



CALENDAR:

2025- Term 4

Special Dates:

October:

13th - Staff Development Day

14th - Students return Term 4

22nd- Kindergarten transition

29th-31st - Canberra camp

Stage 3

November:

5th Kindergarten transition



Cooper Wenham 9th October



"Kindness is the best uniform we can all wear."



Term 3 Week 10 2025

Dear Stratford Public School Community,

Principal's Report

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to thank all of our students for a truly wonderful few months filled with opportunity, exciting events, and of course, lots of learning. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and commitment across our classrooms, and I am very proud of the effort each and every student has put into their work this term.

One highlight worth celebrating is the increase in library borrowing and returning. It is fantastic to see so many children enjoying additional reading – such an important habit that helps grow imagination, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of learning. Well done, everyone!

As we head into the holiday break, I hope all of our families enjoy some great weather, plenty of time outdoors, and the chance to be active and spend time together. A well-deserved rest will set our students up beautifully for another busy and exciting term ahead.

Next term we are looking forward to some special events including Kindergarten orientation visits, the Stage 3 camp to Canberra, our swimming scheme, and of course, Presentation Day. These will be wonderful opportunities for our students to continue building friendships, learning, and memories.

Our new website went live yesterday. This has been a lot of work in the making with a huge congratulations to Lucy Bowden who has been integral in this achievement for our school. We are extremely grateful to have her on board.

<https://stratford-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Finally, if you know of any prospective enrolments for 2026 and beyond, please encourage them to get in touch with our wonderful little school. We would be delighted to welcome new families into our community.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy break.

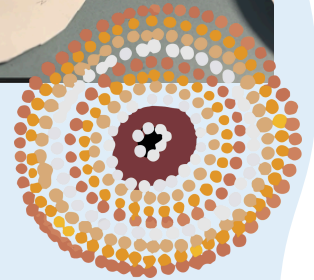
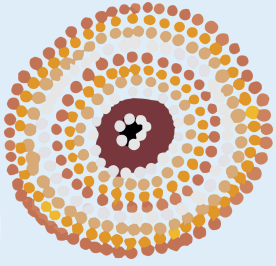
Kind Regards,

Toni Johnson

Principal

CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

A Peek into the Magic of Learning!



This term our students have been busy engaging in the Home Art program, where we studied the work of three different artists and explored their techniques and inspirations. Using what we learned, students created their own individual artworks as well as a collaborative piece. We are very proud to share that this special collaborative artwork will be displayed at the **MidCoast Council Chambers** from **October 31 to November 30**. It is a wonderful achievement and definitely worth a visit to see the creativity and collaboration of our student's work on display.



In sport this term, students have been learning and developing their netball skills. Ms Johnson kept everyone on their toes with some weird and wonderful warm-ups, which were not only lots of fun but also a great way to build teamwork, coordination, and energy before our games.

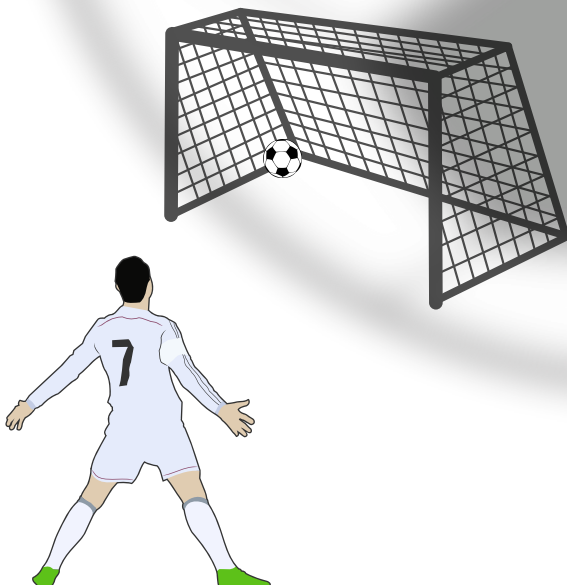
Would you like me to make this sound more playful and fun for the kids, or a bit more formal for parents?

