



Schofields Sparkler

REMINDER

School Banking
Every Wednesday

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Principal's Report

Dates to Remember

Nov 6 & 13 - Kindy 2019 Orientation
Nov 13 - K-6 Combined Assembly 2pm
Dec 17 - Celebration Day
Dec 18 - Year 6 Farewell
Dec 19 - Last day for 2018

2019

Jan 29 - Staff Development Day
Jan 30 - First day back for Yrs 1-6

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr David England has joined as acting Deputy Principal until the end of the year. We welcome him to the Schofields Public School team.

Mrs Turner will be on long service leave from Week 5 (Monday, 12 November), returning at the beginning of the new school year in 2019.

Mrs Emilia Vatalis will be undertaking the teaching duties in her absence. Mrs Vatalis is a newly appointed permanent member of our school who is an experienced, enthusiastic and caring teacher. She has spent time collaborating with the Stage 1 teachers, and in particular with 1/2T; working with Mrs Turner to ensure continuity and consistency in teaching programs for all students.

Mr James continues on leave, he has an injury that is keeping him off work.

Mrs Fitsakis and Mr Gardiner will be teaching 3/4I for the remainder of the year as Mr Ingram is no longer working at Schofields Public School. Both teachers are known and trusted by the students and will ensure the teaching and learning programs carry on for the remainder of the year.

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UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop is now being run by K-12 Uniform Store. Ordering will be done online with home or school delivery options available.

Look for the uniform link on our website or have a look at the flyer later in the newsletter.

In other uniform news our coloured school house sports shirts will be phased out over the next few months. They will continue to be acceptable school uniform until they are worn out. The last of these shirts are available from the school office for \$30.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of Fiona Watson, Kim Attard and the many parents who have run the uniform shop over many years. Your many hours of hard work and commitment to Schofields Public School and its community is greatly appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We held the first of our Kindergarten orientation sessions on Tuesday, 6 November and welcomed over 60 new students for 2019. We anticipate the Kindergarten for 2019 will be significantly bigger. The students had a great time in classes and the parents were provided with an insight into school life. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Thank you to Mrs Mark and the Kindergarten team, Mrs Rodgers-Falk, Mrs Faccin, Mrs Squire, Mrs Ridden and Mrs Wilson for organising and hosting such a valuable experience. Thanks also to Mr Cox and 5/6C who ran a great tabloid sports session for our current Kindergarten students.

OUTSTANDING WORK

I would like to give a small insight into some of the outstanding work being done by our students.

Ciara Finn from 3/4R has rewritten a paragraph from Roald Dahl's *The Fantastic Mr Fox*.

Mr Fox Scene

It was happening, and he knew it. It was the sound of scraping, shifting, crunching. He looked up at the brown, roof above him. A bit of dirt, the size of a raindrop fell on his nose. He went cross-eyed, fascinated. He lifted it delicately off his face, investigating closely. He cocked his head to one side. Then, there was another speck that landed on his big toe. His ears pricked up. He knew that Boggis, Bunce and Bean were coming for him. He knew he had to wake his wife up. His plan was about to come together.

Stage 3 have also been studying some advanced concepts in Mathematics.



5/6H have extended themselves in maths and are currently working on triangular numbers. We used plastic cups and stacked them up to represent triangles. We had stacking competitions and learnt the formula to calculate triangular numbers. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about these fascinating numbers and exploring them in depth. By Sophia Chin and Keerat Kaur 5/6H. Look for more great work from 3/4I on Robotics later in this newsletter.

RUGBY LEAGUE 7S

We entered three teams in the Penrith RL Gala Day. All three teams had a great day. The Junior team made it through to the quarter finals. All the boys played their best and represented the school and themselves in an exemplary manner. Thanks to all who supported on the day and particularly Mr Barnes who coached one of the teams.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST - 2020

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at [https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7). The application website opens at that link on 9, October 2018 and closes on 12, November 2018. You must apply before the closing date.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) CURRENT FOCUS

During Weeks 3 & 4, students have been focusing on the following the rule, 'Stay in bounds and in sight of the teacher'. At SPS, we encourage students to become responsible for their own safety in the playground by playing in the designated play spaces where they can see a teacher. Promoting this focus is ensuring that students are remaining safe during recess and lunch times as they move around the school, particularly as the school undergoes the changes needed for the temporary school. We encourage parents and carers to support us during this process.

Ashley Campbell - Stage 1 Teacher

BUILDING UPDATE

You will have noticed a great deal of work has been completed on the pop-up school. We anticipate commencing 2019 in this facility.

Have a look at the progress shown below.

Colin Ross - Principal



ROBOTICS WITH 3/4I



Lego WeDo is a hardware and software program for creating robots for people over six years old. You construct a robot model and program it to move and speak.

Today we created Milo the robot. There are six different robots to create and our group made three of them. To make the robots, you need special Lego and an iPad. Lights, sound and voices can be added.

