



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 3

Week 3 6/8

- Zone OZTAG Gala Day
6th August
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations
8th August
- Logistics Excursion
9th August

Week 4 13/8

- Chinese Parents Cooking
14th August
- Year 7 ASPIRE Program
16th August

Week 5 20/8

- UNSW - Year 9 CSI Event
24th August

Week 6 27/8

- Year 11 Girls Team Building
31st August

Week 7 3/9

- Year 7/8 Forensics Event
6th September
- White Balloon Morning Tea
7th September

Principal's Message

Upgrading Our Environment

The physical environment in which teaching and learning takes place is an incredibly important factor in student success, and we are taking steps to upgrade our facilities in some significant ways to make our classrooms more productive places for students and teachers.

The first of these will see the installation of solar arrays which will be used to power air conditioning for our hottest classrooms. Over the past few years I have been exploring cost effective and environmentally sensitive ways to air condition north-facing classrooms which have uninterrupted exposure to the sun in summer. I am pleased to announce that work on the solar panel and air conditioning installation will start in the next few months, and the initial focus will be on HSIE, English and Middle School classrooms. My thanks goes to the Department of Education, which is providing half of the cost for the solar panels through a sustainability initiative.

The second major investment in upgrading facilities I am committing to is the installation of a completely new audio-visual system in the school hall. The hall is used extensively by the school and by community groups for a variety of purposes, and it is my hope that the new system will be in place for the Year 12 Graduation on 26 September. The new system will completely replace a series of old systems that have been added to over the years, resulting in an unreliable arrangement that is difficult to use. The new technology will be state of the art and provide far greater learning and community support.

These are important steps in an ongoing program of improving our facilities and environment, making the school a more comfortable, effective and sustainable place for everyone.

Simon Paterson

GWS Giants Junior Girls AFL Tournament

Last Tuesday 24th July, a group of ten girls from year 7 and 8 attended the Stephen Cognillio Cup at the GWS Giants Head Quarters in Homebush. It was a day to launch the Giants multi-cultural week and consisted of a round-robin style tournament. Our girls had never played AFL before and were slightly nervous to begin with.

However, the nerves settled and they won their first game against Kingsgrove North. Next up was Bankstown and it took 3 late goals from the girls to snatch a victory several seconds before time. This advanced us to the Grand Final against Merrylands High School. Again we kicked several late goals but fell short by 1 point. It was an amazing effort from a group of girls who had never played AFL together and they thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done!



Science ANSTO Visit

Senior Chemistry and Physics students visited ANSTO nuclear power plant to learn about nuclear radiation and interact with real scientists. They had the opportunity to observe how ANSTO create radioactive materials for medical and industrial use at their facility.



WSU Aim Higher Program

Aim Higher is a dynamic, hard hitting 45 minute high energy interactive performance that used humour, music, multi-media and popular culture to engage, inspire and inform our year 7 students about the many different progression routes into tertiary education.

For the past five years Gibber have been working in partnership with Western Sydney University to inspire young people across NSW to broaden their education horizons and consider Higher Education as a realistic option open to everyone.

The program coordinators were able to dispel any preconceptions or negative attitudes towards learning beyond the compulsory education period and raise awareness of the specific routes into university.



Solar Car Teams Preparing For UNSW Sun Sprint

Four new teams of year 7 and 8 students have joined our successful senior team to compete at the university of new south wales 'sun sprint' competition. They have been hard at work designing and building new solar cars in preparation for the upcoming event on Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September.



SPORTS



Sport Photos

Girls AFL Tournament

