

Cessnock West Chatter 2025 – Term 3 Week 6

Our Aerobics team has a big day today, Saturday 30th August, as they represent our school on the Gold Coast at the FISAF Australia National Championships. We are so proud that they won their state competition and are at Nationals. We know they will be amazing and wish them all the best today.

Our P&C will be running the BBQ at Bunnings Cessnock this Sunday 31st August. Drop in and say hello and buy a sausage sandwich. Thank you to the volunteers who will be giving up their time to assist with this fundraiser.

Our K-2 playground revitalisation is nearing completion and we are all looking forward to enjoying our new space. Part of the redesign includes a sustainable yarning circle and native garden. On Monday, the Moani AET executive team collaborated and with Moir Studio landscape architects, Indigenous plant specialist, Brenden Moore, from Sydney Botanical Gardens and horticulturalists from Andreasens Green Nursery to learn about and select native plants to be used in our new gardens. A planting day will be held in coming weeks.

Congratulations to our students who received a Korreil Wonnai AECG 2025 Kullaburra award at the awards ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. Evelyn, Blake, Sebastian, Avah, Isabella, Tobias, Deanna & Courtney received attendance awards, Mason and Chelsea received the all-rounder award, Elijah the sport awards and Mileyjane and Blake the leadership awards. Our Star Struck dancers joined with other local schools to present an amazing performance. Great work.

Next Friday three students will represent CWPS and the Cessnock Zone at the Hunter PSSA Regional Athletics carnival. Congratulations to Isla, Luca and Silas Allanah who have made this team. We can't wait to hear how you go.

Also next week, our students will be involved in a K-6 gymnastics program, zone public speaking finals, debating and we look forward to celebrating Father's Day with the stall and breakfast.

The West Way: Anti-Bullying & Anti-Racism

This week, students focused on understanding what bullying and racism look like and how to respond in positive ways. They learned the importance of being an **upstander**—someone who speaks up and takes action to help others—rather than being a bystander who stays silent. Students also explored what racism is, why it is hurtful, and how we can all play a part in stopping it by treating others with fairness and kindness. Activities included creating kindness chains and sharing bold, kind, and respectful messages, which will be displayed around the school as a reminder that at Cessnock West, we say no to bullying and racism.

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 6 are:



Maddison and Taylen from KH, Jaikiaha and Zarleah from KL, Jaxon and Anastaisha from KM, Sammayra and Lilli-Ann from K1F, Mahalia and Noah from 1N, Lillie-Marie and Stevie from 1/2C, Tylah and Doulton from 2L, Elijah and Sofia from 2M, Piper and Kodah from 3/4A, Jackson and Kayne from 3/4C, Isla and Alexis from 3/4G, Ethan and Kash 3/4H, Kiera-lee and Rhyden from 4/5D, Elsie and Oliver from 5/6G, Aleah and Oliver from 5/6M, Grace and Brooklyn from 5/6N and Noah and Zoe 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

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
 Thursday 4th September: Father's Day stall
 Friday 5th September: Father's Day breakfast, Regional Athletics Carnival
 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

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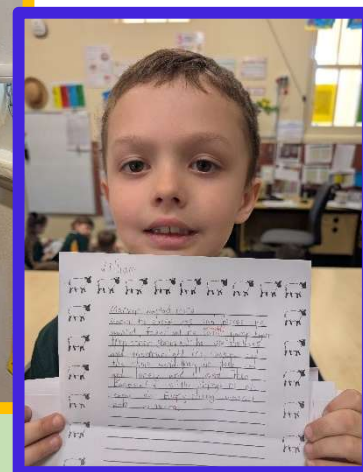
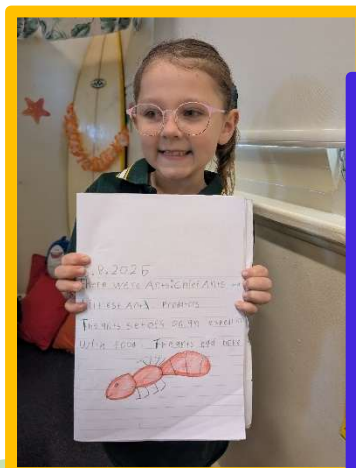
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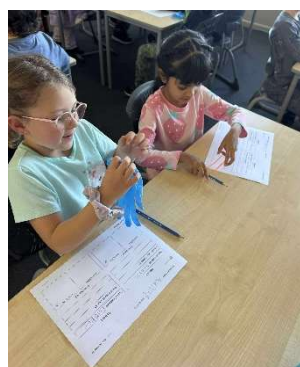
By combining geography and writing, students were able to explore the story *A Year on the Farm* by P. Matthews and A McLean. The text follows a family's life through the changing Australian seasons on their rural property, offering an inside view into farming life and seasonal rhythms. Building on their knowledge of seasons, students were able to create texts and artwork based on the weather.



During drama lessons, students have been practising tongue twisters! It has been lots of fun, met with giggles and rounds of applause. Can you say their favourite tongue twister?

She sells sea shells by the sea shore!

In science, students have been learning to investigate the properties of materials. Using adjectives like stretchy, firm, transparent and smooth, students described mystery items. So much fun!





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Well done 1N on your wonderful learning this week!

Yarning Circle and Native Garden



On Monday 25th August, our Moani Executive, Mrs Blackadder, Mrs Floyd and Miss Earl from the Korreil Wonnai AECG, travelled to Andreasens Green to meet with Moir Landscape architects, David from Andreasens and Brenden from the Royal Botanical gardens, to plan for the native plants to be used in our new K-2 playground and yarning circle.



Students learnt about the many uses & benefits of a huge range native plants, how to plant them correctly for optimal growth. We are so excited to see the planning come to fruition in a few short weeks.