

# STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools



## CALENDAR:

### 2025- Term 3

#### Special Dates:

#### July

4<sup>th</sup>: Excursion - Manning

Regional Art Gallery

22<sup>nd</sup>: School's back!

#### August

#### September

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Stage 2 Zoo Excursion

## Term 2 Week 10 2025

Dear Stratford Public School Community,

As we wrap up another incredible term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many amazing opportunities our students have had at our small but mighty school. Truly, we are a place that offers the best education money can't buy!

This term has been filled with enriching experiences that reflect the breadth and depth of what we value: learning, community, and fun.

Highlights of the Term:

- We were thrilled with our chess team's success at the Port Macquarie Tournament – a fantastic achievement showcasing our students' strategic thinking and teamwork.
- Our Athletics Carnival was a day full of colour, competition, and camaraderie. Thank you to all who participated and supported the day.
- A special highlight was our excursion to see 'Shrek the Musical' at Gloucester High School. What a treat to witness such talent and enjoy a day out celebrating the performing arts.

These events are just a few examples of the rich opportunities on offer at our school – made possible through the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the enthusiasm of our students.

As we head into the break, I'd like to wish all of our families a wonderful holiday. May it be a time to rest, recharge, and stay warm.

Looking ahead, Term 3 is already shaping up to be another exciting chapter. We're especially looking forward to the arrival of our new school shirts, and the chance to come together in Week 3 to celebrate Education Week, where we'll shine a spotlight on the importance and impact of public education.

Thank you for another great term. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing winter break

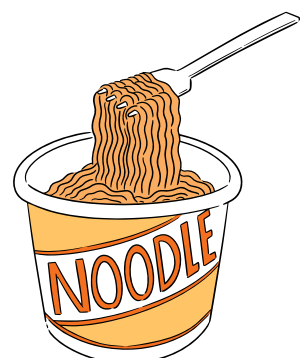
Kind Regards,

*Toni Johnson*

*Principal*

#### Warm up Wednesdays:

The School leaders will be organising Warm up Wednesday this term. They will be offering two minute noodles at lunch time at a cost of \$2.00 (small) or \$4.00 (large) - per cup. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Fun Day at the end of the year.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ms Johnson	4 <sup>th</sup> July
Zarlia	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Mr Warner	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Zach	4 <sup>th</sup> August



"Hold the door, share a smile, say something nice—it all makes a difference."

# CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

## *A Peek into the Magic of Learning!*

Hello families!

Step into our classroom and you'll see more than colourful posters and busy hands — you'll find curious minds, clear goals, and a whole lot of learning happening every day!

This term, we've been continuing with evidence-based, explicit instruction strategies, and the results have been amazing! One exciting change is the introduction of Daily Reviews in both literacy and numeracy. These short, targeted sessions help students move knowledge from short-term to long-term memory — it's like giving their brains a little warm-up before diving into the day!

We also set clear Learning Intentions (what we're learning) and Success Criteria (what it looks like when we've got it). This means students know exactly where they're headed and how to get there — and they can celebrate the moment they achieve it!

### **But here's the real magic:**

Each student's learning journey is completely individual. Behind the scenes, we're diving into assessment data, analysing what each child knows, and using that information to target lessons to their exact point of need. This means every child is working on what will move them forward right now.

I'm so proud to share that 100% of our students have made progress in every data cycle this term for Number and Place Value. That's right — every single student. Hard work, tailored teaching, and lots of encouragement are paying off!

We even have a What a Good One Looks Like wall to showcase examples of high-quality student work — pop into our foyer and take a look at the amazing effort and achievement on display!



Thanks for being part of our learning team — together, we're helping these wonderful little humans grow into confident, capable learners.

Warmly,  
Mrs Skelton ✨

# SHREK

## The Musical

# CHESS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Year 6 boys — Cooper, Matthew, Tatum and Rylan — who travelled to Port Macquarie to compete in the Primary Schools Chess Competition for the Lower North Coast Zone. The boys represented our school with pride, showed great sportsmanship, and played with focus and determination. Their efforts were rewarded with an impressive second place finish! Well done, team!







# ATHLETICS

## Carnival



**Our small school  
made a big impact at  
the Athletics Carnival,  
with our students  
proudly winning  
ribbons and showing  
great sportsmanship!!**







Aussie Ark



# Pyjama Day

## FUNDRAISER





A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising day! Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we're proud to be supporting Aussie Ark. The total amount raised will be announced after the raffle concludes on July 25.

