



CESSNOCK WEST
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Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 3 Week 5



Our K–6 **Book Week Parade** was a wonderful celebration of reading and imagination, despite the rainy weather. Students proudly showcased their costumes, bringing many well-known characters to life. We are grateful to our families who braved the wet conditions to join us and support the event. Our Book Fair was also very successful, thank you to those who were able to support the book sale. Reading is a vital skill that builds children's vocabulary, imagination, and critical thinking, helping them succeed across all areas of learning. We encourage all students to borrow from our library and practise their reading skills as often as possible.

Also on Thursday, our hall became a miniature opera theatre as students watched a performance by **Opera Petites**. The performance provided students with a unique musical experience. We thank Arts National Pokolbin for their donation in support of this event.

On Tuesday, our **Moani AET** Executive joined other Junior AECG & AET leaders from schools across the Cessnock & Kurri Kurri LGAs at St Philip's Christian College. The team enjoyed Aboriginal crafts, cooking, sports, a scavenger hunt and planting native plants to take home. We also built on our leadership skills through a variety of leadership challenges, joining students from other schools to achieve common goals.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Inclusive School Sports Ten Pin Bowling event on Friday. Your teamwork and school spirit stood out.

We wish our **Aerobics team** all the best as they head to the Gold Coast for the FISAF Australia National Championships on 30th August. We are so proud of their achievements so far and know they will be great ambassadors for our school.

The annual **Check-in Assessments** will be taking place from Weeks 6 to 9 this term. Students in Years 3, 4 & 5 will complete the assessments in reading and numeracy, while Year 6 students will complete reading, numeracy and writing assessments. These assessments help us understand each student's progress and identify next steps in teaching and learning.

The West Way: This week, our West Way Wellbeing lesson focused on *transitions*—the changes that happen as we move from one activity, space, or stage to another.

Students explored everyday transitions such as lining up, walking around the school, moving between classrooms, and arriving or leaving through the school gates. They also discussed bigger transitions, like moving into a new class or preparing for a new school year, as well as unexpected changes such as evacuations or lockdowns.

Through class discussions and activities, students learned strategies to make transitions smoother by following the West Way expectations: being respectful, safe, and mindful of others. These routines help children build confidence, stay calm in moments of change, and create a positive learning environment for everyone.

By practising **the West Way** each day, students are developing important skills that will support them both inside and outside of school.



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Shining Stars: It is a pleasure to recognise students who have been shining in our classrooms and playground this week. Our shining stars for Week 5 are:



Curtis and Nevaeh from KH, Lily and Bonnie from KL, Charlie and Lyrach from KM, Jaxon and Christina from K1F, Jax and Elijah from 1N, Leila and Tayte from 1-2C, Xanthia and Gracie from 2L, Tristan and Lachlan from 2M, Rosie and Charlotte from 3-4A, Joseph and Charlotte from 3-4C, Hayden and Harry-Jack from 3-4G, James and Edyn 3-4H, Owen and Ruthie from 4-5D, Innocent and Ava from 5-6G, Henry and Layne from 5-6M, Sharli and Marcus from 5-6N and Claire and Blake from 5-6O.

Website: Each week we are updating our school website. The website can be accessed at <https://cessnockw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches: The DoE and our school mobile phone policy states that students are not allowed to use mobile phones/smart watches at school, including during recess, lunch and before and after school when on school grounds. Students must hand their mobile phone/smart watch into the office immediately on arrival at school and in the afternoon collect their mobile phone/smart watch from the office after the bell and place it in their bag until they are out of school grounds. Please remind your child about these expectations.

Canteen: Our school canteen is open every day and provides recess and lunch to lots of students during the week. The canteen needs more volunteers so if you can spare an hour or two to help in the canteen, please contact our canteen manager, Kaylene.

Leap into Learning: We look forward to seeing our 2026 kindergarten students again this coming Monday for our next session of Leap into Learning.

Dates for your diary

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

Term 3

Monday 25th August: Moani excursion; School Parliament
Saturday 30th August: National Aerobics
Sunday 31st August: P&C Bunnings BBQ
Tuesday 2nd September: Gymnastics program begins
2nd- 5th September: Zone Public Speaking finals
Friday 5th September: Father's Day breakfast
Thursday 11th September: Wiyala Public Speaking Competition
Friday 12th September: Cessnock Netball Gala Day
Thursday 18th September: Grandparents' Day
Friday 19th September: MVHS Connecting to Culture Day
Wednesday 24th September: Mini Fair
Friday 26th September: Last day of Term 3

Warm regards,
Anne McDonald
Principal (Relieving)
22/08/2025



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Book Parade, Rain or Shine!

To see resilience, dedication and a love of books, look no further than Cessnock West Public School students, teachers and families. Despite the forecast set to rainclouds, nothing could hold back the excitement of dragons, Roald Dahl characters, princesses, Harry Potter, Dog Man and so many others. We were transported to a world of adventure and imagination at Book Parade, and it was worth the raindrops!



[Click here to see the full gallery!](#)



The sales from the Book Fair will allow Mrs Rolt to select a range of new, exciting books and resources for our school library. Get ready for a whole new chapter of amazing stories! We can't wait to see what the library has in store!



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Opera Petites Ignite our Imagination

On Thursday August 21st, all students at CWPS were lucky enough to enjoy a performance by the Opera Petites. Students saw an experienced opera singer and pianist perform a bite-sized show which included operatic hits in concert form. The show gave students an operatic experience where they were able to interact with the performers, join in on songs and ask the musicians questions. It was a unique experience for all students, Kindergarten to Year 6!



CWPS Aerobics Team Going for Gold!

Our amazing aerobics team won the NSW title last term, and now they're training harder than ever for the National Championships next weekend! They're ready to compete in FISAF Aerobics and are chasing the big goal of becoming National Choreographed Phase 1 Champions. Let's cheer them on as they go for the top spot! A huge thank you to Mrs Forster for giving up her lunchbreaks and weekends to support our team! You are all winners in our eyes!



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Bowled Over by Fun! Inclusive Sports with Hunter Region Schools.



On **Friday 22nd August**, four of our students joined in the **Inclusive School Sports Ten Pin Bowling** event alongside other primary schools from across the Hunter Region. It was a wonderful chance to make new friends, share in the fun, and celebrate the spirit of inclusion. Our students showed great teamwork, cheered each other on, and enjoyed being part of such a positive day. There were plenty of laughs, some impressive strikes, and lots of smiles all round!