Our group loved Lego WeDo because we got to build, program and conquer! It is exciting and fun and we highly recommend it to people that like Lego and are creative - **JAMIE, JOSH, ANGUS AND NICK**



Lego WeDo is a program used to drive a robot. We built a lego robot, but instead of Milo we named it Microbot. We programmed it to move forwards, backwards, then later, we built a motion sensor which was a success.

What we loved about today is that we built it, programmed it and it was great fun. The key for this project was cooperation and team work. We needed each person in the group to complete a task. What we also loved about the WeDo is that we persevered and got it moving in no time. - **ANSH, JAP, NARAYAN AND SONIRU**

Lego WeDo is a lot of fun. We built a robot out of lego and we had one thousand percent fun. I called it Bob but the others in my group called him Mikrobot. I think that's cool but I like the name Bob. Mrs Fitsakis should have all the fame. (# cool) - **FINN**



In class today we programmed a robot using software and hardware. We were able to quickly learn about the simple click and drag icons to get the robot moving. We activated a sensor and a voice and even though the robot was called Milo we named him Jiadij. It was very satisfying when he finally moved. - **AIDEN, DYLAN, JACK AND JAKE**



Lego WeDo is a robotics hardware and software platform designed for students six years or above. On the 7th November, 2018 we built an electronic model named Milo and it moved! - **AARIZ, STEVE, MOHNISH AND ISHMAM**



Lego WeDo is a fun, exciting and a friendship building activity full of teamwork and discussion. We named our robot Jill and we created him out of Lego bits and pieces. We loved controlling and building him, it was enjoyable and we had a great day - **LAVENIA, JAEDA-BLUE AND ISABELLE**

ROBOTICS WITH 3/4I



On Wednesday, 7 November 3/4I got together and built a robot named Milo with the Lego WeDo application. It was a great experience for us but we got sad when we had to destroy her to pack up.

We used an iPad to complete Milo, or as we called her, 'Riesther'. After we finished building Reisther we got to program her. We took a photo with her and we were so proud to see her take her first roll across the floor.

We were most surprised when Riesther played some music for us! - **KATIE, TAHLIA, MILLA AND EVE**



Lego WeDo is a robotics hardware and software platform designed for students our age. We built a robot using lego - **STACY AND ELIZA**

Lego WeDo is a hardware and software platform. On the 7th November we built a robot named MILO. You can program it to move and spin around. What I loved is when we programmed it. I pumped my fist in the air when it moved - **DAKOTA**

Canteen Roster

<p>Mon 12th Nov Jess Wanders Cyrus Noshirwan</p>	<p>Tue 13th Nov Kayleen Glover Alison Woodbury</p>	<p>Wed 14th Nov Rachel Downs Michelle Smith Mikaylah Adams</p>	<p>Thu 15th Nov Sara Hughes Kristy Owen</p>	<p>Fri 16th Nov Kristy Dust Kim Attard</p>
<p>Mon 19th Nov Leanne Southers Maitri Jhaveri</p>	<p>Tue 20th Nov Trish Loftus Emma Carey</p>	<p>Wed 21st Nov Jenelle Lawrence Giorgia Teippo</p>	<p>Thu 22nd Nov Jess Wanders Anne Irvine</p>	<p>Fri 23rd Nov Michelle Barclay Belinda Malec</p>

HOW TO ORDER FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

- On a BROWN LUNCH bag write the following:
 - Child's Name, Class and Room Number
 - If it is for Recess Order or Lunch Order
 - What your child would like to order and the amount
 - Put money inside the bag and write the amount enclosed
- When your child arrives at school place their lunch order in the "Lunch Muncher" located on the canteen wall.

Brown Bags can be purchased from Woolworths or Coles. Pack of 100 is usually about \$2.50

PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten students must do all orders for Recess and Lunch through the lunch bag system

An example of a lunch order



SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



ALL TRAINING PROVIDED
CHOOSE YOUR DAY – ONCE A MONTH
WORK WITH A FRIEND
SIBLINGS WELCOME – KIDS AREA WITH TV, DVD PLAYER AND TOYS
PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL
SEE THE OFFICE FOR A VOLUNTEERS FORM

PLEASE NOTE

Hot food is only available to order for LUNCH it **can not** be ordered for RECESS

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2015

 Blacktown City Council

This Fact Sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones

If you stop in a 'No Stopping' area
- Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a No Stopping sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you stop in a 'Bus Zone'
- Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.

This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you disobey a 'No Parking' sign
- Fine from \$177 + 2 demerit points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than **2 minutes**. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

A 'Kiss & Ride' area is always within a 'No Parking' zone. The 'No Parking' rules apply to all 'Kiss & Ride' areas.
- Fine from \$177 + 2 demerit points



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Your vehicle must not stop for more than **2 minutes**. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

If you stop on or near a 'Pedestrian Crossing' - Fine from \$425 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up.

