

Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 3 Week 7

Thank you to all our dads, grandfathers, uncles, and special people who joined us for our **Father's Day** Breakfast on Friday. We hope that you all enjoyed your breakfast and have a lovely Father's Day on Sunday. A special thank you to Mrs Floyd and staff for organising, cooking, and serving the breakfast. A big thank you to our P & C for organising a fantastic Father's Day Stall on Thursday, students enjoyed choosing gifts for the special people in their lives.



Next, Monday 8th September, will be our **Catch-up Photo Day**. Photographers will take a whole school photo, photos of students who were absent on our photo day earlier in the year, and group photos of school leaders, Moani AET, house captains and vice captains, library monitors, podcast mentors, SRC, aerobics team and students new to our school. We ask that all students wear full school uniform on Monday.

Students in Stage 3 are busily preparing for our **Mini Fair** in Week 10. They have been making items to sell as well as preparing activities and games for students to join in. No cash will be handled at the stalls and activities, instead students can purchase tokens to spend on the day. Sausage sandwiches will also be available at the BBQ, pre-ordering is recommended. Token and BBQ orders are due on Friday 12th September.

West Way Wellbeing – Giving Others Space This week, students explored the importance of personal space and how respecting it helps everyone feel safe and comfortable. They learned the difference between being a 'space maker' and a 'space invader', and practised ways to ask for space politely and respond when others need it. K-2 students created a 'personal space bubble' drawing to show what they like close to them and what they prefer further away. Students in Years 3-6 designed a comic strip to practise scenarios where someone asks for space and others respond respectfully. Through these activities, students are developing the skills to recognise when they or others need space, how to ask for it, and when to seek help from an adult.

As the weather warms up and we are enjoying lovely sunny days, students are often taking off their jackets and jumpers during the day, which can easily be misplaced. To help ensure these items find their way back to their owners, we encourage all families to clearly label clothing with their child's name.



Shining Stars: It is a pleasure to recognise students who have been shining in our classrooms and playgrounds this week. Our shining stars for Week 7 are:



Kylan and Ariella from KH; Avah and Klave from KL; Tanja and Imogen from KM; Kyla and Charlotte from K/1F; Skyla and William from 1N; Harlia and Jamalaykai from 1-2C; Kruze and Layla from 2L; Brody and Scotland from 2M; Arla and Jed from 3/4A; Daniel and Scarlet from 3/4C; Lillian and Lacey from 3/4G; Archie and Mia 3/4H; Ezekiel and Maddox from 4/5D; Jolene and Liam from 5/6G; Chayce and Kade from 5/6M; Mason and Safiyah from 5/6N; and Mila and Stella from 5/6O.

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

Canteen: Our school canteen is open every day and provides recess and lunch to many 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>

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Monday 8th September: Photo Catch-up Day
Tuesday 9th September: MVHS STEAM Day (Year 6)
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)
05/09/2025

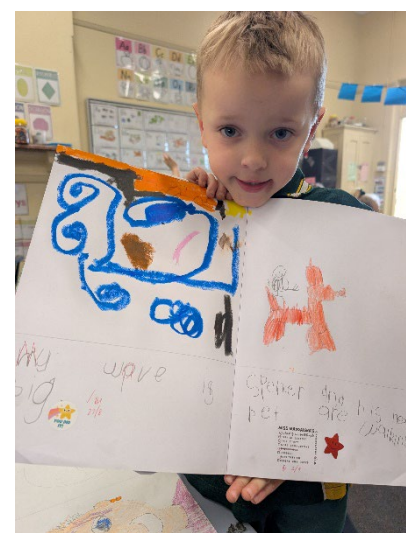
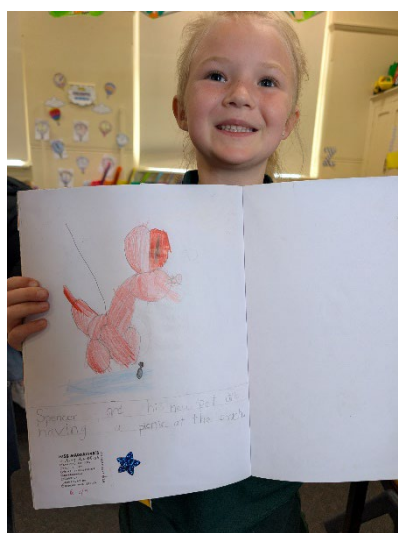
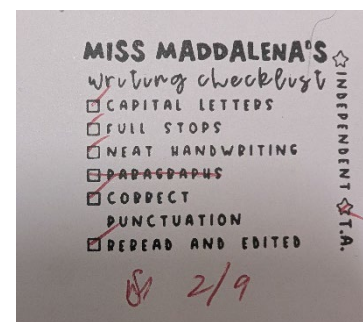


