



# The Strathfield Scene



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## Upcoming Events

### Term 2

Week 1 29/4

- TAS Mothers Morning Tea  
2<sup>nd</sup> May
- ANZAC Day Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> May

Week 2 6/5

- Drama Workshop  
8<sup>th</sup> May
- Open Futsal Competition  
9<sup>th</sup> May

Week 3 13/5

- UNSW Yr10 Workshop  
13<sup>th</sup> May

Week 4 20/5

- IFTAR Night  
22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Open Futsal Competition  
24<sup>th</sup> May

Week 5 27/5

- UNSW Yr12 Presentation  
27<sup>th</sup> May

Week 6 3/6

- Technology for Seniors  
4<sup>th</sup> June

## Principal's Message

As a highly multicultural environment, and one that represents the wonderful diversity of modern Australia, we love to celebrate the cultural richness that makes our school such a special place. In May of this year we held out annual Iftar celebration, an incredible meal attended by hundreds of community members and friends of the school. The event was also attended by a number of important guests, including our State Member of Parliament, Jodi McKay. It fills me with pride to see so many families coming into the school to share special events like this one and the fellowship and warmth shared is a great testament to the strong ties between the school and its community.

Another cause for celebration this term occurred when Year 11 student Nawida Sultan was honoured by the Zonta foundation as a young woman who inspires others to overcome adversity and find success through the development of inner strength. Originally a refugee from Afghanistan, Nawida uses her own experiences to guide and support others as they arrive in this country and become part of Australian society. The compassion and commitment that she shows was recognised as being quite exceptional for a young person who has endured considerable hardship in her own life, but remains determined to share her lessons with those who are less fortunate and struggling to acclimatise to a new country and society. We are very proud of Nawida!

As we move into June, I wish all members of the school's Muslim community a joyous Eid al-Fatr, and send my best wishes to everyone associated with Strathfield South High School.

*Simon Paterson*

# Middle School PBL - Who are our heroes?

Stage 4 Middle School students used project based learning to investigate the question "Who are the heroes in our community and how do we tell their story". Through a process of planning, research, drafting and critiquing, students worked in teams to develop their projects. The exhibition at the end of the four week program included products ranging from portfolios, models and websites through to online, interactive games.



## Chinese International Students Study Visit

Students from Beijing Luhe International School in China recently participated in a study visit to Strathfield South High School spending a week paired with our students and attending classes.

They also had the opportunity to visit Featherdale Wildlife Park and see a range of unique Australian animals.





# Middle School Geography Video Interview

7/8 Onyx Geography we had a special guest Skype session with a survivor, Dave Eldridge, from the Nepalese Earthquake in 2015.

The students asked questions to learn about what it is like to be in an Earthquake and then wrote about the information they learned for their assessment task.



## U15 AFL Boys Knockout - Vs Holsworthy High

The U15 AFL Boys Knock-Out team travelled to Bark Huts Park in Belfield to take on Holsworthy High School. It was a scorching day the boys were very excited. The team consisted of boys from year 7-10.

After a shaky first ten minutes where a few rules needed to be remembered such as handpassing not throwing the footy, the boys really grew into the game. They were 3 goals down at half time but came out firing in the second half, piling on the goals to eventually draw level with Holsworthy. All the momentum was with Strathfield South and we were playing some fantastic footy which enabled us to hit the front in the last quarter.

Some excellent play from Adam Toutounji, Abdul Aichan, Sultan Bidewy and Mohammed Ghandour saw the ball expertly tapped from the centre bounce, handpassed twice then bombed long for one of the goals of the day. It put us 10 points clear with 5 minutes to play. However, we were struck down with a late injury where play needed to be stopped and all momentum was lost. Holsworthy kicked 2 goals in this time, including one with 50 seconds left to snatch what would have been an incredible win for us.

Well done boys and extremely unlucky. A really great game with a group of boys that had not played AFL before and who are already looking forward to a potential Gala Day in the future.

Mr Widmer



# U15 AFL Boys Knockout

