

## Ellalong Public School

Term 2: Week 10

#### What's on ...

Friday 4th July
Gold Star Assembly
Firewood Raffle Draw

**5th July – 20 July** School Holidays

Monday 21st July Monday Staff return – Office is open.

Tuesday 22nd July First Day of Term 3 Students return

**Wednesday 23rd July** Yr 2 – 4 Film Making Workshop

**Thursday 24th July** Yr 5 – 6 Film Making Workshop

Monday 28th July Seahorse Excursion

Thursday 7th August Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20th August AVHS Academic Tes

MVHS Academic Tests Year - 6

Term 2 Attendance 91.6% (as at 3.7.25)

Overall Attendance for 2025 is 92.9! Target Attendance for 2025 is 95%!

Term 1 Attendance 94.1% Term 2 Attendance 91.6%

#### Principal's Message...

This term has been busy, brimming with opportunities across various academic, sporting, cultural, and creative pursuits within our school. Here are some key highlights!

We reached Round 4 in both the PSSA Netball Knockout and the PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout, beating much larger schools. Congratulations to the PSSA Girls' Soccer Knockout team for progressing to Round 5 in Term 3.

For the first time, we participated in the Premiers Spelling Bee, and it was fantastic to see our students' spelling skills on display. Good luck to Rylee S and Scarlett B, who will represent our school in the next rounds!

We continued our strong tradition of achievement in the Public Speaking Competition. We wish Charles H, Braxsen A, James H, Connie H, Elliot D, Ivy W, and Kruze A all the best as they represent the school at the zone competition in Week 7 of Term 3. I am incredibly proud of our participation in Starstruck 2025. Well done to our talented school team, including Sophia P, Charles H, Theia P, Aurora M, Mia J, James H, Willow C, and Ella J, for their dedication to the dance. Special recognition goes to Labella P, representing the school as a member of the CCGPS Choir, and to Charles H for his role in the Featured Dance Ensemble. We also raised \$2,835 through our participation in Jump Rope for Heart, supporting education and research into better prevention and management of heart disease. Thank you to our students and community for your amazing support of this important cause! We got to meet our 2026 Kindergarten students for the first time at the end of the term. We are looking forward to our extended transition to school over the next two terms and ensuring our newest students are ready for big school! New enrolments are still welcome! Congratulations to our former Ellalong Public School students who are proudly represented in the Mount View High School student leadership team! Congratulations to Olivia P (School Captain) William S (Vice Captain) and Kayla J, Shae M and Charli R (Senior Leaders). This is another proud moment for our school when we see so many of our former students continuing to achieve great things! Many thanks to Krista and the team who organised the Firewood Raffle, which raised (\$1550 at time of printing) for the P&C. Our gratitude goes to Noel Marsh for the generous donation and delivery of the wood. We truly appreciate the support from our school community.

As we head into the holidays, we wish Kirby all the best as she represents Maitland Netball at the State Titles. Good luck! Have a safe and happy holiday break and we will see you in Term 3! Paul Gaden

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## SCHOOL REPRESENTIVES

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#### REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Regional Cross Country Runners. Poppy B, Jayson H, Charles H and Pippa S who competed at Avondale last Friday.





#### NETBALL

Congratulations to our PSSA Knockout
Netball team. On Wednesday 25th our PSSA
Netball team represent our school against
Scone Public School at Cessnock Netball
Courts. Our team only lost by a few goals
but we are extremely proud of your efforts.
Thank you to Mrs Hall and Freya Burgess for
coaching and umpiring the team.



#### CCGPS CHOIR

Congratulations to Labella P who has been busy in the CCGPS Choir lately. Not only did she participate in Starstruck as a member of the choir, but she has also performed at the official opening of the new Cessnock Fire Station.

## SPELLING BEE

This term students from Year 3 to 6 competed in Ellalong's first Spelling Bee also known as the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our Stage 2 finalists: James H, Nash C, Jesse H, Braxsen A and Scarlett B and our Stage 3 finalists: Memphis P, Charles H, Liam J, Marlie C and Rylee S. Our overall winners Scarlett B and Rylee S who will be competing at the Regional Finals early in Term 3. This was a great opportunity for students to expand their vocabularies and improve their spelling.