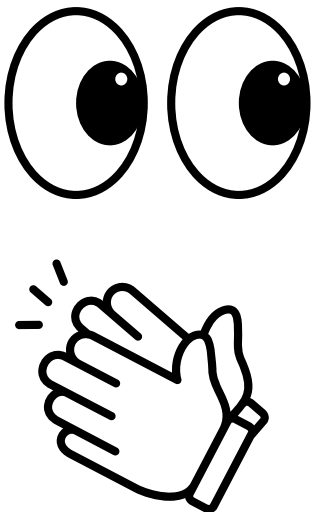




# ART



Our students have been enthusiastically  engaging in the Home Arts Program, producing some truly amazing artworks. Their creativity and effort are proudly on display in our school foyer. Be sure to stop by  and take a look – you'll be impressed!





# GEM Chats Gratitude

## CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

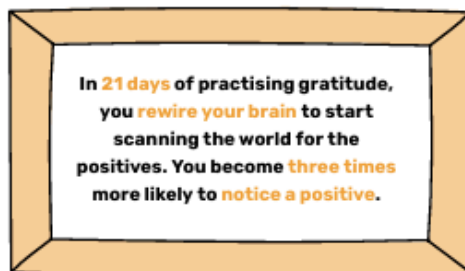
GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

## HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice gratitude.

Try these prompts:

- ★ What are you **grateful** for today?
- ★ Share a moment that **made you smile.**
- ★ How can you **support** someone tomorrow?
- ★ What was the **best part** of your day?



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

## Attendance Matters

Start the Term Strong!

A great term begins with great attendance! Being at school from day one helps students settle in, stay on track, and make the most of every learning moment.

Let's make this term our best yet!

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

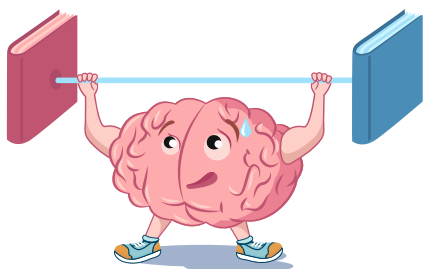
**1** day per week  
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

# SWITCH OFF AND TUNE IN!



## Why Less Screen Time Matters

Limiting screen time has big benefits for kids. It can lead to better sleep, improved focus, and more time for active play and creative learning. Reducing screens also supports physical health, boosts mood, and helps children develop stronger social skills through face-to-face interactions. Finding a healthy balance helps kids thrive —in and out of the classroom!



**Good for kids**  
good for life



## Screen Free Week

It's a great opportunity to spend time doing things that don't involve technology, like being active, learning new hobbies, and enjoying family time.

During Screen-Free Week, we encourage students and families to:

- 🎮 Play outdoor games or sports
- 🌿 Explore nature and enjoy the outdoors
- 💃 Learn a new dance
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Spend quality time with family, like having a board game night
- 🚶‍♀️ or going for a walk
- 🎨 Try a new hobby, like drawing,
- 🍳 cooking, or crafting



Hunter New England  
Local Health District

📧 [HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
🌐 <https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

# What's On Around Town



An event for the whole community

**GLOUCESTER NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY**  
Recreation Centre  
Sat 8 July | 10 am - 2 pm

**FOR OUR ELDERS**  
'Ngarragalgu'

- BBQ & soup
- Healing workshop
- Face painting
- Service providers
- Kid's games
- Hair weaves
- Clay workshop
- Temp tattoos
- Jumping castle
- Big slide
- Traditional games
- Bushtucker tasting

Event Coordinator  
Amber Galvin  
Ph: 0400 582 141

A collaboration between Gloucester Worimi First Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (GWFPAC) & Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group Inc. (BWNG)

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TIME FOR A  
BREAK.



## CALL OUT – NAIDOC SPORT CHALLENGE



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: 10am-2pm

Hosted by HASTINGS NAIDOC COMMITTEE in  
collaboration with BASKETBALL NSW at the PCYC – 12  
Owen street Port Macquarie

### 3 on 3 Basketball & 6 aside Futsal

4 players per team

(3 on court + 1 sub)

2 teams combined for futsal

(6 on court + 2 subs)

#### AGE GROUPS

10-12 years

13-15 years

15 years – Adults

#### REGISTER NOW!

\*Scan QR Code

\*Hastings NAIDOC Facebook



## Stroud Brick & Rolling Pin Competition

[www.stroudbrickthrowing.com.au](http://www.stroudbrickthrowing.com.au)



Sat 12 Jul

10:30am - 6pm



Stroud Showground  
Cowper St  
Stroud NSW 2425  
Australia



## KIDZ CRAZY CRAFTZ

CreatingWithAppeal



CWA GLOUCESTER BRANCH WILL BE HOLDING A WORKSHOP IN

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 5 YEARS AND 12 YEARS OLD THIS IS FOR YOU.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**TIME:** 9:30am – 12noon

**WHERE:** CWA rooms Church St Gloucester

**COST:** \$10 per child per session ....includes kit and morning tea

LIMITED NUMBERS BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information PH: Sandy Tebbet 0419027086

We have working with children certificates

