRING 2022

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

WEEK 1

MONDAY
26th September

PREHISTORIC ADVENTURES

Wear your best Khaki and Dinosaur shirts today!

- Today you will be Digging for Dino's!
- Hatching Dino Eggs
- Prehistoric Rock Art and Cave Paintings
- Go on a Prehistoric Scavenger Hunt!

+ more

TUESDAY
27th September

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM EXCURSION

Excursion: 9:30am - 3:30pm
PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD TO CARE NO LATER THAN 9:30AM

- We will check out the limited Charkha and Kangha Exhibits featuring over 100 rare items that date back to the 1400's to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

WEDNESDAY
28th September

WHAT A GAME!

Giant Games Incursion:
10am to 3pm

- Play your Favourite Games - GIANT SIZED!
- Make your own Recyclable Game Console and Controllers!
- Jenga Competition

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

THURSDAY
29th September

NWCC TRAVELLERS

Wear your traditional cultural dress today!

- Fill up your Passports as International Travellers
- Learn International Greetings
- Eat Delicious, Worldly Food
- Play Indigenous Games

+ more

FRIDAY
30th September

WONDERFUL WEATHER

Wear something bright and colourful today!

- Let's do some Rainbow Tie Dye!
- Balloon Lightning
- Water Cycle in a Bag Experiment
- DIY Wind Charms

+ more

WEEK 2

MONDAY
3rd October

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY
4th October

EAT IT UP!

Bike N Blend Incursion:
9am to 3pm
Power the Blenders by Bike to make your own Smoothies!

- Blindfolded Taste and Feel Challenge
- Fruit Loops Bracelet and Rainbow Making

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

WEDNESDAY
5th October

PEACE, LOVE AND HARMONY

Wear anything orange or tie dye today!

- Yoga Spin Game - see which Yoga Pose Challenges you get!
- Jam Out with your Friends in your own Band!
- Make Sweets for the Local Retirement Village

+ more

THURSDAY
6th October

DREAMING OF A TROPICAL HOLIDAY

Come dressed as if you were going on a holiday!

- Make a Hula Skirt and Learn How to Hula
- Enjoy some Tropical Fruit Skewers
- Flower Lei Making
- Beach Volleyball

+ more

FRIDAY
7th October

INTER-DIMENSIONAL WONDERS

Do you think you can solve the Virtual Escape Room?

- Make Illusion Art
- DIY Time Machine
- Mystery Box
- Make some Origami

+ more

To Book Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au or visit: nwccm.com.au/childcare

Program subject to change without notice.