

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday, 5th February
Due to Swimming Carnival

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all the community to Schofields Public School for 2010. We have a very exciting year ahead of us and it was wonderful to see the keenness in the children last week in coming to school. Over the last two days our new Kindergarten students have begun their schooling at Schofields. A big welcome to you all. The teachers have been very excited about your children starting and have put in a lot of work in preparing for them.

A big welcome to our returning students and our new students from interstate, overseas and other schools.

FAREWELL MRS BAKER

Mrs Baker received a transfer to Kellyville Public School during the holidays. Mrs Baker is looking forward to working in a different school to further her career. It is sad for us at Schofields to lose a teacher who has given so much to our learning community especially in music and band. We wish her all the best and she will be missed by the children and community

CLASSES AND STAFF

The school continues to grow and classes are very full. We are hoping our classes will stay pretty much as listed. The classes at this stage are as follows:-

REMINDERS

- School Banking every Wednesday
- Feb 5—Swimming Carnival
- Feb 26—Whole School Assembly
- March 8—Life Education begins
- March 18—Golf Day

Kindergarten	Mrs Mark, Miss Stacey, Mrs Mitchell
1W	Mrs Wood (Stage 1 supervisor)
1RF	Mrs Rodgers-Falk
2HM	Mrs Hofstadler (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs McNamara (Thurs, Fri)
2/3S	Ms Simon
3/4G	Miss Gilbody
4F	Mrs Favell
5/6C	Mrs Cross (Stage 3 supervisor)
5/6D	Miss Drew
5/6H	Miss Hartman

Reading Recovery/ Professional Learning/Stage 2 Supervisor/Assistant Principal—Miss Burke
Release from Face to Face (RFF) - Mrs Cuneo (Mon, Tues), Mrs Berios (Wed)
Assistant Principal/Learning Support—Mrs Gannon (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Library—Mrs Kammerer (Mon, Tues, Wed)
School Learning Support Officer—Mrs Young
Office—Mrs Hancock, Mrs Helies, Mrs Potter
General Assistant—Mr Vella
Cleaner—Mrs Sayers

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new staff members. Miss Hartman will be teaching 5/6 this year and comes from Blackett Public School. Miss Hartman is an experienced teacher who is delighted to be with us at Schofields. Ms Simon may be known to you as Mrs Rawlins from last year and we are very glad to have her with us again this year. Miss Gilbody

will be teaching 3/4. She has come to us from teaching in a variety of schools across Australia and again we are pleased to have her teaching at Schofields this year.

BAND—Members Needed!

This year Mrs Manning will become our band master, teaching on Thursday mornings. Mrs Manning is a very experienced and talented tutor and band leader. If your child would like to learn an instrument and be part of the band, we are looking for new members. This is open to children in Years 3 to 6. The first meeting of the band for 2010 will be this *Thursday, 4th February*.

ANYONE FOR GOLF!

Our bi-annual Golf Day will be held on *Thursday, 18th March* at Windsor Golf Club. This has always been a fantastic day organised by Rod Smith. There are terrific prizes to be won but more importantly it is a great community day to raise money for the school. Please contact Rod Smith on 0419 494 255. Please bring your friends, teams and anyone you know to loves golf and fun.

EARLY STARTERS

Our school day for the children begins at 9:15 am each day. The best time for children to arrive at school is between 8:45 am and 9:10 am. It is most important that the children get a great start to the day by being in class for the first lesson. If your child is late for school you need to escort them to the office for a late pass and then the children can head off to class.

Before 8:45 am there is no supervision as teachers do not go on duty until 8:45am. On the rare occasion that children arrive before 8:45 am they must sit on the silver seats until the first bell. Please make other care arrangements if you find you need to drop your children before this time (8:45am) for your child's safety sake. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday, 5th February

All parents welcome

Students will travel by bus to Riverstone Pool after the morning bell and return in time for school buses.

Cost: \$6.00

Money and permission note to be paid no later than 11 am, Thursday, 4th February.

SWINE FLU UPDATE

I'm writing to provide an update on vaccination against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza (swine flu).

Swine flu activity has dropped significantly in NSW over recent months, but continues to have a heavy impact in many Northern Hemisphere countries. It remains to be seen what the impact in Australia will be as we move into next winter, although a resurgence of pandemic influenza activity is possible.

NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Call ahead to confirm the health service is vaccinating on the day you wish to visit.

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff, students and visitors to schools. It is important that information about the availability of Panvax® continues to go out to your school and broader community. Immunising a high percentage of the school not only protects those individuals who receive the vaccine, but also reduces the chance that any students or staff with a weakened immune system (for whom the vaccine may not work as effectively) will be exposed to the infection.

Further information can be obtained through the following web site.

NSW Health: information about the vaccine: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>

Yours sincerely

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