

Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 3 Week 8

We were excited to see the temporary fencing removed on Monday afternoon and our new **K-2 playground** area opened for play on Tuesday. We have a new yarning circle, gardens, play areas and fixed equipment. On Wednesday Mrs Blackadder and our students were joined by a team from Moir Studio landscape architects and Brendan Moore – First Nations Community Greening Officer at the Botanical Gardens of Sydney for a planting day. We are very grateful to Andreasons Green Nursery for their very generous donation of plants for the new playground area.

On Tuesday, Year 6 students attended the **MVHS STEAM** Day at the PCYC. Students worked in small groups on maths, science, technology, engineering and art activities. It was an opportunity for students to meet Year 6 peers from other local primary schools, MVHS staff and Year 9 students who will be their peer support leaders next year.

Our students' **public speaking** skills were on display again this week at the Wiyala Public Speaking competition. Congratulations to Theo, Blake and Mileyjane for your efforts presenting on Thursday. Congratulations also to Laura from 5/6O who was awarded a highly commended at the Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking competition on 4th September.

West Way Wellbeing – Playground Safety and Expectations This week, students explored how to be respectful and responsible in our new playground area. They learned clear expectations for using the equipment and spaces safely such as walking on pathways, sitting -rather than climbing- on the sandstone blocks, and caring for the new plants. Students also discussed safe use of the monkey bars and the importance of taking turns. To support their learning, K-2 students designed playground safety posters while 3-6 classes created a playground pledge to be signed before playing in the new area. These activities ensure that everyone understands how to enjoy the new play space safely and responsibly.

Students were also reminded they should only play on the fixed equipment under the supervision of a CWPS teacher. The fixed equipment area is closed to all students and younger/older siblings before and after school.

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 8 are:



Azarleigh and Sage from KH, Jaikiaha and Zeke from KL, Lucia and Anastaisha from KM, Vaeda and Elsie from K1F, Cohen and Frankie from 1N, Brayden and Zara from 1/2C, Brandy and Jaxon from 2L, Alora and Kiarni from 2M, Sara and Kye from 3/4A, Winterlily and Brock from 3/4C, Harry-Jack and Sofija from 3/4G, Ava and Harmony from 3/4H, Skyla and Aleera from 4/5D, Emery and Cooper from 5/6G, Layne and Ares from 5/6M, Chelsea and Shayla from 5/6N and Alannah and Jacqueline 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/>

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>

Term 3

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

On the following pages see information about the Cessnock Netball Gala Day, Mini Fair preparations, Literacy and Numeracy Week, Wiyala Public Speaking and photos taken on Wednesday when planting took place in the new playground area.

Warm regards,
Anne McDonald
Principal (Relieving)
12/09/2025

CWPS Shines at Cessnock District Netball Association Primary Schools Cup

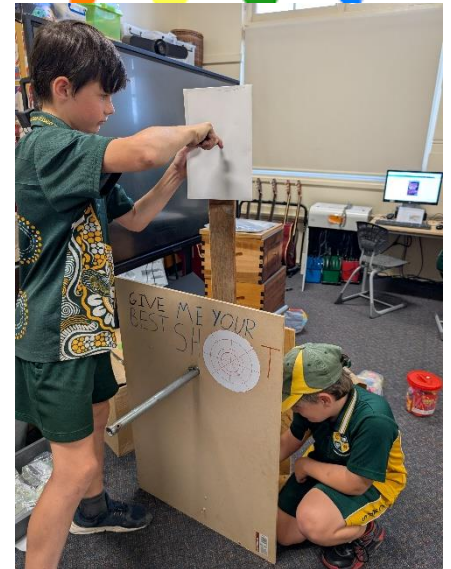
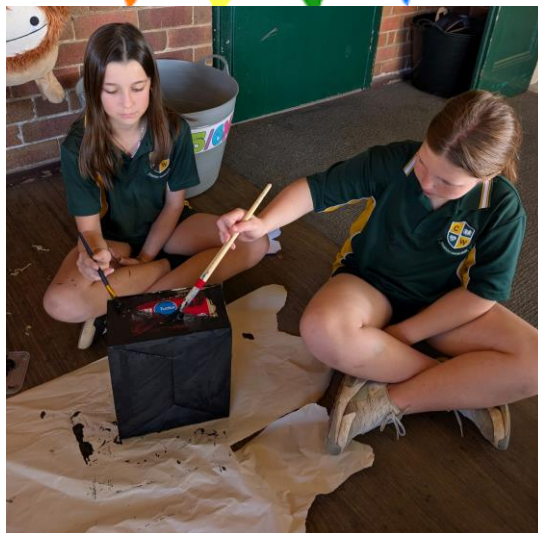
The sun was shining so we were all smiling! On Friday, four teams from CWPS proudly competed at the Cessnock District Netball Association Primary Schools Cup. Our players enjoyed some fantastic wins throughout the day, demonstrating excellent West Way sportsmanship. All players grew in confidence with every game.

