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Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 1 Week 7

This week our students in Years 3 and 5 sat some of their NAPLAN assessments, writing and reading. They all did an amazing job completing the assessments and managing the online platform. NAPLAN will continue next week.

Our captains, leaders and SRC members did an excellent job during our first session of school parliament on last Monday. School Parliament offers Stage 3 students the opportunity to discuss and vote on motions/suggestions made by class groups. School parliament is held in weeks 3, 6 and 9 and we look forward to hearing more suggestions from our students in future sessions.

Have you checked out our school website. https://cessnockw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/ There are lots of updates on the website and information about our school.

***#The West Way = School Every Day**. This week it has been great to see some of our classes achieving 100% attendance. Our goal is for every student to achieve an attendance rate of more than 90%. Students should come to school every day unless they are unwell. If you are planning a holiday, plan it for the school holiday breaks rather than during the school term. When children come to school every day, they have a better chance of learning and succeeding #EveryDayMatters. 100% Attendance Roo Wheel winners: ES1 –Levi, S1 –Amelia, S2 –Indie; S3 –Jye. Congratulations to our students who have attended every day.*

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 21st March at 12.40pm in the school hall. Entry will be via Gate 4.

This week in our West Way lesson students discussion anti racism and our stance as a school to say No to racism. They learnt what to do if they hear a racism comment and who to talk to at school. They discussed that The West Way is to be a Respectful, Responsible Learner by saying No to Racism. Each student wrote on a diversity leaf to put onto our diversity tree. Student will look at this again this week as we celebrate Harmony Week.

Last week 5/6O were lucky to have a visit from the Project Humble team. 'Ben the Bee man' delivered our new Flow Hive and the class is very excited to begin the task of building the hive themselves. This will be the third hive owned by CWPS. Look out for our honey sales.

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 7 are: Anastasia and Maddison from KH, Hermione and Colt from KL, Jaxon and Peyton from KM, Noah and Lilly-Anne from K1F, Rykah and Isabella from 1N, Stevie and Charlie from 1-2C, Lennon and Rosalie from 2L, Hallie and Tyler from 2M, Isla and Kai from 3-4A, Ezekiel and Scarlett from 3-4C, Mataeo and Alexis from 3-4G, Bentley and Arley from 3-4H, Lachlan and Sebastion from 4-5D, Ellyse and Djay from 5-6G, Annabella and Aleah-Rose from 5-6M, Mollie and Amelia from 5-6N and Claire and Laura from 5-6O. Keep shining, CWPS.

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This week students will learn the Auslan sign for Harmony Day.
In week 8 week we will be holding our Harmony Day celebration on Friday.
Students can wear orange to school and will take part on Harmony Day activities with their Harmony Class during the day. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This year's theme is Everyone Belongs.

We would love to see you at our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 25th March at 5pm in the staffroom. This meeting will be our P & C AGM and general meeting. Entry to the meeting will be via Alfred Street Gate 4.

This week we will be starting our Hot Shots tennis program. Each class will participate in tennis lessons during the week. This program is supported by a grant from the Australian Sports Commission - Sporting Schools grant program and is free for all students.

We have already started planning for our Kindergarten 2026 students. If you have a child enrolling in kindergarten in 2026, please contact the office, enrol online via our school webpage https://cessnockw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html. Information about our Leap into Learning transition program will be sent home next term.

We are switching to School Bytes to send notes electronically and we will begin trialling this next week (the week beginning March 17th) with our school cross country note. Families will need to have School Bytes downloaded and it is also great to have the Sentral and Seesaw app. Come along to the library from 2.30pm on Monday March 17th 2025 for help from our staff with downloading, registering and/or accessing these services. If you can't make this and need help, please contact Mrs. Floyd.

