



Schofields Sparkler

REMINDER

School Banking
Every Wednesday

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Principal's Report

Dates to Remember

- Aug 28 - Interrelate Parent/ Student Session
- Aug 29 - Father's Day Stall
- Aug 31 - Last PSSA for Term 3
- Sep 3 - P&C Meeting
- Sep 11 - Kindy Golden Ridge Farm Excursion
- Sep 13 - Stage 1 Brewongle Excursion
- Sep 17 - Ridges Choir Rehearsal
- Sep 19-21 - Stage 3 Camp
- Sep 28 - Last day of Term 3

STAFFING AND CLASS CHANGES

We have some exciting news for the school and the community. The school's continued rapid growth has meant we have many new enrolments and we are able to create a new class. This is a positive change for our school in that it will decrease some class sizes whilst accommodating our new students. At this time, the largest influx has occurred in our Stage 1 cohort and as such a new Stage 1 class will be formed. We welcome Mr Peter Lawrence who will teach 1/2L. 1/2L will be located in part of the library building. Library lessons for classes will now take place in classrooms and arrangements for borrowing and returning books will be changed. Details for these changes are shown later in the newsletter.

Welcome back to Mrs Rodgers-Falk who returns after a period of leave, it is great to have you back. Thank you to Mr Andrew McConnell who did an outstanding job on KRF while Mrs Rodgers-Falk was on leave.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

At our combined assembly last week not only did we congratulate the behaviour and effort of our students with Assistant Principal's Awards, Principal's Awards and Principal's Medallions but we also met 'Scho the Field Frog' our PBL mascot. Positive Behaviour for Learning is the framework for our behaviour systems. Parents will have the opportunity later in the year to provide their thoughts and have feedback on this system.



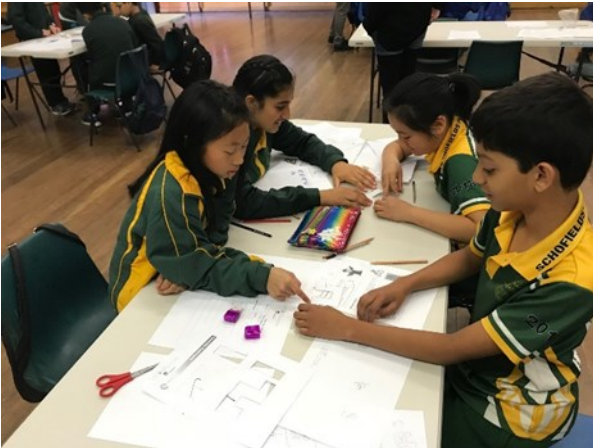
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- Sarthak Tibile 1/2M
- Chelsea Ark 1/2P
- Charlotte Pilling 3/4R
- Vanshika Kumar 3/4S
- Sanskar Tibile 5/6B
- Byron Sarina 5/6C
- Colton Willet 5/6C
- Brody Sim 5/6H
- Tataya Jones 5/6H
- Jasmin Woods 5/6Z
- Jarrah Rhodes 5/6Z
- James Denham 5/6Z

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MATHS GIFTED AND TALENTED WIN



On Wednesday, 22 August Schofields Public School's Maths team consisting of Keerat Kaur, Sophia Chin, Ashley Ting, and Sanskar Tibile, attended the Lachlan Macquarie Stage 3 Gifted and Talented Mathematics Competition.

The team performed extremely well and were able to win the challenge on the day. They will be representing the school in the finals later in the year. What an awesome effort, well done.

BOOKWEEK

Our Bookweek show and parade were enjoyed by all involved. It was great to see so many students and staff involved and sharing their favourite characters and books. Thank you to Mrs Hugo for organising both of these activities.



K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday, 17 August we held our K-2 athletics carnival. It was a great day of racing and fun physical activities. It was great to share the day with the family and friends who were able to attend. Thank you to the K-2 teachers and Mrs Mark in particular for their work organising and coordinating the day.

RIDGES ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday, 24 August our school athletics team competed in the Ridges Athletics Carnival. All students competed enthusiastically and positively. Congratulations to all team members for representing the school so well. Thank you Miss Bedwell for organising and managing the team.

