



# The Strathfield Scene



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## Upcoming Events

### Term 4

**Week 2** 16/10

● HSC Exams

16<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Week 3** 23/10

● Auburn Parents Evening

25<sup>th</sup> October

● Futsal Gala Day

27<sup>th</sup> October

**Week 4** 30/10

● Korean Study Tour Visit

31<sup>st</sup> October

● L'oreal Girls Science Talk

1<sup>st</sup> November

**Week 5** 6/11

● Year 12 Formal

9<sup>th</sup> November

**Week 6** 13/11

● Technology for seniors

14<sup>th</sup> November

● Semester Awards

16<sup>th</sup> November

## Principal's Message

In this newsletter, I would like to highlight some of the more high profile achievements of staff and students.

At the end of last term we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2017 with a wonderful ceremony in a packed school hall. It was fantastic to see so many parents, families and friends of our Year 12 students attending in support of the graduates. All seniors are now sitting for their HSC exams and we wish them well.

I am very pleased to announce that two of our staff members will be acknowledged for Excellence at the Canterbury-Strathfield Education Network Awards. Mr Michael Kyrios from our English Faculty will be recognised in the Beginning Teacher category, and our Administration Manager, Mrs Sue Williams will be honoured for her long and outstanding service to the school. Each principal is able to nominate two people and although I am very fortunate to have many outstanding staff members here at Strathfield South High School, I felt that Michael and Sue really deserved special recognition in their respective categories. My appreciation and congratulations to them both.

Late in Term 3, our Solar Car racing teams earned a place in the National Finals for the sixth year in a row. We will be going to Adelaide in early November to compete against teams from other states and also from Taiwan and Singapore. This team is very capable lead by Ms Nguyen and Mr Lal, and I look forward to going to Adelaide to support them and our outstanding students as we try to become Australian Champions for the fourth time.

Also performing to a very high standard were our students who participated in the 2017 Australian Science Olympiad. This was the first time our school has entered and we gained one Distinction in Chemistry (top 10%) and 6 Credits (top 30%) in Biology and Chemistry. A fantastic achievement!

An emerging area of success for the school's students is in the field of chess. Our team of about ten students, strongly supported by Ms Shahettin, has now won a number of inter-school competitions and is climbing the ranks. We're very proud of their achievements.

Lots of great things to celebrate – I look forward to sharing more with you in future newsletters.

*Mr S. Paterson*

# 2017 Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 students celebrated their graduation from higher education with their family and friends in an amazing and well deserved ceremony at the end of term 3. As always it was a night filled with emotion as the students walked up on stage wearing their graduating gowns and collected their certificates which they have been working hard for over the last 6 years.

On conclusion of the ceremony students, family and friends gathered outside the hall to continue celebrations and to enjoy the delicious food which was catered for in house by our talented students and staff.

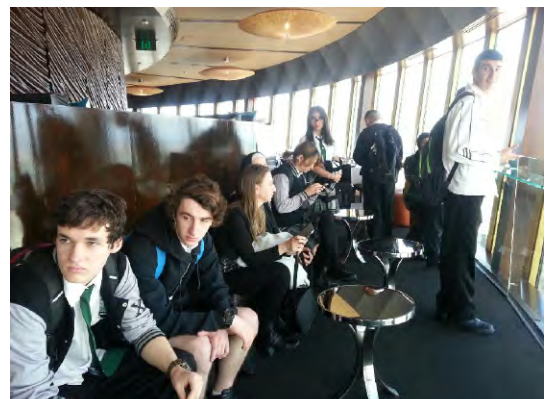
We wish our students all the best in their bright futures ahead.



## Hospitality Sydney Tower Restaraunt Visit

Senior Hospitality students had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Tower Buffet restaurent to tour its impressive kitchen facilities as well as to taste some amazing quality food. Located high above the city in the iconic Sydney Tower, 360 Dining is a culinary experience with revolving views of Sydney's skyline.

Students had the chance to experience and observe how a commercial kitchen operates after gaining valuable experience in our own schools kitchens catering for school events and luncheons.





## GWS Female Conference

A select group of students were invited to attend the 'Real lives real stories - Finding strength from within' conference. This forum is dedicated to young women overcoming life's obstacles and challenges to help them reach their full potential. The day incorporated a variety of speakers who have overcome challenging experiences as they shared their stories of resilience, aspiration, identity and personal growth.



## Chess Finals

A group of talented chess players represented our school at a recent chess tournament where they competed with other local area high schools.

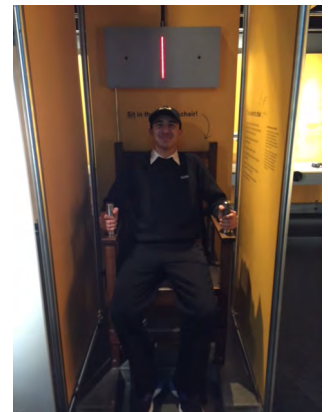
They showed off their strategy and skills with successful results achieved by all students as they played their way through to the finals.

Congratulations to the whole chess team for some amazing results and good luck with your upcoming competitions.



## Senior Science Powerhouse Excursion

Last term, the senior science class were studying different forms of energy. In particular, sound, light, heat and chemical energy. We attended an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum Sydney to find out more. We had a fantastic day exploring every corner of the Museum. There were numerous interactive displays which demonstrated heat, light and sound energy through a hands-on approach. The class thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and getting out of the classroom to learn more about energy.





# SPORTS



## Sport Photos

### 2017 Cross Country

