

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools



CALENDAR:

2025- Term 4

Special Dates:

December:

3rd - Kindergarten transition

4th - Presentation night

8th-12th - Intensive swimming program

15th - Year 6 Fun Day!

16th - Secret Santa, Lunch & Movie Day

17th - Water Play Day

18th - Celebration Excursion



Mrs Laurie - 28th November

Levi Crowe - 30th November

Matthew Ruyter - 15th December

"No act of kindness
no matter how small,
is ever wasted"



Term 4 Week 6 2025

Dear Stratford Public School Community,

As we head toward the end of the school year, the calendar is filling up faster than lost property after a rainy day! Week 10 is shaping up to be especially exciting, and we're looking forward to celebrating all the wonderful learning and achievements of our students. Even though we're nearing the finish line, our expectations for attendance, learning, and behaviour remain as strong as ever—every day still counts, and every student matters.

Even with all the fun ahead, we're keeping our learning goals high right until the last day. Teachers are continuing to deliver quality lessons, and we ask families to help ensure students stay focused, engaged, and attending every day. The end of the year is a wonderful time—but it's still an important time.

Our Year 6 students have been having a fantastic time on their transition visits to high school. From woodworking to origami to some sporty challenges, they've been getting a taste of the exciting opportunities that await them next year.

A reminder that school hats and drink bottles are essential to bring each day. We have no spare hats left so at this time of year, it is particularly important to ensure that children bring a hat each day, to enable them to play outside in the sunshine.

We look forward to celebrating our students on **Presentation Night** -Thursday 4th December at the Stratford Hall commencing at 5.00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kind Regards,

Toni Johnson

Principal



Hats can be purchased from the office.
No hat, play in the shade!

20 school days
to go...



CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

A Peek into the Magic of Learning!

Hello families!

What a wonderful few weeks of learning it has been in our classroom! There's been excitement, curiosity, and lots of new skills taking shape across all learning areas.

In Literacy and Numeracy, our Daily Reviews continue to make a huge difference. These short, targeted sessions help strengthen students' long-term memory, and we are already seeing big improvements in their ability to recall key concepts and apply them with confidence. It's amazing what consistent practice can do!

In Writing, students have been connecting their learning to our Science unit on the solar system. We've been exploring informative texts, with students choosing a range of fascinating space topics – from the planets to dwarf planets, asteroid belts, and even the Kuiper Belt! They've been researching, drafting, and publishing high-quality informative pieces, and I encourage you to check out the student work samples on display. Their enthusiasm for space has truly shone through.



In Drama, the energy has been fantastic as students prepare for our performance at Presentation Night in Week 8. They've been working hard to memorise lines, use expressive voices, practise stage blocking, and build confidence performing in front of others. It's been such a joy to watch their characters come to life, and I know they will make you all very proud.

Thank you for your continued support – every week brings new growth, new achievements, and plenty to celebrate.

Warmly,
Mrs Skelton ✨



CANBERRA



Meeting our local MP, Alison Penfold!



Walking tour of ANZAC Parade!



Parliament house!



Pit stops on the way to Canberra!



Family Activity

MINDFUL MOVEMENT: CONNECTING BODY & MIND

As a family, discuss how often when we move, we do so mindlessly. We are more focused on where we are trying to get to or the thoughts spinning around in our heads. **When we move with mindfulness, it becomes a fantastic way to bring together movement of the body and focus of the mind.**

ACTIVITY IDEA: FAMILY WALKING MEDITATION

Set aside time to take a short walk together. As you walk, practice mindful movement by focusing on each step you take. **Remind yourselves that your body is moving, while your mind remains calm and present.**

Here are some ideas to help you focus:



Pay attention to **your breath** as you walk.



Notice how your **arms swing**, your **feet lift**, and your **knees bend**.



Focus on the sensation of your foot touching the ground: heel, ball, and toes.

After your walk, talk about how it felt. Did it help you feel more centered? Where else in your daily life could mindful movement be helpful?



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Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Days



Our Year 6 students enjoyed transition activities to help them feel prepared and confident for starting Year 7 next year.

Next visit is on **Tuesday week 8** - all day! 2.12.25

Maths Muster Science Soiree

Elevate your confidence in numbers and data, modelling and analysis, design and problem solving.

Enjoy a network of support, including an experienced female engineer and qualified trainer. Watch your skills soar!

Small Group Sessions

Mondays

27 Oct – 1 Dec 2025

Late primary school age
3:10pm – 4:10pm

High school age
3:50pm – 4:50pm

Adults
4:30pm – 5:30pm

Cost \$5 pp/session

Upstairs, School of Arts
25 Denison Street

Please bring your current work in the areas you would like to improve.