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A day in the life of KM

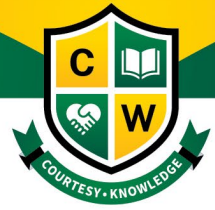
Today we visited KM to find out what they have been learning. The whole class was excited to share their learning in writing, maths, art and a special visit to the Father's Day Stall. Check out what they have learned and **why it is important** to them.

During writing, KM have been working on writing high quality sentences. Students challenge themselves to tick off everything in Miss Maddalena's writing checklist. Could you get all ticks for your writing? These kindergarten students continue to impress us!



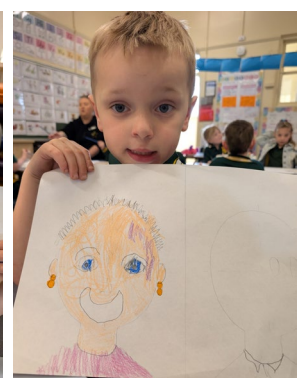
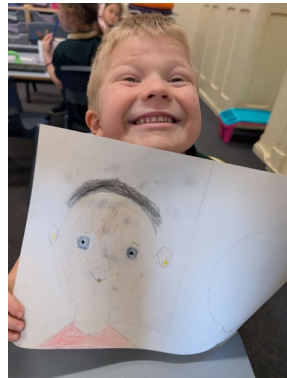
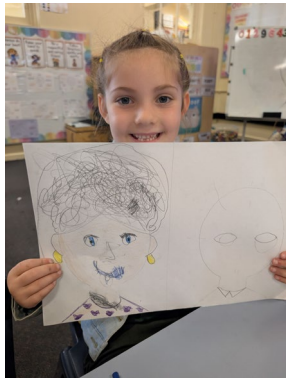
In maths, KM have been learning to classify and describe 2D shapes. They were proud to share their knowledge of the names and number of sides of each shape. Well done!



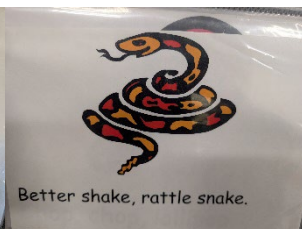
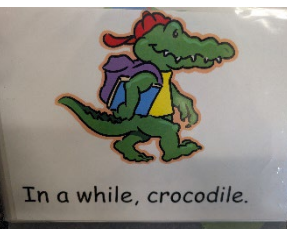


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After visiting the Father's Day Stall, KM were very excited to create some special drawings of their grandparents. As they drew each part of their portraits, students shared stories about their wonderful grandparents and family members.



At the end of each day, KM celebrate their wonderful day with some funny sayings. Do you know anymore?



Well done KM on your wonderful learning this week!



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Father's Day Stall

Another Father's Day Stall, another success! On Thursday, students eagerly visited the Father's Day stall to select gifts for the special men in their lives. A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers whose hard work and generosity made this event possible, creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.



Aerobics Nationals

To say we are proud of our aerobics team is an understatement. Last weekend, our aerobics team competed at the national level. Flying all the way to the Gold Coast for the event, the team showed determination and great effort throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud of their commitment, teamwork, and resilience, making them true winners in our eyes. They have set a fantastic example for our entire school community.