If you are Double Parked - Fine from \$319 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

More information over the page

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - PARKING

Please take note of the “No Parking” areas around the School →→→

St Albans Road - Out the front of school office



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Junction Road - Side of school office



CHICKENPOX - CONFIRMED CASE

There has been a confirmed case of Chickenpox within the school, please see symptoms below.

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox. If chickenpox occurs in a vaccinated person it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person.



Online Uniform Shop

Order online at www.k12uniformstore.com.au/sps



K-12 Uniform Store offer two delivery options

Home delivery Flat rate of \$16.50. Please allow 3-5 business days for delivery

Collection from school Order by 11am on Tuesday for pickup at the school administration office after 2pm on Wednesday (during school term only)

E: sps@k12uniformstore.com.au | P: 02 9894 7213



For updates on uniforms including new items and specials, Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/k12uniformstore/

FISH TANK - 600 long / 400 high / 300 wide

TANK FOR FROGS - 600 long / 600 high / 300 wide

KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER—Transmission issues but could be used for spare parts

If you are interested in any of the above items please contact the school office on 9627 1534 and they could be all yours for a small donation.



SydWest
Multicultural Services

Find us on 

Riverstone Multicultural MUMS & BUBS GROUP

Where: Riverstone Uniting Church,
62 Garfield Rd East
Riverstone NSW 2765

When: **Fridays during school terms**

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 pm

Cost: **Free!**

Bring Your Friends, Meet New Friends and Have Fun

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
CORINNE
Phone: 9621 6633
Email: corinne.desira@sydwestms.org

This program is funded by the NSW Department of Family & Community Services and delivered in partnership with Uniting Church Riverstone

Our Multicultural Mothers Group will help you with:

- Information and support for migrant and refugee parents about health, education, parenting and much more
- Interactive and Play based activities for your child
- Having fun playing, singing, dancing and reading with your child
- Skills to encourage your child to discover, explore and problem solve while playing



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From The Inside Out: Recognising Anxieties in Children 9 - 12years

TOPICS

- What's normal and what's not
- Types of anxiety in children
- When and how to get help
- Strategies to support children and young people experiencing anxiety

DATE: Thursday 22nd November 2018

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

VENUE: Mt Druitt - further details provided upon registration

WHEN LITTLE PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH BIG EMOTIONS, IT IS OUR JOB TO SHARE OUR CALM, NOT JOIN THEIR CHAOS.

This is a FREE event for parents and carers

To register please contact

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About Dr Amanda Mullin – Director Mindworx Psychology

Dr Amanda Mullin, MAPS, FCCLP, is a Doctor of Clinical Psychology, with extensive and specialist training in Clinical Psychology. She has worked with a wide range of clients in private practice, and completed specialist training at the Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health, a world leading research clinic which specialises in understanding the causes of anxiety, and developing highly effective treatments for anxiety disorders.



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If you'd like to learn more, visit an operational Squadron or call us today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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Girls Squadrans also located at Alison Park, Beverly Hills, Blacktown, Dayalson, Mudgee, Penrith, Southern Highlands
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SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 4 2018

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	15 October Staff and Students return	16 October	17 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	18 October	19 October	20 21 Oct
2	22 October	23 October	24 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM RL 7's GALA DAY	25 October POP UP SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOTH 2:30PM-4:30PM (OUTSIDE LIBRARY)	26 October	27 28 Oct
3	29 October SWIM SCHEME	30 October SWIM SCHEME	31 October FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM SWIM SCHEME	1 November SWIM SCHEME	2 November SWIM SCHEME	3 4 Nov
4	5 November SWIM SCHEME	6 November SWIM SCHEME KINDY ORIENTATION	7 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM SWIM SCHEME BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING S2	8 November SWIM SCHEME BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING S3	9 November SWIM SCHEME	10 11 Nov
5	12 November	13 November KINDY ORIENTATION	14 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	15 November K-6 COMBINED ASSEMBLY 2:00pm	16 November	17 18 Nov
6	19 November	20 November	21 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	22 November STAGE 3 MINI FAIR	23 November	24 25 Nov
7	26 November	27 November	28 November FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	29 November	30 November	1 2 Dec
8	3 December	4 December YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY	5 December FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	6 December	7 December	8 9 Dec
9	10 December	11 December	12 December FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM	13 December CHRISTMAS CONCERT	14 December PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY K – 2: 9:15am 3 – 6: 10:30am	15 16 Dec
10	17 December CELEBRATION DAY	18 December YEAR 6 FAREWELL	19 December LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	20 December SDD	21 December SDD	22 23 Dec
11	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 December	29 30 Dec
Hols	31 December	1 January 2019	2 January 2019	3 January 2019	4 January 2019	5 6 Jan 2019

2018 FIREWORKS SPONSORS

Schofields Public School would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our Fireworks Night.

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