

Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 3 Week 9

We had a fantastic day on Thursday celebrating **Grandparent's Day** with over 350 grandparents joining us for the morning. Our grandparents enjoyed a classroom visit, our students' performances at assembly and a delicious morning tea made by our staff. Congratulations to our eldest grandparents, Lochlan & Rylan's Grandma, Riley's Grandma and Blue, Scotland and Bear's Grandad. Thank you to Christine Wilson from Chrissy's Creations for our amazing cake, Drayton's Family Wines, and Bunnings Cessnock for their kind donations and gifts. A huge thank you to Mrs West and all the staff at CWPS for organising our Grandparent's Day and preparing a wonderful morning tea.

In our Week 9 **West Way lesson** students learnt about the importance of showing good manners both at school and on excursions. They explored ways to use polite words, listen respectfully, share, and help others to make our classrooms and playground happy places. With our attendance reward excursion to the cinema coming up, the lesson also focused on how to behave responsibly and respectfully during outings. Students discussed how values such as respect, responsibility, kindness and self-control can be shown when travelling on the bus, listening to instructions, enjoying the movie, and thanking staff. Through role plays and creative activities, students practised using manners and worked on creating a code of conduct to guide their behaviour.

It is hard to believe that next week is our **last week** of Term 3. With just one week left in the term, we are all looking forward to a great week before the school holidays and to the many events that will be held throughout Term 4.

On Wednesday, our Stage 3 students will be holding their **Mini Fair** from 11.45am to 2pm. Stage 3 students have been working extremely hard preparing their stalls and, from what I have seen, they will be fantastic. The preorder for tokens for the fair has closed but students can still bring money to purchase tokens on the day. Families are welcome to come and join us for this event. If students are leaving the fair with a parent, they will need to be signed out before they leave. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone for lots of fun at our Mini Fair.

On Thursday students will have the opportunity to visit the **Pop-Up Shop** to trade in the tokens they have earned during the term for displaying our expectations of being Responsible, Respectful Learners.

Our last **assembly** for Term 3 will be on Friday 26th September starting at 12.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Entry will be via Gate 4.

It is the time of year that we are beginning our organisation for the 2026 school year. If you are moving out of the area and leaving our school, please inform the office of your intentions. Similarly, if you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2026, please ask the families to contact the school. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2026 please contact the front office or enrol online via our school webpage <https://cessnockw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

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 9 are:



Theodore and Curtis from KH, Avah and Zarleah from KL, Austin and Jaxon from KM, Trevaughn and Isabella from K/1F, Romaya and Alexis from 1N, Ella and Archer from 1/2C, Kairo and Cruz from 2L, Aiden and Kage from 2M, Nora and Robert from 3/4A, Levi and Mahalia from 3/4C, Chayce and Ruby from 3/4G, Oliver and Dakota from 3/4H, Kye and Courtney from 4/5D, Mason and Ava from 5/6G, Jaxson and Kash from 5/6M, Isabella and Kalina from 5/6N and Riley and Alexia 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

Monday 22 nd September:	Attendance excursion
Wednesday 24 th September:	Mini Fair
Friday 26 th September:	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Wednesday 29 th October:	Disco
Friday 31 st October:	Day for Daniel
Mon 10 th – Fri 21 st November:	Swimming School
Mon 24 th –Wed 26 th November:	Year 6 Camp
Wednesday 3 rd December:	Presentation Day
Wednesday 10 th December:	Christmas Carols
Monday 15 th December:	Year 6 Farewell

Warm regards,
Anne McDonald
Principal (Relieving)
19/09/2025



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A day in the life of 3/4A

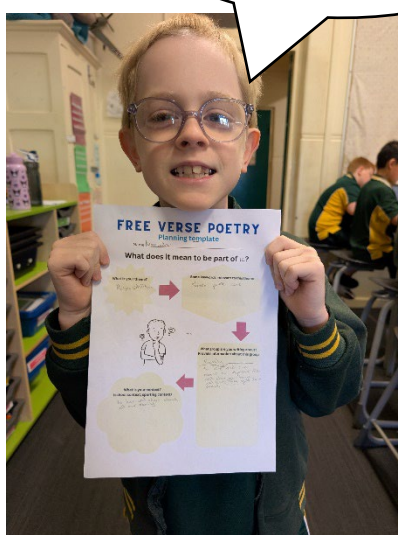
Today we visited 3/4A to find out what they have been learning. The whole class was excited to share their learning in poetry writing, maths, art and digital literacy. Take a look at what they have learned and **why it is important** to them.