SOCCER GALA DAY



Last Friday, we all enjoyed a fun soccer day in the beautiful Spring weather. Our families supported us by driving our students all the way to Wingham and cheering for them all day long. Our footballers showed outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and perseverance both on and off the pitch. we also won 3 out of 5 games, with the other 2 being close matches. Everyone gave it a go, I was so proud!

~ Mrs Johnson





Hi Families,

This week in our Emotional Literacy lesson, we utilised the phrase 'I notice, I feel, I can' as a tool to help reduce the impact of stressful or uncomfortable emotions. We explored the emotions felt when things are uncertain or overwhelming, and identified our own positive coping strategies to manage these emotions.

Working on our emotional literacy skills provides us with opportunities to enhance our understanding and expression of various emotions. As we improve our emotional literacy skills, we can better recognise our own feelings and enhance our ability to manage them. This equips us to navigate diverse experiences, including handling conflicts, forming friendships, coping with challenging circumstances, and maintaining resilience when faced with change.

TRY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY:
CHARADES

YOU WILL NEED:

- Ten to fifteen minutes together as a family (during dinner works well when everyone can see each other).

WHAT TO DO:

- Take turns as a family to choose an emotion and act it out using facial expressions and body language. For example, crossing your arms to suggest anger.
- Have other family members guess the emotion being acted out.
- After each turn, chat about situations when you might see that emotion in real life and what you could do if you noticed that emotion in yourself or someone else.

Family Emotional Literacy habit builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person describe a feeling they felt during the day and what made them feel like that. If negative, discuss what did or could have helped them turn their emotion around to positive.

We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please share some photos or let your child's teacher know what you have enjoyed.

Attendance Matters

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

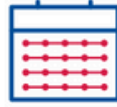
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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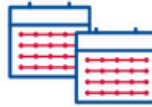
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au



School holidays are a great time to relax and recharge, and it's also important to keep healthy habits going.

Offering plenty of fruit, veggies, wholegrains, and water helps kids stay active, happy, and ready for all the fun the break brings. Simple swaps, like choosing fresh snacks over processed treats, make a big difference to growing bodies and minds and set children up for a strong start when school returns.

Good for kids
good for life



First Nations recipe - Kangaroo Spaghetti

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 600g kangaroo mince
- 500g fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 1 large green capsicum, sliced
- 1 bunch of celery, sliced
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups cooked pasta
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- Parsley to garnish



Method:

1. Heat olive oil in a frying pan
2. Brown mince then add onions, mushroom, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes
3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes
4. Boil the pasta until cooked
5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley

Source: Flavours of the coast: Koori cookbook



Hunter New England
Local Health District

@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



THE MAGIC PEN

Writing Workshop

8 - 12 years

Join writer Alison Gorman
for a magical writing adventure!



September
29 and 30

9.30 - 12.30
School of Arts Gloucester

\$50 for the two days
Creative Kids Vouchers welcome

Book:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DFFJM>



SUMMER 6's SOCCER

9 WEEKS!

15 OCTOBER - 10 DECEMBER 2025
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 4:30 PM



REGISTRATION OPEN
Junior Comp ages 7 - 15
Senior Comp 16+

Registration fee from \$40
Registrations close 10th October

 **GLOUCESTER SOCCER COMPLEX**
Boundary Road, Gloucester

REGISTER NOW!



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

BASIC POINTILLISM FOR KIDS

Sept 29 Tracey will give kids an overview of "Pointillism" and we will create a small artwork. Pointillism is creating art through dots or dashes. All Materials are provided.

\$40 1.30pm to 3.30pm Ages 10+ Tutor: Tracey Murrell

POP-CHOIR FOR KIDS

Oct 7 Do you love singing your favourite pop songs? Have fun, get creative, moving, grooving, playing percussion instruments and learning some new songs too! Learn some music skills along the way, bring your friends, no experience required.