Bookings Essential

Ph/text Samantha 0451 105 061





Summertime Snacks

Healthy, refreshing, and easy snacks are perfect for keeping kids energised during summer play.

Why not try these tasty summertime snack ideas:

- Make fruit skewers from slices of watermelon, berries, grapes, and pineapple
- Freeze grapes or mango for an easy grab-and-go snack
- Blend yogurt with fresh fruit and freeze in moulds to make smoothie popsicles
- Freeze plain milk poppers or reduced fat yoghurt pouches
- Add frozen berries to reduced fat yoghurt
- Veggie sticks with hummus
- Water with fresh frozen berries or lemon
- Frozen fresh juice ice blocks or cups
- Smoothies made from frozen fruit and milk



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Local Health District

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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.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au





New Year's Eve Gloucester – Community Update

HELP KEEP NYE GLOUCESTER ALIVE!



The New Year's Eve Gloucester Committee would like to share an important update with our school community.

This year's New Year's Eve Gloucester event is at risk of not going ahead. Sponsorship has been extremely difficult to secure. MidCoast Coast do not support our event. Without additional help from local businesses and families, this much-loved community celebration may not be possible.

For the past four years, this free event has brought families together for a night of live music, food, kids' entertainment, and fireworks. The event is funded entirely through sponsorships, donations, and raffle ticket sales — every dollar raised keeps it safe, family-friendly, and free for everyone.

We are asking the Gloucester community to help us keep this tradition alive.



How Local Businesses Can Help

- Become an event sponsor — packages start at \$500
- Larger sponsorships over \$2,500 receive major recognition at the event
- Purchase raffle tickets in bulk for staff Christmas Presents, customers, or end-of-year gifts

How Families Can Help

- Buy a raffle ticket (or a few! – bundles are available)
- Encourage friends and family to get behind the event
- If every person in the Gloucester community bought 6 tickets for \$50, the event would be secured for this year and next year.

🎟 Tickets: \$10 each or 6 for \$50

You could win a brand-new Kia!

Your support now will determine whether Gloucester celebrates under the stars this New Year's Eve. Let's work together to keep this special event going for our community.

Tickets & Sponsorship Information

Visit: www.newyarsevegloucester.com.au
Email: newyarsevegloucester@gmail.com

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Gloucester CWA presents

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS CAVE



Friday 21 November 1pm – 6pm

Saturday 22 November 9am – 6pm

CWA ROOMS, Church Street Gloucester

Unique gifts and crafts / cakes, sweets
refreshments / Christmas raffle

photos with Santa

kids craft and colouring competition

Nativity displays



Nov 29th
2 PM

Build your Gingerbread House



COME & JOIN US!

Bring the kids and build a yummy house together,
participate in our Christmas quiz and hear about the
very first Christmas.

\$35 per house
includes decoration
& wrapping

Afternoon tea
provided

Chocolate and
Gluten free
options
available

Houses are
easily shared
with up to 4
people

RSVP NOV 14
admin@gloucesteranglican.com

Questions 0425213082

Gloucester
Anglican Church



School community news from Council Newsletter

November 2025



Free shows for a year

Did you know that the Manning Entertainment Centre is a Council facility? Take our short survey to help us design future entertainment programs that locals love. You'll have the chance to win the Golden Ticket - a whole year of free entry to Manning Entertainment Centre shows of your choice!

mec.midcoast.nsw.gov.au



Cadetship

We are looking for an Aboriginal Cadet Environmental Health Officer



Check out this great job opportunity. We're looking for an Aboriginal Cadet Environmental Health Officer. You'll assist our award-winning team with inspections of food businesses, public swimming pools and more. You'll help respond to community requests about air, water, and waste issues. Find out more at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/careers

Join the colour run!



Join the free, family event for all-abilities and all ages! The colour run will be at Taree Rec Grounds on **Thursday 11 December** from 9:30am to 12noon to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability. The colour run will begin at 10am, followed by a free BBQ lunch at 11am provided by the Rotary Club of Taree. If you don't like colours, you can run through bubbles instead. Find out more at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Fun and learning - libraries

Did you know that Council Libraries have free holiday programs? Our schedule of holiday activities will be out soon. Meanwhile, check out our Nourish to Flourish program, including bug surveys; weeding and habitat creation; nature works; permaculture and more (age suitability varies)

Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Pool safety

Ready for fun summer swimming? Make sure your pool is registered with the NSW Swimming Pool Register and make sure you have a CPR chart in the pool area. What if your pool is inflatable? Even though it may look temporary or more "harmless" than an in-ground pool, the same safety standard applies. Before getting your pool ready, check out the rules: www.royallifesaving.com.au/about/news-and-updates/news/2021/dec/Does-my-inflatable-pool-really-need-a-fence