There were a number of exceptional performances including:

Tataya Jones 2nd in the 11yrs girls 800m and 3rd in the 11yrs 200m

Brody Sim 2nd in the boys 11yrs 800m

We wish them both the best of luck competing in the Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION



Our Stage 2 students participated in a highly engaging and informative day at the Brewongle Environmental Education Centre.

The focus of the day was the history and culture of the local Indigenous People. Well done to the students for their behaviour and efforts on the day and thank you to the Stage 2 team for organising this very worthwhile event.

Colin Ross - Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Due to the formation of another Stage 1 class there are several changes to how library will now operate. Library borrowing will take place at recess. Please note the library borrowing days for each class/stage:

Monday - Stage 2 and 3

Tuesday - Stage 1 (1/2T, 1/2P, 1/2L)

Wednesday - Stage 1 (1/2C, 1/2M, 1/2G)

Thursday - Early Stage 1 (KM, KRF, KS)

Friday - Early Stage 1 (KB, KA)

Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me in the library.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

A reminder that PRC closes this Friday, 31 August. Please give your sheets to Ms Hugo to enter for you or go online to enter if you can. Well done to those children that have participated this year.

Karen Hugo - Librarian

CASH PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES

Just a reminder that all cash payments & permission notes are to be put in a sealed envelope or zip-lock bag clearly labelled with your child's name and class and dropped in the mailbox which is located in the school front office. Please ensure that all permission notes are filled in completely with your child's name, class and your signature so that we are able to process the payment to the correct child.

Please note we do not have EFTPOS facilities but we do accept payments via the Parent Online Payment system. If you visit our school website there is a link that says "Make a Payment", click on this link and it will take you to a payment page where you can make a payment using your credit card. You do not require a Student ID number to be able to make payments.

Thankyou!

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We congratulate the following students for being selected to represent Schofields Public School at the Hills Public Speaking Competition.

Stage 1: Topic "If I had a superpower..."

Ashlynn Ross

Valentina-Rose George

Stage 2: Topic "How has technology affected our lifestyles?"

Rishi Pramod

Angad Singh

Stage 3: Topic "How the Olympics unite the World."

Brody Sim

Keerat Kaur

We wish them the best of luck as they compete at Riverbank Public School on Tuesday, 28 August.

LACHLAN MACQUARIE STAGE 3 GAT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday, 22 August Schofields Public School's Maths team (The Brains) consisting of Keerat Kaur, Sophia Chin, Ashley Ting, and Sanskar Tibile, attended the Lachlan Macquarie Stage 3 Gifted and Talented Mathematics Competition.

We completed a series of team-bonding challenges that involved critical thinking and a lot of BRAINS!! We started off with a mathematical race, which concluded with Schofields in the lead. We maintained our position throughout the whole competition whilst having fun doing a STEM challenge and many more just as difficult challenges. Overall, we ended the day with great success and we won with a score of 69.

Later on in the year we will be representing Schofields Public School in the finals. We hope you will wish us luck and promise us McDonalds.

By Sophia, Keerat, Ashley and Sanskar (AKA the BRAINS)!

RACISM – NO WAY!

If at any time you find that you have a concern about our school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell a member of staff so that your concern can be resolved. With your support, we do the very best we can to ensure productive, safe and enjoyable learning experiences for all our students. Should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint is available in the school office or in the case of complaints relating to racism you can contact the school Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) who is Yanna Fitsakis. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Policy procedures.



The role of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer Information for parents and carers

The NSW Department of Education rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination.

As part of the department's commitment to anti-racism each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). The role of the ARCO is to:

1. receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism
2. assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required
3. advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed in lodging a complaint
4. refer the complaint to a member of the school executive who will be responsible for resolving the complaint.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to speak to the ARCO on the telephone or to make an appointment for a meeting with the ARCO, ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you would like to ring and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to help you with your conversation. This service will be free of charge to you.