During English lessons, 3/4A have been learning to write free verse poetry. Students brainstormed ideas, thoughts and feelings and created plans to form their poems. This type of writing builds expressive language skills and is a lot of fun!

I like writing poetry because I can express myself. When I am a makeup artist, I will write a poem for every style!

I work hard on writing because when I grow up it is important to have people understand you.

Learning to write with expression will help me in high school.



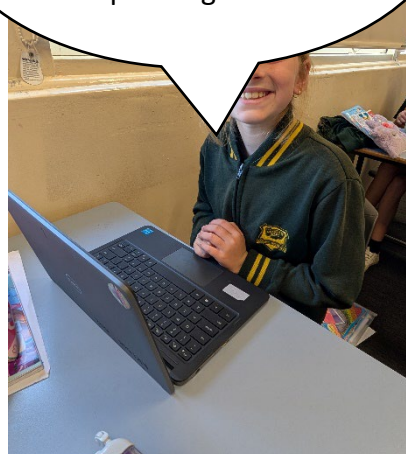
After poetry, students created informative texts using Google Docs. They added pictures, tabled information and shared it with their peers. Students created categories for their favourite and least favourite food. We will let you guess which category broccoli featured under!



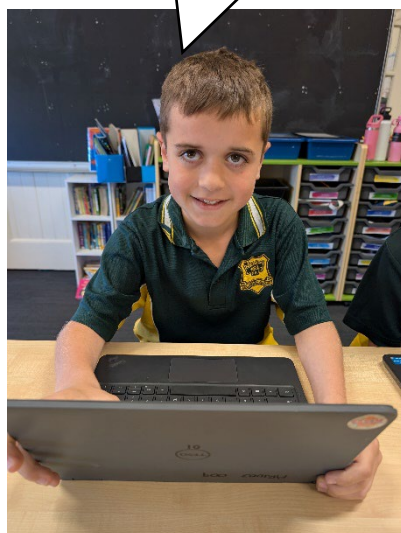


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I need to learn to use computers because when I grow up, I will build a website for my face painting business.



I like learning how to type fast. When I am a famous soccer player I can build a website for my team!



I want to be a teacher when I grow up so I need to learn to use the computer really well.

In maths, 3/4A are working on collecting and representing data in a graph. The class was surveyed to see what colour eyes are the most and least common. After collecting the data, students drew graphs to find the answer! Great work 3/4A!

Graphs help you organise. When I am an art teacher I will use graphs to organise my paints!



I want to be a teacher when I grow up so I need to learn to use the computer really well.





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Learning to use a computer is important to me because I want to build and code my own machine.



Especially typing fast



I love technology!

I am learning to code so I can be a computer scientist!





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In Art, students have created paintings to depict nature. Students considered placement of each element based on its symbolism. Aren't they wonderful!

Art makes me feel
happy and free.



Being creative is
important to me
because I want to be
a chef.



I love art because I
am creative and want
to be an artist and
singer.



Well done 3/4A on your wonderful learning this week!



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Thank you for
visiting us,
Grandparents!



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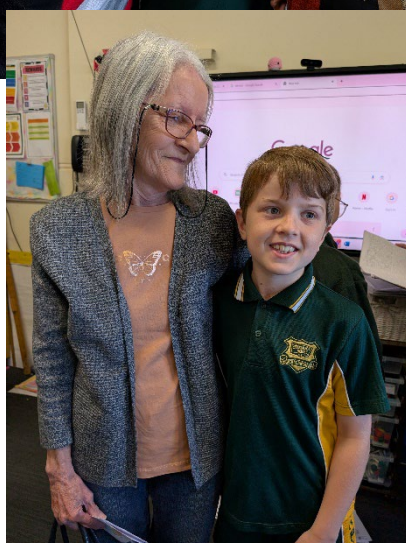


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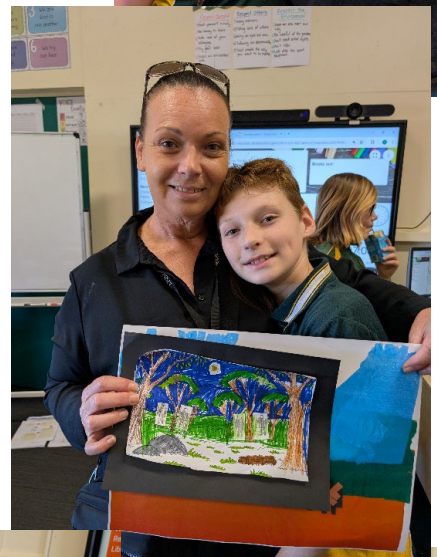


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