



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 1

Week 8 13/3

- Vaccinations yr11 & 12
14 March
- HSC Art Excursion
14 March
- School Photographs
17 March

Week 9 20/3

- Preliminary Exams
20-22 March
- Harmony Day
21 March

Week 10 27/3

- Cross Country Event
30 March

Week 11 3/4

- UWS yr12 presentation
3 April
- Easter Show Excursion
6 April

School resumes
Term 2

Wed 26 April

Principal's Message

Welcome to the new-look school newsletter.

We decided to change the format so that we can communicate more regularly with our community and highlight our students' achievements as they happen. The newsletter is now under the leadership of Mr Young and a team of student journalists and editors.

This term has seen a strong start to the new year with the establishment of our Middle School and the continuation of other award-winning programs and initiatives, as celebrated in the following pages.

Our innovative Middle School places your students into small classes with extra support to ensure that they can reach their educational goals, especially in literacy and numeracy. This structure also helps to ease new Year 7 students into high school life and learning, and ensure that their teachers get to know them quickly in a supportive student-focused environment.

As principal I was very happy to see over 100 parents engage with staff at our recent Middle School afternoon- sharing stories and getting feedback is an important way for us to ensure that we have regular, meaningful conversations with our community.

I hope you enjoy our new-look newsletter - let's celebrate the successes of your children together.

Mr S. Paterson



UTS Summer School

During the school holidays in January, 14 students attended University Technology Sydney for two weeks where they had the opportunity to enrol in a course of their choice. Over the two weeks they attended lectures, tutorials, workshops and sporting activities in Engineering, Design, Journalism, Media, Nursing and Science depending on which elective they chose to study.

At the end of the course there was an exhibition of their work in the main foyer of the university and a graduation ceremony in the Grand Hall. The overall experience gave the students a taste of what it is like to attend university from studying through to graduating.



V8 Supercar experience

In December last year a select group of students had the opportunity to participate in the V8 Supercars students on track experience, which allowed them to see a wide range of the automotive industry in one place. This involved students travelling to Sydney Olympic Park by train and experiencing a day full of exciting and memorable activities including meeting drivers for autographs, walking through the backstage pit areas as well as car shows and lots of interactive displays.

The students enjoyed the day with their highlights being watching the race cars drive around the track, sitting in the driver's seat of a police car and browsing the wide range of cars in the car show pavilion.



SSHS Enrichment Excursions to MCA

As part of Strathfield South High School's enrichment program, students studying Visual Arts were given the opportunity to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) on George Street in The Rocks. Over two days the students observed and learnt from two very different exhibitions, "Today Tomorrow Yesterday" and "Primavera 2016".

Whilst at The Museum of Contemporary Art our Strathfield South High School Students immersed themselves in the exhibits and also took the opportunity to create artworks of their own in the research rooms of the gallery. Our students produced impressive animated and performance style works. Our Visual Arts Students loved the experience and appreciated that Mrs Maciel and Mrs Lodge organised these worthwhile and immersive days for them.



HSC Drama Excursion

On Saturday 4th February our Drama students accompanied Ms Cotis and Ms Cotsis to the Seymour Centre, near The University of Sydney, to watch 'On Stage'. This production is the exciting culmination of the best works by HSC Drama students. At this event our Strathfield South High School Drama students were fortunate to experience the exemplary performances by individual and group 2016 HSC Drama students. Our students also had time to view the production, costume, and lighting design submissions that were created by 2016 HSC Drama students from across the state.

This excursion offered our students the opportunity to see what is expected of them, and what is possible, in the HSC Drama course. They saw exemplar performances of group and individual works and were able to gain ideas for their own projects to support our students in achieving their very best in their studies of Drama at Strathfield South High School.



International Student Awards

Congratulations are in order for Year 12 International Student Hoang Nam Nguyen who was nominated for the Department of Education, International Students Awards. Although Nam did not win the ultimate prize of \$1,000, his contribution to Strathfield South High School as International SRC over the last 2 years has been commended.

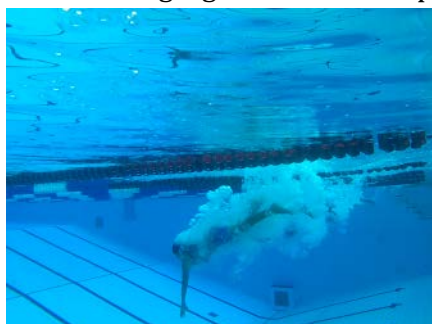
On the 23rd February, 2017 Nam was recognised, along with 40 other International Student for his dedication and diligence towards his studies within Australia.



Swimming carnival 2017

The school swimming carnival this year was a great success. The carnival was held at Enfield Aquatic centre with all students attending in their respective house colour and participated in each event to the best of their ability.

Several new events were included this year allowing students the ability to partake in swimming events they would usually not have the ability to. The 25m races included this year was an event all students really enjoyed and thrived on. The Unicorn and Banana races were also a great event that students had lots of fun with. Both swimmers and non-swimmers applied themselves and all students were extremely well behaved demonstrating a great level of respect.



SPORTS



Grade Results

Week 6 Round 1

Opponent

Chester Hill HS

Junior Girls

OZTAG1 Win 8-0

OZTAG2 Loss 13-1

Junior Boys

OZTAG Win 6-3

SOCCER Loss 3-8

Senior Boys

OZTAG Loss 10-1

SOCCER Loss 2-1

Opponent

Sefton High School

Senior Girls

OZTAG Win 4-2

Week 7 Washed out

Sport Stories

On 8th March we sent a strong team of 7 students to the zone swimming carnival to compete with students from other schools in our area. Julie Song, Dante Liu, Jordan Liu, Caitlen Liu, Joshua Seo, David Lee and Jafer Naim represented our school proudly and competed fiercely for the chance to progress further to the regional competition.

Congratulations to everyone on their performances and a special mention to Dante Liu and Joshua Seo for their selection into the Bankstown Zone swimming team to compete at the Sydney South West swimming carnival on Monday 13th March.

