



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 2

Week 6 29/5

- SES Cadet Program
29th May
- Interschool Chess
Challenge
31st May
- Titanic Exhibit Excursion
1st June

Week 7 5/6

- Touch football knockout
6th June

Week 8 12/6

- Queen's Birthday holiday
12th June
- IFTAR night
14th June

Week 9 19/6

- Women in Engineering
workshop
21st June

Week 10 26/6

- Semester award
ceremony
29^h June

Principal's Message

One of the things I love best about my job as principal of Strathfield South High School is the highly multicultural environment I work in. There are voices in this country and in this world that seek to blame multiculturalism for a whole variety of social problems. I do not believe this, and I am extremely proud that this school is shining proof that those people and their opinions are very, very wrong.

We gain strength, unity and harmony from our diversity and recent events covered in this newsletter have highlighted this. Our annual Family Fair Day saw hundreds of people come into the school to celebrate our cultural diversity, and once again, the multicultural food, performances and presentations were enormously popular and successful.

Our Indigenous students have been attending workshops and events focused on National Reconciliation Month, which this year has special significance as the nation observes the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum which gave full citizen rights to Aboriginal people.

I also had the honour this week of hosting five professors from Thailand who came to our school to study our Middle School, and teaching and learning practices – clear proof that our reputation is growing positively, and is gaining high respect. On Wednesday 14th June, we invite our community to come together to celebrate our annual Iftar Dinner, as a sign of respect and community to our Islamic families. The event will start at 4.30pm and we will break fast together at sunset. As usual, a wide variety of food will be on offer and all members of our community are very welcome to share this special afternoon with us.

Our school values statement: Many Cultures, Common Values, One School has never been more true, or more relevant.

Ramadan Mubarak to everyone.

Mr S. Paterson

Technology for Seniors

"Technology for seniors" is a program to support the senior members of our community who may feel overwhelmed or unsure about how to use technology, or who may simply want to increase their skills with technology. The sessions are free and people can learn about computers, the internet, their new phone, or their camera.

Strathfield South High School is proud to be starting a partnership with Strathfield Council and excited to announce that from March we will begin working on the "Technology for seniors" program.

This commitment will involve students from Strathfield South High School attending the local library and helping senior citizens with any problems they have with their technological devices.

Our students look forward to sharing their knowledge.



UNSW Aspire program

Year 9 students recently visited the University of NSW to participate in the Aspire program where students were given the opportunity to try out different university courses as a taster to help them decide what direction they may wish to go with in their future.

During this session the students were working with Engineering university students. They were given the chance to make their own battery powered vehicle and then race against each other to assist them in understanding some basic engineering concepts.



State Emergency Services Cadet Program

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) is a volunteer-based organisation that responds to a wide range of emergencies and rescues across the state 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Beginning in term 2, a select group of 23 students from year 10, will engage in an intense 10 week program where they will work closely with the NSW State and Emergency Service staff, which will provide them with the skills and knowledge that will build resilience and equip them with life skills for future endeavours. The program also has a major focus on developing leadership, teamwork and communications skills for young people. We wish the students the best of luck for the program ahead and who knows, we might have some new SES cadets by the end of the year.



2017 Family Fair Multicultural Day

On 4th May Strathfield South High School held its annual Family Fair Day when students and their families, as well as the community were invited for a day of multicultural celebration. Students and staff prepared food from their cultural background and served food to visitors keen to share iconic dishes from many countries.

Special cultural activities performed and run by students were also offered for visitors to view throughout the day including traditional cultural dancing as well as the opportunity to try on traditional clothing from many backgrounds.

Fun activities were also available for everyone on the day including inflatable games, sumo wrestling suits, a petting zoo, photo booth, guessing games, face painting and even a visit from our local fire truck which provided students the chance to use a real fire hose.

A huge thank you to the organisations and their representatives that supported the day including TAFE NSW, AIME ambassadors and migrant resource centre staff who ran stalls and assisted the school as well as visitors.

The day would not have been possible without the efforts of staff and students. A big thank you to Ms Cotis and Ms Cotsis who worked tirelessly for weeks leading up to the day planning and making sure it ran smoothly.



SPORTS



Sport Photos