\$15 10.30am to 12.30pm Ages 7-14 Tutor: Gina McClure

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventslist/gloucestercreativesnsw?embed>

Kids Creative — Art Classes —



Term 4

Hosted By :
Tracey Murrell

Bring your creativity and your projects!

This weekly art session is for kids aged 10 and up who love making art.

Work on your own pieces, whether it's a work in progress or a brand new idea, while enjoying the company of other young artists.

Receive tips, guidance and inspiration, as needed, from an experienced art facilitator.

Some materials will be available, but feel free to bring your own supplies if you're continuing a project.

Unleash your creativity and make art your way!

\$100 PER TERM

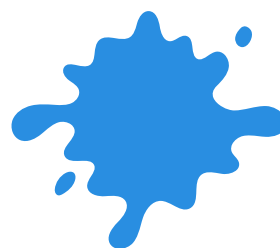
THURSDAYS TERM 4
3.30pm - 5.00pm

Gloucester Creatives
Cnr Church & Philip Sts

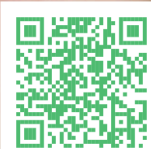
FAMILY DISCOUNTS
 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Register Here:

www.trybooking.com/DEYSM



Spring Holiday Program



Get involved
Scan QR code for
more info and to
reserve your spot

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Date	Time and age	Activity
Tues 30 September	10.30-11.30am 5+	Lego challenge
Wed 8 October	10.30-11.30am 5+	Spooktacular Halloween craft

gloucester library

Wed 1 October	10.30-11.30am 2+	Create your own Grass head pets
Tues 7 October	10.30am-12.15pm All ages	Movie screening <i>Paddington in Peru*</i>

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Tues 30 September	2-3.45pm All ages	Movie screening <i>Frozen*</i>
Fri 3 October	10.30-11.30am 2+	Shadow puppets
Tues 7 October	10.30-11.30am 5+	Kids bingo

Hallidays Point library

Mon 29 September	10.30-11.30am 8+	Decorate a ceramic pot plant
Wed 1 October	10.30-11.30am 8+	Create decorative paper blooms
Wed 8 October	10.30am-12.15pm All ages	Movie screening <i>The Wild Robot*</i>

Harrington library

Mon 29 September	10-11.40am All ages	Movie screening A <i>Minecraft Movie*</i>
Tues 30 September	10-11am 5+	Sprinkle some fun! Apple donuts & craft
Thurs 9 October	10-11am 5+	Kids bingo

stroud library

Date	Time and age	Activity
Tues 30 September	10.30-11.30am 5+	ugs and butterflies sculpture workshop
Tues 7 October	10.30-11.30am 2+	Find the treasure! Pirate excavation

tea gardens library

Wed 1 October	10-11am 5+	Creative clay creations
Fri 3 October	2-4pm All ages	Movie screening <i>Paddington in Peru*</i>

wingham library

Mon 29 September	10.30am-12.30pm All ages	Movie screening <i>Lilo and Stitch*</i>
Wed 1 October	10.30am-12pm 5+	Design your own mosaic card
Thurs 2 October	10.30-11.30am 5+	Design beaded keyrings & bracelets
Thurs 9 October	5+	Science on the Move

Bulahdelah School of Arts

Tues 30 September	11am-12pm 5+	Science on the Move
Thurs 9 October	11am-12pm 5+	Bee slime science time

TAREE OLD BAR SURF CLUB

Thurs 2 October	10.30-11.30am 2+	Watercolour whales workshop
Tues 7 October	2-3pm 2+	Watch me grow seed cases

*** Rated PG**

Children aged 2-5yrs must be supervised by an adult

get creative

Great workshops available for all ages at
Manning Regional Art Gallery
mrag.midcoast.nsw.gov.au



SEE A SHOW

Plenty of amazing performances and fun to be had at
the MEC
mec.midcoast.nsw.gov.au

