



CESSNOCK WEST
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 1 Week 9

With just two weeks remaining in the term, our school remains as busy as ever, with many exciting events ahead. These include the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle, Celebration Day, Cross Country Carnival, tennis, op Up Shop and the 90% and above attendance reward. The final day of term is Friday, April 11 and students should continue to attend school every day until the holidays start.

Next week we welcome Miss Green to teach 3/4A. Mrs. Andrews will be on maternity leave from Monday. We wish her all the best and look forward to news about Baby Andrews next term. Welcome, Miss Green.



On Wednesday 2nd April we will be holding our Cross Country Carnival at Turner Park. All students 8 years old and older should attend. Parents are welcome to attend.
This week our Auslan sign is run/running.

We are very excited that construction on our new playground in the infants and resurfacing and replacement of our sports court is about to happen soon. The works for resurfacing of areas will begin during the holidays and I will keep you updated on the progress. These new playground areas will provide excellent spaces for students to play, and we know they will be very popular when they are complete.

This Friday is the out of uniform day for the Easter Raffle. Students can come out of uniform and donate an Easter Egg. The P & C will be holding an Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 10th April. Please contact the office if you need more raffle tickets.



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 4th April at 12.40pm in the school hall. Entry will be via Gate 4. This will be the last assembly for Term 1. Parents and families are welcome to attend.



This week we received some very exciting news regarding Star Struck. Both of our dance groups have been successful in being accepted into Star Struck, the CCGPS choir has been successful in their audition to be part of the Star Struck choir, of which some of our students will be part of, and Ellyse in 5/6M was successful in her audition and will dance in two feature dances at Star Struck. This is an outstanding outcome, and I couldn't be prouder of all our Star Struck students. I can't wait to see you all shine.



As part of keeping safe at CWPS we practise evacuation and lock down drills each term. On Friday, our school conducted an evacuation drill for all students, staff and visitors. These drills ensure everyone knows how to respond safely in an emergency. They also allow us to evaluate the procedures

in our Emergency Management Plan and make any necessary updates. Although it was only a practice, all students were extremely sensible and displayed all our West Way expectations. Well done, CWPS.

#The West Way = School Every Day. School attendance is important, and students should come to school every day unless they are sick. Don't be late! Starting school on time every day is important not only for learning, but also for reconnecting with friends. School is the best place to learn, and we can't wait to see you on Monday. Each week students who attend school every day will be placed in a draw and four names selected to spin the Roo Wheel. 100% Attendance Roo Wheel winners: ES1 Lily, S1 - Kruze, S2 -Ivy; S3 -Cooper M. Congratulations to our students who have attended every day.

#EveryDayMatters



At the end of next term we will be holding a school concert. All students will start learning their class dance next term and will have the opportunity to perform at the concert. We will be holding three shows and more information about days, times and ticket purchases will be available later in term 2.

From time to time, parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school to discuss their child's progress or wellbeing, raise concerns about the actions of other students, or inquire about school policies or practices. In most cases, the first point of contact should be your child's teacher, followed by the assistant principal for the relevant stage, and then Mrs McDonald – deputy principal and finally the principal. You can reach out by note, email, or phone to arrange a convenient time for a discussion. If you are unsure who to speak with regarding your concern, please contact the school office, explain the nature of the issue, and they will direct you to the appropriate person. Below is a list of the assistant principals for each stage. At no time should a parent approach any child (other than their own) to address an issue at school. We are always eager to address any concerns or suggestions you may have. It's important to us that these matters are handled openly and fairly, ensuring that the rights of students, parents, and staff are respected and upheld.

Mrs Hamilton	Assistant Principal Early Stage 1
Mrs West	Assistant Principal Stage 1
Mrs Henderson	Assistant Principal Stage 2
Mrs Searle	Assistant Principal Stage 3

Before you speak:
THINK
T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

This week in our West Way lesson students learnt the West Way for being respectful, treating others with kindness and using respectful language. Students looked at thinking before you speak and act so they can follow our West Way expectations for Respect.



Each Friday I have the pleasure of hearing about all the fantastic work that students have been completing and about students who have been shining in the classroom and playground during the week. Our shining stars for week 8 are: Kylan and Nevaeh from KH, Zarleah and Jyrah from KL, Lyrach and Luke from KM, Asher and Indiella from K1F, Mahalia and Hudson from 1N, Levi and Freya from 1-2C, Cruz and Tylah from 2L, Kayleigh and Chayse from 2M, Venessa and Nora from 3-4A, Indie and Tigerlily from 3-4C, Ruby and Lacey from 3-4G, Ava and Zayden from 3-4H, Owen and Aleera from 4-5D, Beau and Elsie from 5-6G, Lincoln and Mia from 5-6M, Safiyah and Mollie from 5-6N and Noah and Zoe from 5-6O. Keep shining, CWPS.

Families can now access our school SENTRAL calendar online at <https://cessnockw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>

Date for your diary

Wednesday 2nd April: Cross Country

Friday 4th April: Out of Uniform Day – Easter Egg donation

Thursday 10th April: Easter Hat Parade 9:15am

Friday 11th April: Last day for Term 1

Thursday 10th April: Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 30th April: First day of Term 2

On the following pages see our Closing the Gap and Harmony Day celebrations and find out about Hot Shots tennis and The Humble Bee project in Stage 3.

Yours in education,

Ruth Goodwin

Principal

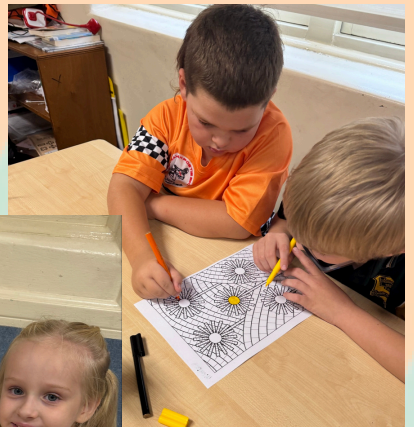
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HARMONY DAY





This term we have had the opportunity to have Coach Gershom from Club Evolve come to CWPS to coach our students in tennis skills. Students have been able to practise coordination, balance and reflexes with tennis balls and racquets, building and developing fundamental skills involved with the game and physical movement.



Coach Gershom has been able to let all students have a lot of fun while learning about one of the oldest sports in the world and you never know - we may just have a future Australian Open winner emerging from our school!

Project Humble

This week, Ben the Bee Man delivered Stage 3's first batch of honey from Queen Bee Cool's hive. Our Stage 3 students have been buzzing with excitement, working just as hard as our busy bees to create and design merchandise and labels ready for our honey to be sold.

Bee on the lookout to grab a jar from our first batch of honey. Coming very soon! 🐝🍯

