



What's on ...

Tuesday 10th June
Spelling Bee – School
Based Finals

Wednesday 11th June
Star Struck Rehearsal

Friday 13th June
Star Struck

Saturday 14th June
Star Struck

Monday 16th June
Public Speaking
Competition

Wednesday 18th June
Pyjamas Day – Year 6
Fundraising
P&C Meeting

Thursday 19th June
PSSA Soccer Gala Day

Friday 20th June
Regional Cross Country

Week 9
NAIDOC Wk Activities

Monday 30th June
3/4C Seahorse Excursion

Thursday 3rd July
Kinder Muster

Term 2 Attendance 91.8%
(as at 5.6.25)

Target Attendance for
2025 is 95%!

Term 1 Attendance 94.1%

Principal's Message...

We are past the mid-point of Term 2! There has been some great work from many students' as we continue to work hard and learn, every day!

Updated school zones are now in place, with Pelton now zoned to Bellbird Public School. For more details on these changes, please visit the [School Finder](#) website. With the first of our transition to school activities happening before the end of the term, we are seeking to gather all enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. If your child is joining our great school or you know of someone who is, please let them know that we are accepting enrolments through the [school website](#) now!

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our community for their understanding and support during the disruptions to our school operations caused by the recent local flooding. Thank you all. I am pleased to report that our school has not experienced any significant impacts, allowing us to resume operations smoothly.

A special thank you goes to Miss Carr and Miss Woodbury for their dedication and hard work in preparing our Star Struck performers for this week's huge performance. Best of luck to all our talented students as they showcase their amazing skills!

I would like to thank Marlie, Oliver, Chad, Jakye, Kiarna, and Brax A for sharing valuable insights about National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week last week. Your contributions help foster a deeper understanding of these important events in our community.

My thanks goes to the anonymous family who very generously donated the funds for another student to be able to attend the Year 4-6 school camp. What a great example of kindness and community!

Paul Gaden
Principal



1/2B in costume for
the Star Struck
fundraiser.

Gold Stars!

Congratulations to our Term 2 Mid Term Gold Star Award Recipients! These people have been leading the way as 'Safe, Respectful Learners' in our classroom and school. Well done! Congratulations to (top row); Charli P (KC), Elliott D (1/2B), (bottom row) Felicity L (2/3C), Brax A (3/4C) and Pippa S (5/6W).



Raising Healthy Minds App

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help parents and carers raise confident, resilient children. Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds aims to support children's social and emotional wellbeing with evidence-based information.

You'll find information on topics like dealing with worries and making friends, as well as ideas for day-to-day life, like creating family routines, looking after yourself as a parent, and building strong relationships.

The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years. You can tailor information to the age of your child and opt-in to receive helpful tips. Raising Healthy Minds provides simple-to-use information at your fingertips with clear actions you can start today.

Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to raisingchildren.net.au/rhm to learn more and raise a healthy mind 🧠 😊



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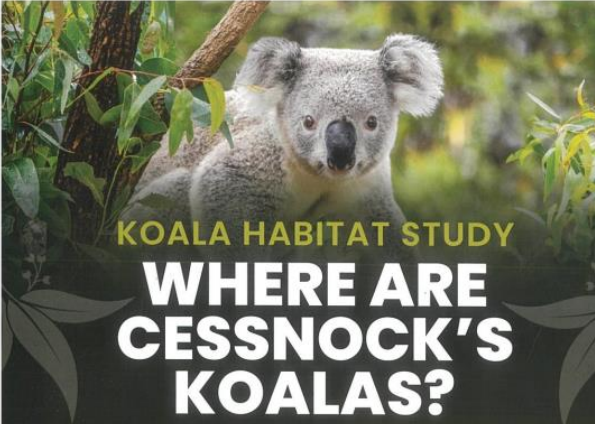
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Good News!

Have you got some good news or an achievement to share with the school community? Please email it to ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can share it on our socials!

Cessnock Council Koala Study



KOALA HABITAT STUDY

WHERE ARE CESSNOCK'S KOALAS?

Cessnock City Council is partnering with the NSW Koala Strategy to better understand our region's koala population.