## PUBLIC SPEAKING

This term many students completed in the school round of the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition. It was a tough competition with a range of engaging and entertaining topics presented. A big congratulations to our winners who will compete at the Zone Inter-School finals in Week 7 of Term 3.

Early Stage 1 - Kruze A

Stage 1 – Connie H and Elliot D

Stage 2 – James H and Braxsen A

Stage 3 – Charles H



# FORMER EPS STUDENTS NOW LEADING THE WAY AT MVHS



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(School Captain) William S (Vice Captain) and Kayla J, Shae M and Charli R (Senior Leaders).
This is another proud moment for our school when we see 5 out of 9 leadership positions go to our former students who are continuing to achieve great things!

## STARSTRUCK

What an amazing opportunity it was for our dancers to participate in 2025 Starstruck. Congratulations to all our amazing dancers! They have worked so hard this term, giving up their play time to learn the choreography, spending long days at rehearsals, and having early mornings and late nights for the shows! We are so proud of you all! They have all had the best time and they are so keen to do it again in future years and to share this experience with their friends back at school! Thank you to our families for supporting the students to be a part of the production. Well done superstars!!

We should also congratulate Charlie H for his extra special role as a member of the Featured Dance Ensemble. Well done!







# Have you thought about your Book Parade costume yet?

Start to think about your Book Week costume! Our combined Education Week Assembly, Book Parade and Book Fair will be held on Thursday 21st August under the COLA. Come dressed as your favourite character! This year's theme is "Book An Adventure"! Pics from last year below!



## EPS CALENDAR TERM 3

Wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Term 3 Week 1 July	21 Staff Development Day	22 First Day of Term 3 for Students	23 Year 2 – 4 Film Making Workshop	24 Year 5 – 6 Film Making Workshop	25	26/27
Term 3 Week 2 July / Aug	28 Seahorse Excursion Fly Point Stage 3 Debate v Bellbird @ Ellalong	29	30	31 Stage 1 League- Tag	1 Aug Dance2bfit	2/3
Term 3 Week 3 Aug	4 Parent Teacher Interviews 3/4C	5 P&C Meeting at 3pm Parent Teacher Interviews 5/6W	6 Parent Teacher Interviews 2/3C	7 Zone Athletics Carnival – Maitland Parent Teacher Interviews KC	8 Dance2bfit	9/10
Term 3 Week 4 Aug	11	12	13	14 Healthy Harold Year 5 Taster Lessons	15 Healthy Harold Dance2bfit MVHS Academic Class Applications Due	16/17
Term 3 Week 5 Aug	18 Cessnock Library Visit to Ellalong	19 AET Leadership Day @ St Philips Kindergarten Transition 1 (pm)	20 MVHS Academic Class Tests - Year 6	21 Education Week Assembly, Book Parade and Book Fair + Gold Star	22 Dance2bfit	23/24 Millfield Community Fair
Term 3 Week 6 Aug	25 Year 4-6 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft	26 Year 4-6 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft Parent Teacher Interviews 1/2B	27 Year 4-6 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft Kullaburra Awards @ CHS	28	29 Hockey	30/31
Week 7 Sept	1 Zone Public Speaking Finals this Week	2 Kindergarten Transition 2 (pm)	3 P&C Meeting 7pm	4	5 Regional Athletics Fathers Day Stall and Activities	6/7 Fathers Day
Week 8 Sept	8 MVHS Academic Class Interviews This Week	9 STEAM Day	10	11 Wiyala Public Speaking Day @ Kurri Kurri PS	12 Netball Gala Day at Cessnock	13/14
Week 9 Sept	15 Hockey Film By - First Submission Due	16 Kindergarten Transition 3 (pm)	17	18 MVHS Aboriginal Students Culture Day	19 K-3 Tocal Excursion	20/21
Week 10 Sept	22	23	24	25 Grandparents Day and Colour Run * + Gold Star	26 Hockey	27/28

<sup>\*</sup> Apologies for the change of date. This change allows us to complete both the Hockey program and Grandparents Day and Colour Run.