

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools



Term 3 Week 2 2025

CALENDAR:

2025- Term 3

Special Dates:

August

Monday 4th

Book week parade

Wednesday 6th:

Open Day

Thursday 7th:

NAIDOC Day

September

9th-10th: Stage 2 Zoo Excursion



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Zach

4th August

"Kindness costs nothing but means everything"



Dear Stratford Public School Community,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. We're thrilled to be back and to kick off the term by celebrating Public Education Week with the inspiring theme: **"Ignite Your Potential."** It's a fantastic reminder of the opportunities we create together in our small school community.

We have a great line-up of events this week:

- Monday: Our **Book Parade** will be held at Stroud Road PS – a fun way to celebrate reading and imagination.
- Wednesday: Families are invited to our **Open Day**, which will feature hands-on activities with a Science and Maths focus.
- Thursday: We look forward to celebrating **NAIDOC Week**, recognising the culture, history, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C who continue to work hard fundraising for our school. They're currently running a pie drive and chocolate fundraiser, and will also be cooking up a delicious BBQ for our Open Day. We're also looking forward to the Krispy Kreme drive coming later this term!

If you know of any families with children who may be starting Kindergarten in 2026, please encourage them to contact the school. We'll be sending out Kindergarten Orientation dates next week.

Stay warm and dry this winter, and thank you for your continued support.

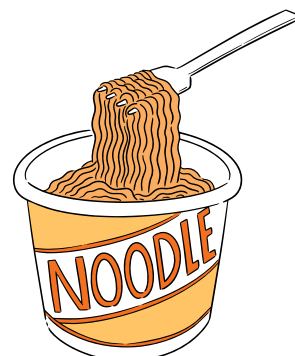
Kind Regards,

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.



CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

A Peek into the Magic of Learning!

Hello families!

It has been so lovely to see all the students back and ready to learn after the holidays. There's lots of exciting learning ahead this term across every subject area!

English:

Students will continue to develop their reading, handwriting, and spelling skills. This term, they will also be exploring poetry and persuasive writing, learning how to express themselves creatively and argue their opinions effectively.

Mathematics:

Learning will continue to build on number and place value understanding. Students will also be investigating multiplicative thinking, chance, position, measurement, angles, and time, with plenty of hands-on learning opportunities.

Creative Arts:

Through the Home Arts Program, students will begin a large body of creative work that will be featured in the council exhibition at the end of the term. In addition, they will participate in a dance unit, Rhythms Around the World, that encourages expression and movement through dances from different countries.

Science:

This term's science focus is on living things. Students will be learning about animals, plants, and humans – discovering what all living things need to survive, adapt, and thrive in different environments.

History:

Students will travel back in time to explore Australia's history. This includes a closer look at the development of our government – especially important for Stage 3 students as they prepare for their Canberra excursion.

PDHPE:

To keep active, students will take part in a netball unit designed to build their throwing and catching skills, improve teamwork, and strengthen fundamental movement abilities. They will also continue their work with The Resilience Project, focusing on gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness to support wellbeing.

Warmly,
Mrs Skelton ✨

Attendance Matters

Off to a Great Start!

We're two weeks in, and every day at school still counts! Staying on track with attendance helps build strong routines, friendships, and learning momentum. Let's keep it going!

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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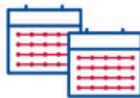
Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

Travelling Australia or Overseas?



If you are..



Travelling for 10 weeks or more - up to 1 school year (200 Days), then stay enrolled with your current school, whilst accessing learning and attending through Distance Education.

Learning Together!

DISTANCE EDUCATION



The New South Wales Department of education has a Public School Service to be there on the journey with you and your children.