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 12th March-Monday 24th March: NAPLAN
Monday 17th March: School Bytes & Sentral parent help session 2:30pm in the library
Tuesday 25th March: P & C Meeting 5pm in the staffroom
Thursday 27th March: School photos
Wednesday 2nd April: Cross Country
Friday 4th April: Out of Uniform Day – Easter Egg donation
Thursday 10th April: Easter Hat Parade
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 find out about Come & Try Athletics day, CWPs debaters, Run Club video and NSW Health Get Active.
Yours in education,
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Principal
16/03/25

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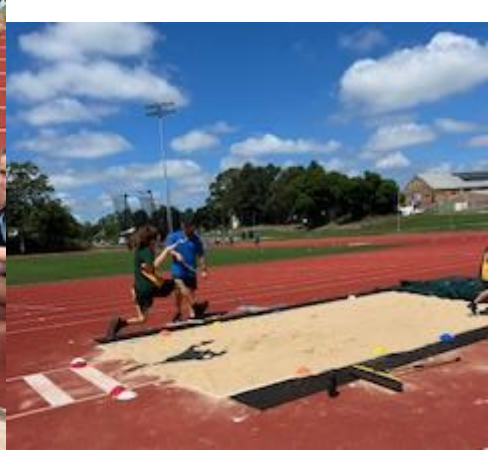
Inclusive School Sports invited some very enthusiastic students to ‘Come-Try- Athletics’, so we went!

On the day, our students participated in a variety of athletic activities including 100 metre sprints, javelin, shot-put, discuss and long jump at the Regional Athletic Centre, Maitland.

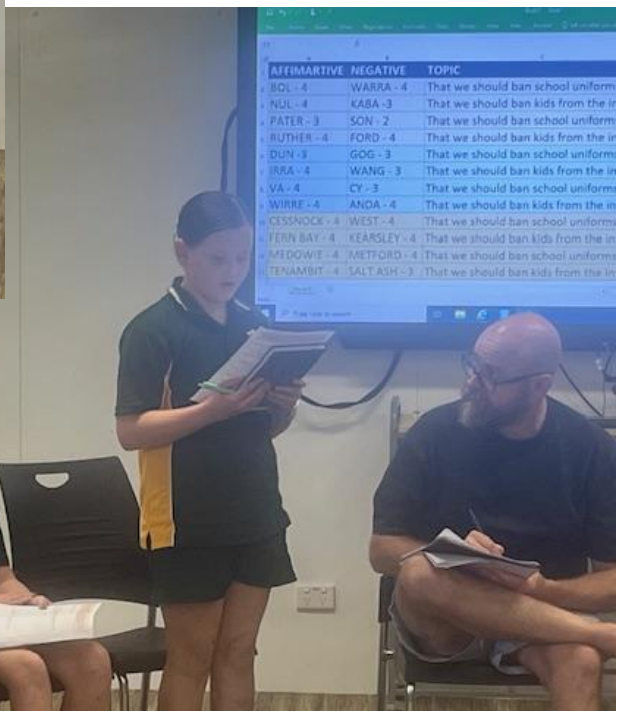
Mason, Jaydan, Conner, Chayce and Blue demonstrated the West Way in their respectful interactions with others, giving all activities a-go and being kind and loyal friends to each other throughout a busy and hot day.

Keep an eye out for our next adventure.






The stage 3 debaters enjoyed a full day of workshops at Rutherford PS this week as they prepare themselves for the Premier's Debating Challenge in Term 2. Learning to debate is an important skill and improves critical thinking, public speaking skills, and the ability to understand diverse perspectives.



See our students enjoying Run Club on the attached video.

Good for kids
good for life

Get moving, stay active!

Keeping kids active every day is one of the best ways to support their health, happiness, and learning. Regular physical activity helps children build strong bones and muscles, improve coordination, and even boost their focus in the classroom.

Primary school-aged children should aim for at least 60 minutes of active play each day. This could be running, jumping, dancing, or even a bike ride to school!

Easy ways to get kids moving:

- Make it fun – Play a game of tag, kick a ball, or dance to their favourite song.
- Use active transport – Walk, scoot, or ride to school instead of driving when possible.
- Limit screen time – Swap some screen time for outdoor play or a fun family activity.
- Be a role model – Join in and be active together!

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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.