

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools



CALENDAR:

2025- Term 3

Special Dates:

September

4th: Fathers day Breakfast

5th: Hunter Regional Athletics

9th-10th: Stage 2 Zoo Excursion

12th: Soccer Gala Day Wingham

15th: Amazing Me - Puberty &
Beyond @ Barrington PS

26th: Last day of Term

Assembly 2:15pm



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Mrs Partridge 17th September

Rylan 22nd September

Tatum 24th September

Be kind, be proud,
be you!



Term 3 Week 6 2025

Dear Stratford Public School Community,

As we step into this beautiful spring season, it has been a genuine pleasure connecting with many of you during recent parent-teacher meetings. These conversations are invaluable opportunities to celebrate your child's progress, set meaningful goals, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you for taking the time to engage with us – your support truly makes a difference in your child's learning journey. Spring has certainly brought with it not only sunshine and blooming gardens but also a flurry of activity across our school! There is so much happening, and it's a joy to see our students seizing every opportunity to grow, explore, and shine.

One of the most anticipated events on the calendar is the Stage 2 camp to Taronga Zoo. This is always a highlight for our students, offering a unique chance to engage with wildlife and conservation education in a hands-on, memorable way. We know they'll return with stories, new knowledge, and maybe even a few animal impressions!

We're also immensely proud of our amazing school relay team, who will be representing us at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Newcastle this Friday. These students have trained with dedication and spirit, and we'll all be cheering them on as they compete at such a high level. Go team!

For our budding artists, work is well underway on their HOME Art major projects, in collaboration with the Manning Regional Art Gallery. This exciting partnership allows students to express their sense of place and identity through creative expression, and we can't wait to see their pieces come together.

In addition, we're gearing up for the Small Schools Soccer Gala Day, a fun-filled day of sport, teamwork, and community. Events like these not only promote physical health but also give our students the chance to connect with peers from other schools in a spirit of friendly competition.

It's an exciting time to be part of our school community. With so many opportunities – from camps and competitions to art exhibitions and sporting events – our students are not only learning, but thriving. We are incredibly proud of them and grateful for your continued support in making these experiences possible.

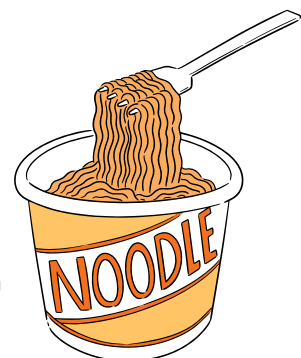
Kind Regards,

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.
LAST DAYS!!!



CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

A Peek into the Magic of Learning!

Hello families!

Our classroom has been buzzing with creativity, hard work, and plenty of proud moments this term.

In Maths, students have continued to dig deep into Number and Place Value. Using our data to guide teaching, we've been able to tailor lessons so every child is working right at their point of need. The progress has been incredible to watch — and I'm thrilled to share that two of our students are now consistently working two years or more above their grade level! What an outstanding achievement!

Meanwhile, in Creative Arts, our big project for the Home Arts Program is well underway. Our concept is "Our Place, Our Story" — students are exploring ways to tell their own stories using paint, sand, and natural materials from our environment. It has been so inspiring to see their ideas take shape, and I can't wait for you to see the final artworks later this term.

In English, we've just wrapped up our Poetry unit. Students experimented with haikus, acrostics, free verse, and even limericks. Some wonderful, thoughtful pieces were created as students discovered that poetry is not just about rhyme — it's about expression, imagination, and finding your own voice.

Every day in our classroom is a step forward — whether it's mastering tricky number concepts, expressing identity through art, or playing with words to create poetry. I'm so proud of how each student is growing, and I feel very lucky to share this journey with them.

Warmly,
Mrs Skelton ✨

Stratford Relay Team

are off to

Regional Athletics

Friday 5th September 2025



**GOOD
LUCK!**



Healthy Harold Visit



This week, Stratford PS students joined Barrington PS to experience the Life Education Healthy Harold van. The program was fun, interactive, and engaging. Harold helped students learn about physical health, social and emotional wellbeing, and personal safety.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our kids to build knowledge and confidence around making healthy choices.



“Harold, where is your Grandma?”



FATHER'S DAY! BREAKFAST

Thursday
4th
September

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FATHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY THE P & C

BACON AND EGG ROLLS
COFFEE

8am

RSVP BY THE 1ST SEPTEMBER
PHONE OFFICE : 65588234



HAPPY
Father's Day

Attendance Matters

Strong attendance means stronger learning. When students are at school regularly, they feel confident, connected, and ready to achieve their best. Let's keep building great habits together!

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days



30 mins
per day

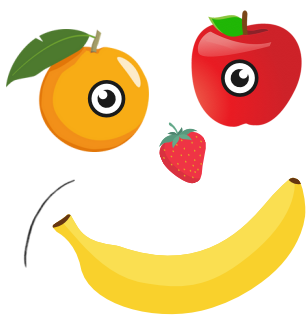


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18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.



EAT WELL LEARN WELL



Packing a balanced lunchbox every day helps children stay energised, focused, and ready to learn and play. Choosing smart school snacks gives kids the fuel they need to grow strong bodies and bright minds. Small changes add up to big benefits!

Good for kids
good for life



Smart school snacks

Helping kids stay energised and focused at school starts with nutritious snacks!

When packing your child's lunchbox, aim for snacks from the five food groups - add wholegrains, fruit, vegetables, dairy and lean proteins.

Try these smart snack ideas:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetable sticks with hummus
- Wholegrain crackers with cheese
- Yoghurt tubs or pouches
- Boiled eggs
- Mini tuna or salad wraps



Hunter New England
Local Health District

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<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



Gathang for beginners

Come join the fun and give it a go.

**When: Monday 18 August until the end of 2026
then every fortnightly.**

Where: Minimbah Gardens or BWNG

Time: 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Cost: Free and afternoon tea supplied.

**Let us know ASAP via
gloucesterworimi@hotmail.com or 0400 582 141.**



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Greg Billingham
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GLOUCESTER HS YEAR 6 TRANSITION



EVENING 2025

Student and Parent Information Evening

- ✓ Meet Key Members of Staff
- ✓ Tour of the School
- ✓ Discuss Important Information

**Tuesday
September 9th**
Gloucester High School
BBQ and Information
Session
4:00-6:00 PM



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The **RESILIENCE PROJECT @ HOME**



Hi Families,

This week in our Empathy lesson, we investigated the benefits of showing empathy and the role of oxytocin. We explored how empathy is practised through acts of kindness, and then created a model of a brain cell to explain oxytocin's role in the body.

Developing empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we practise empathy by doing something kind for someone else, our brain releases oxytocin. This results in an increase in our self-esteem, confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

TRY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY:

CONTINUOUS COMPLIMENTS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Ten minutes together as a family (on a walk or during dinner works well).

WHAT TO DO:

- As a family, take turns giving each other a compliment or describing something you appreciate them for.
- However, before giving someone else a compliment, you have to give yourself one first to practise and model positive self-talk.
- Continue until each family member has said three compliments about themselves and three compliments to others.

Family Empathy habit builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.

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.



TRP@HOME

For more activities to complete as a family, check out theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home