Further information

Learning and Teaching Directorate

Equity and Multicultural Education

Contact: Multicultural Education Advisor

Telephone: 9266 8238

www.racismnoway.com.au

NSW Department of Education



SUCCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY

21 August, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

From Term 4 2018, students in K-6 at Schofield Public School will have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular computer coding courses offered by iCodeNext, which will take place on Saturdays.

iCodeNext is a technological academy, teaching children computer programming, drone technology, robotics, 3D printing, web page development and mobile app development. Students will be engaged in interactive learning, practising analytical techniques in a team environment and instructors will engage students with 'gamified' teaching methods to develop skills that translate to real world problems. Students will achieve fluency in this coding language whereby they are able to read, write and speak coding metalanguage when creating, developing and showcasing their skills using the technology provided.

These courses are designed for students in K-6 to consolidate and extend their current coding ability. Courses will be held on school premises after 3pm, supervised by iCodeNext staff. All equipment is provided.

There will be an afternoon information session held on ***Thursday, 30 August 2018 at 3:20pm*** in the school library during which parents/carers and students will be able to participate and interact with iCodeNext educators to gain information and ask any questions.

Please use the following link to register your interest in attending the information session. This link also contains details about the courses offered.

<https://www.icodenext.com.au/parent-information-session-registration-schofields-public-school/>

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

If you or someone you know has a child that is ready to start Kindergarten next year (they have to be turning 5 by 31st July 2019) please drop in to the school office to pick up a enrolment form or drop your completed enrolment form in to the office.

Kindy orientation information will be going out shortly.

Thankyou



SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL HOSTS:

When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Tuesday, 28th August 2018

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL HOSTS:

Family Program Bundle 2



Permission Flyer

Session 1: Where Did I Come From?

Time: 6:00pm

Audience: Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Students in Year 5 & 6 are encouraged to attend if they have not previously seen this program.

Session 2: Preparing For Puberty

Time: 7:15pm

Audience: Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family

Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Canteen Roster

Mon 27th Aug Leanne Southers Lin Yin Tang	Tue 28th Aug Trish Loftus Emma Carey	Wed 29th Aug Elisa Ardill Rashmeet Kaur	Thu 30th Aug Jess Wanders Anne Irvine	Fri 31st Aug Michelle Barclay Belinda malec
Mon 3rd Sep Rasleen Kaur Emma Scala	Tue 4th Sep Juliana Loo Shubita Gupta	Wed 5th Sep Jenelle Lawrence Giorgia Teippo	Thu 6th Sep Coral McDonald Dawn Furey	Fri 7th Sep Nicole Burton Fiona Watson

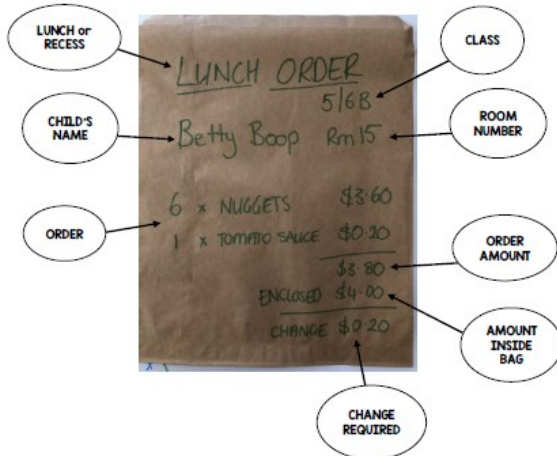
HOW TO ORDER FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

- 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

RIVERSTONE LITTLE ATHLETICS 2018-19

Find us on
Facebook

**FUN FOR EVERYONE
TOTS-17 YEAR OLDS**

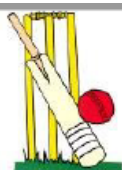
Little Athletics Australia

**Online registration
from
1st August 2018
www.lansw.com.au**

**Patch pick up
Riverstone Park 6pm-8pm
24th & 31st August 2018**

**Friday nights 6pm
First night of competition
7th September 2018**

Just for Fun



Schofields Cricket Club 2018/19 Registrations Now Open !!!
www.scc.nsw.cricket.com.au
Seeking Junior and Senior players of all abilities



Pre season training every Saturday in August 1-3pm @Mill St Riverstone

- Team nominations due End of August
- Competitions commence Mid September
- All new registrations receive a playing shirt

Senior Cricket

- Saturday afternoon cricket in the picturesque Hawkesbury District
- Mixture of 1 and 2 day games
- Higher grades play on turf pitches