We're launching a Koala Habitat Study to:

- Identify key koala habitats
- Conduct targeted koala surveys
- Improve conservation efforts

CALLING LOCAL LANDHOLDERS!
We need your help!
If you have suitable habitat on your property, you can volunteer to be part of the study by allowing researchers to conduct koala habitat assessments.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!
Scan the QR code to register your interest or visit:
<https://together.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/koala>

Have questions about the project? Email koalas@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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KOALA WORKSHOP

CESSNOCK'S KOALAS

HABITAT, DRONES, DOGS AND PLANTS

In response to community questions about the Koala Habitat Study and the NSW Koala Strategy, Cessnock City Council is bringing together a panel of experts for a community forum.

Saturday, 14 June | 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Mulbring Community Hall
12 Stone St, Mulbring NSW 2323

Refreshments provided. Bookings essential.

For more information and to secure your place, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://events.humanitix.com/cessnock-koala-workshop>

Have questions about the project? Email koalas@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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2025 Athletics Carnival



Education Week and Book Parade!



Our annual Education Week Assembly and Book Week Parade is on 21st August (Term 3 Week 5)

📖 ✨ Get Ready for an Adventure! ✨ 📖

The countdown to the 2025 Book Week Parade has officially begun! This year's theme is "Book an Adventure," and we can't wait to see all the incredible characters come to life!

Now is the perfect time to start brainstorming and planning those creative costumes! Whether you're inspired by a daring hero, a mischievous villain, or a magical creature, let your imagination run wild!

Parents, we encourage you to get involved and help your little ones bring their chosen characters to life. Start gathering materials and crafting those fabulous outfits, because this is an adventure you won't want to miss!

Mark your calendars, get your creative juices flowing, and let's make this Book Week Parade an unforgettable journey through the pages of our favourite stories!

Happy reading and planning!



REMINDERS

Absences

Parents and carers are asked to please answer the SMS for all day and late arrival absences of your child through School Bytes Portal. Alternatively, contact the office on 4998 1360.

Whilst we are always looking to keep our school attendance high, we remind parents that sending your children to school when they are sick can actually have a negative impact on our schools overall attendance, as illness spreads through friends and classes. For further information on suggested school exclusion periods for a range of illnesses, please refer to [School exclusion periods - infections, colds, COVID-19 | healthdirect](#)

Camp

Our Point Wolstoncroft Camp is coming around quickly. Please make sure your payments are up to date. A note will be sent home in Term 3 with a list of items to bring to camp.

EPS CALENDAR

TERM 2 / 3

Wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Wk 7 June	9 Kings Birthday Long Weekend	10 Spelling Bee School Based Finals - Postponed	11 Star Struck Rehearsal Zone Touch Football	12	13 Star Struck (Day time) Show	14/15 Star Struck (Afternoon / Evening) Show
Wk 8 June	16 Public Speaking Competition at School	17 Debating Team v Nulkaba	18 Year 6 Fundraiser PJ's Day P&C Meeting	19 PSSA Soccer Gala Day at Baddeley Park	20 Volleyball for Sport	21/22
Wk 9 June	23 NAIDOC Activities	24	25	26	27 MVHS Students Teach Aboriginal Dance and Games. Volleyball for Sport Regional Cross Country	28/29
Wk 10 June/July NAIDOC Week	30 Seahorse Excursion 3/4C	1	2 Reports Sent Home	3 2026 Kindy Muster (afternoon tea) at school!	4 Volleyball for Sport Gold Star Assembly Last Day Term 2	5/6
Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
Term 3 Week 1 July	21 Staff Development Day	22 First Day of Term 3 for Students	23	24	25	26/27
Term 3 Week 2 July / Aug	28	29	30	31	1 Aug Dance2bfit	2/3
Term 3 Week 3 Aug	4	5	6	7 Zone Athletics Carnival	8 Dance2bfit	9/10
Term 3 Week 4 Aug	11	12	13	14 Healthy Harold	15 Dance2bfit MVHS Academic Class Applications Due	16/17
Term 3 Week 5 Aug	18	19 AET Leadership Day	20 MVHS Academic Class Tests - Year 6	21 Education Week Assembly and Book Fair	22 Dance2bfit	23/24
Term 3 Week 6 Aug	25 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft	26 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft	27 Camp Pt. Wolstoncroft Kullaburra Awards CHS	28	29	30/3