A big thank you to Miss Maddalena, Mrs Glanville, Mr Jurd and Mr Woodbridge for their support and coaching, as well as to all our parents and carers for their encouragement and assistance.



Mini Fair Preparation is in Full Swing

Busy, busy, busy! Students in Stage 3 have been incredibly busy building, painting, planning and creating fun activities for the CWPS Mini Fair. Each Stage 3 classroom is a hive of excitement as they put the finishing touches on their activities, games and stall items. It is wonderful to see students take initiative, solve problems and demonstrate leadership skills during this process.



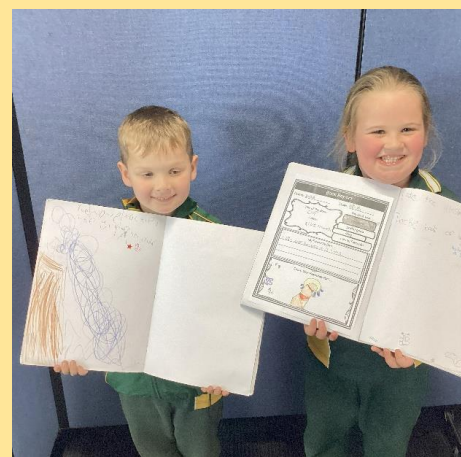
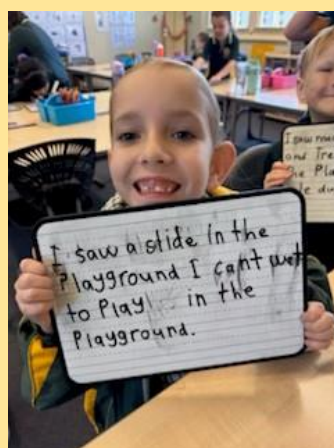
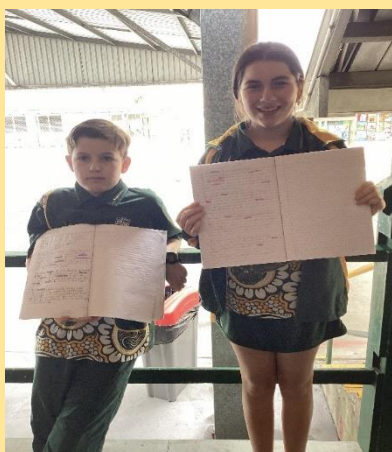
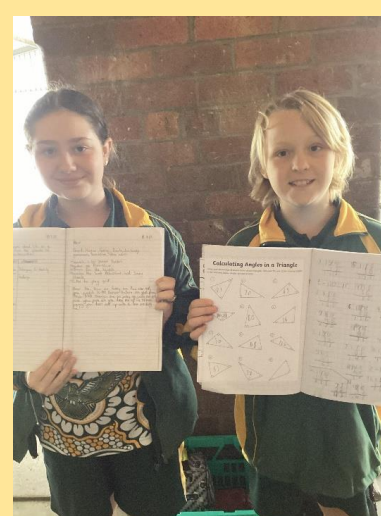
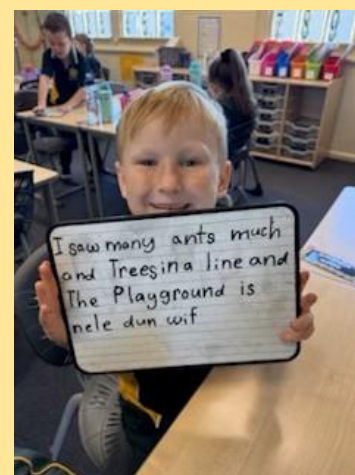
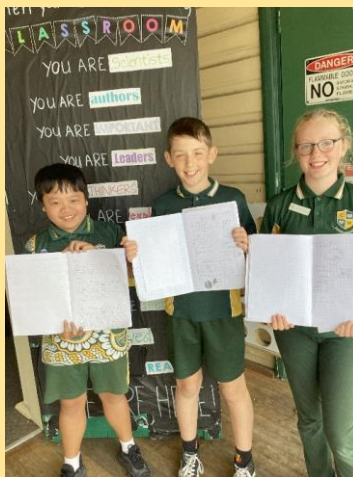
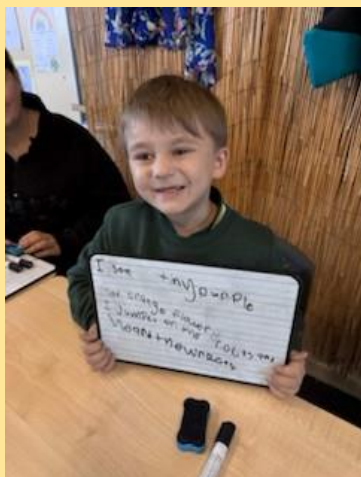
We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th September!