NORTH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

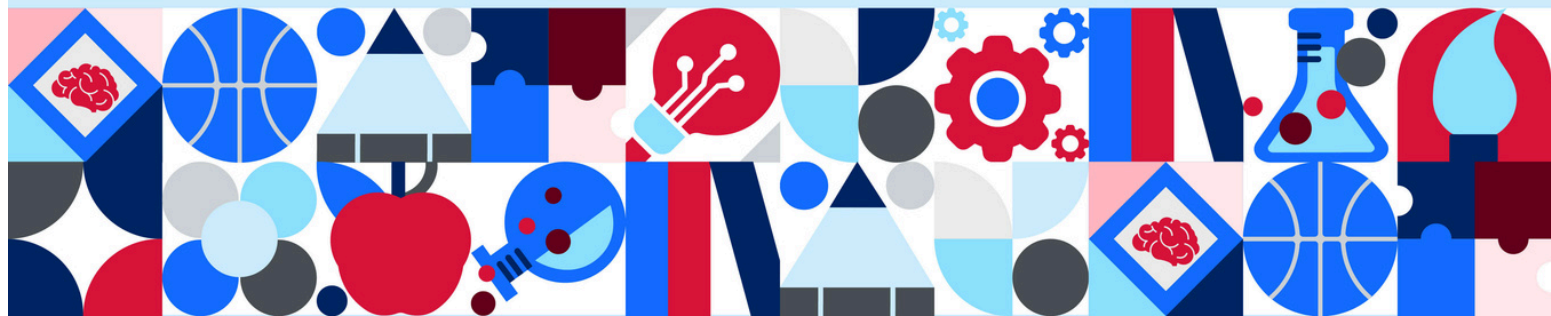
We provide learning designs for students on the move. The programs are personalised to suit your child's learning needs, your supervision & management of the learning and your travelling context & environment.



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Public Education Week 2025

4-8 August
Ignite your potential



Gloucester Basketball is now taking names for all Competitions.
Please text Kate 0418263219 or email gloucesterbasketball2422@hotmail.com
or message us via our Facebook page Gloucester Basketball NSW Australia

Starts Monday 11/8/25
Tuesday 12/8/25

Our competitions runs for 12 weeks plus
2 weeks of Finals. No games are played
In school holidays or on public holidays

Mondays

Term 3 Aussie Hoops

New players - \$105

(includes rego game fees and Aussie Hoops pack)

Returning Aussie Hoopers - \$55

A 7 week program for new or beginner
players 5yrs to 10yrs

330-430pm (includes training and games)

Div2 (mixed primary school Yr2-Yr5)

430pm-6pm

Div1 (mixed high school Yr6-Yr10)

6pm-730pm

Tuesdays

Junior girls (Yr4-Yr9)

430-530pm

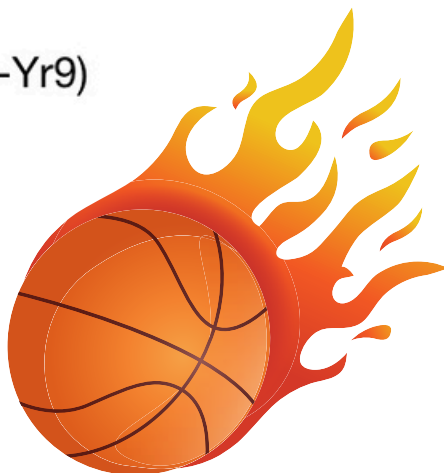
Ladies

530-630pm

Mixed seniors

630pm

730pm



BasketballConnect

Sports



GLOUCESTER BASKETBALL



Rego for 12 month (2 seasons)

U8 \$45

8-11yrs \$65

12-17yrs \$75

18yrs +/-seniors \$85

Game fees per season

Juniors \$60 for 12 week season

Seniors \$80 for 12 week season

Payment is online and is to be paid
in full by week 2

Rego and games are to be paid
using the Basketball Connect App

NOURISH TO FLOURISH!

- Pack colorful fruits and veggies for a fun, healthy lunch.
- Choose wholegrain breads and crackers.
- Add protein like cheese, eggs, or hummus.
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Swap sugary snacks for natural treats like yogurt or fruit.



THINGS *TO DO*



Good for kids
good for life



Crunch on Vegetables!

Primary school aged kids need up to 5 serves of vegetables every day.

A serve is half a cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of raw salad vegetables.

School is a perfect time to increase vegetable intake! Pack more vegetables for school with these tips:

- ✂ Chop carrot, cucumber, capsicum or celery into vegetable sticks.
- ✂ Pack small, bite sized vegetables in containers. Try snow peas, cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers or broccoli.
- ✂ Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox.
- ✂ Let your child help choose, prepare and pack the vegetables.



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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.

**Gloucester District
Athletics**

25/26 Season Starts 5th August



2 trial weeks available
for new athletes
Come Try Day
Tuesday 5th
August
3:30pm

Registration Fee's

Tiny Tots (2020-2021)- \$85

Little Athletics (2014-2020)- \$105

Junior Athletics (2007-2013) - \$105

Plus Ground Fees

For more information

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