Junior Cricket Programs

Boys & Girls welcome

• **Junior Cricket: Ages 8+**

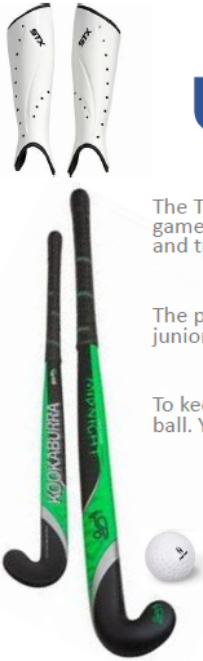
Saturday morning competition 8:30 – 10:30
 Modified rules to encourage participation
 Qualified Coaches
 All equipment provided

Junior Blasters: Ages 5-7

8 -10 week program October to December
 Monday evenings
 Introduction to cricket – basic skills program
 Safe, inclusive, non competitive fun environment

All junior blasters receive a participant pack

Try Hockey this school holidays



The Try Hockey holiday program is designed to introduce younger children to the game of hockey. Your child will learn basic hockey skills such as dribbling, pushing and trapping the ball.

The program is run by qualified and experienced coaches assisted by some of our junior and rep players.

To keep the program costs low, we loan participants a hockey stick, shin pads and ball. You will need to purchase a mouthguard (\$10 at our shop or from a pharmacy).

Register and pay:

<https://www.ndhockey.com.au/shop/>

Or contact Sarah 0403 202 383 for more information



For ages 5 to 12

Tues 9th Oct 18
9:30am – 12:30pm

Pennant Hills Park
Britannia St
Pennant Hills

\$20 per
participant

Hosanna



Christian
Church

Sunday Worship Service

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Schofields Public School Hall
corner Junction Rd & St Albans Rd

SCHOFIELDS

**A VIBRANT CHURCH
THAT IS SO FULL OF
LOVE AND WORSHIP
FOR JESUS**

An invitation to all

SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 3 2018						
Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	23 July SDD	24 July Students Return	25 July Interrelate Parent Session	26 July	27 July State Cross Country	28 29 July
2	30 July	31 July Athletics Carnival	1 August	2 August	3 August Uniform Shop Online Information Sessions	4 5 Aug
3	6 August Education Week	7 August Open Day / Grandparents Day	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 12 Aug
4	13 August	14 August ICAS Maths	15 August Stage 2 Excursion	16 August	17 August K-2 Athletics Carnival from 12:00pm	18 19 Aug
5	20 August	21 August	22 August Book Week Performance & Parade 9.20-10am 10.20-11am	23 August 2:00pm – Combined Assembly	24 August Ridges Athletics	25 26 Aug
6	27 August	28 August Hills Public Speaking Interrelate Parent/Student Sessions	29 August Father's Day Stall	30 August	31 August Last Winter PSSA	1 2 Sep
7	3 September P&C Meeting	4 September Rugby League Gala Day	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 9 Sep
8	10 September	11 September ES1 Excursion Golden Ridge Farm	12 September	13 September Stage 1 Excursion - Brewongle	14 September	15 16 Sep
9	17 September Ridges Choir Rehearsal – Parklea PS	18 September	19 September Stage 3 Camp	20 September Stage 3 Camp	21 September Stage 3 Camp	22 23 Sep
10	24 September STEM Expo	25 September Captains to NSW Parliament	26 September	27 September	28 September Last day Term 3	29 30 Sep
Hols	1 October Labour Day	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 7 Oct
Hols	8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 14 Oct

2018 FIREWORKS SPONSORS

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

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SILVER SPONSORS

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Turtle Nursery Landscape - (02) 9629 2299

BT Civil - 0409 889 788

Limestone Cafe - 0409 889 788

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Dean Simpson Electrical - 0418 656 967

Data Dan - 0433 399 827

Full Force Dance & Cheer - 0473 901 348

Grundig Photography - 0425 318 395

Jump Dance Studio - 0449 922 760

Logical Loans - 0447 774 666

M & T Maintenance - 0414 335 969

Mental Math Abacus Australia - 0401 664 767

Upstage Dance Studio - 0417 464 700

Wicked Dance Academy - 0404 702 436

WOW Print Media - (02) 9627 4729