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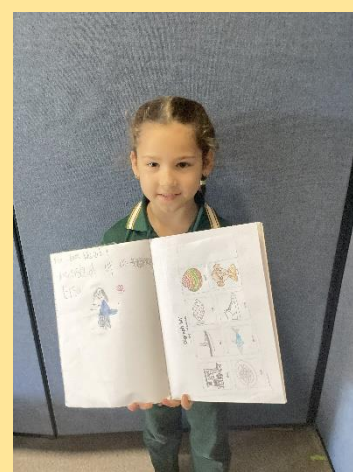
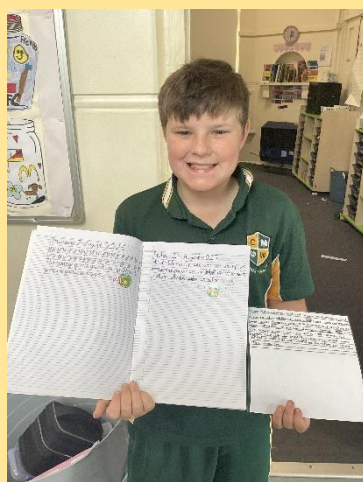
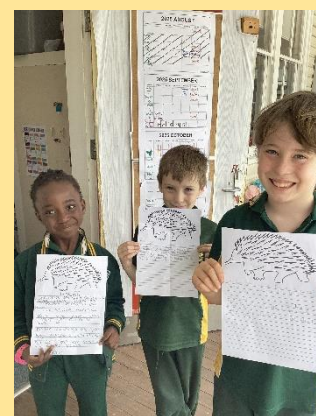
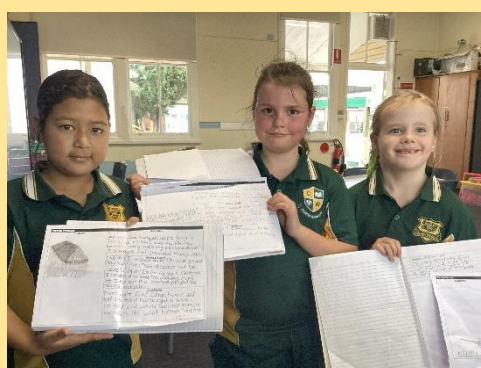
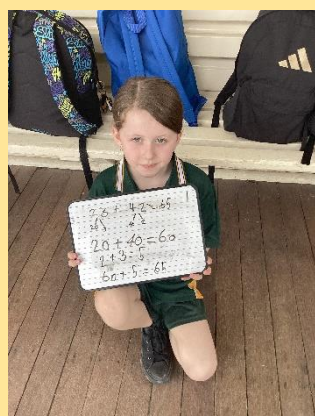
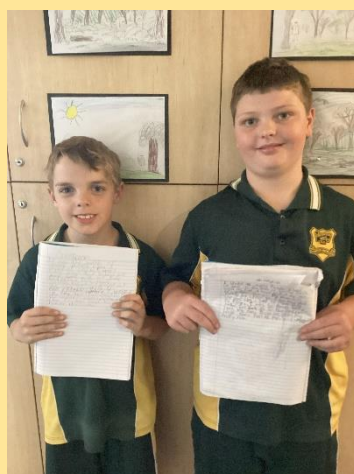
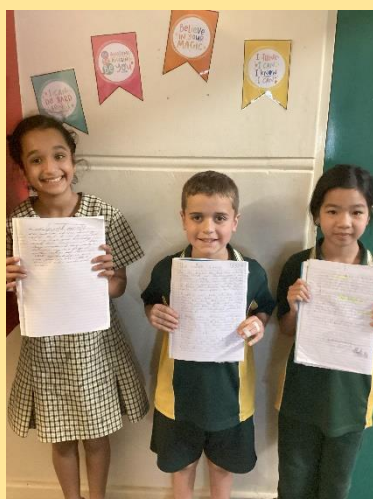
Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy are the key focus of our school day.





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Planting Day



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Wiyala Public Speaking 2025

The Wiyala Public Speaking competition is a yearly event for primary schools across Cessnock & Kurri Kurri. It aims to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students a voice on issues which matter to them.

This year, Kindergarten student Theo represented Cessnock West in the Early Stage 1 session.

Blake & Miley Jane represented CWPS in the Stage 3 session.

All students spoke to the theme of NAIDOC 2025 *"The Next Generation - Strength, Vision & Legacy"*

All students spoke from the heart and are to be commended for their speeches.

