



What's on ...

For full details, see the Term 1 calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

Friday 7th Feb

Year 6 Leaders Day at
East Cessnock Bowling
Club

Friday 14th Feb

Meet the teacher BBQ
1pm-2pm
First Assembly

Wednesday 26th Feb

Whole School
Photographs

Friday 28th Feb

Zone Swimming

Monday 3rd March to

Friday 7th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 12th March to

Monday 24th March

NAPLAN Testing Window
for Year 3 & 5.

Friday 21st March

Harmony Day

Thursday 10th April

School Cross Country

Friday 11th April

Last Day of Term 1

*Target Attendance for
Term 1 is 95%!*

Principal's Message...

It is with great excitement that I welcome everyone back to Ellalong 2025! We have a great team of staff assembled and a great bunch of students who we know will make us proud with their academic, sporting and cultural growth and achievements throughout 2025.

This morning we welcomed our beautiful new kindergarten students who have made an impressive start to school! Congratulations to our parents on this special milestone and we look forward to developing great partnerships with you throughout your child's learning journey.

Some priorities in 2025!

This year we will be maintaining an academic focus on quality teaching and learning practices in the key priority areas of reading comprehension, writing and mathematics. We will be collecting student assessment results and using these to support differentiated teaching that benefits all students.

We have reflected on and improved some of our rules, routines and procedures to enhance our positive learning environment and personalised learning support practices. As always, we aim to have better attendance than the State average - something we have a proud history of achieving!

Additionally, we are looking to ensure the school communicates effectively with parents and the wider community to set high expectations for all students, promote school events, and celebrate our achievements. We want parents as informed partners in our children's learning. Please check out the 'Ellalong Public School Communication Channels' page of this newsletter to stay connected.

Friday 14th February is the Meet the Teacher BBQ. We will provide students and parents a sausage sizzle lunch on that day. It is a great, informal opportunity to meet your child teacher and open communication lines. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it on the day.

Looking forward to working with you all in 2025!

Paul Gaden
Principal

Ellalong Public School Communication Channels

Access via a web browser and/or download the apps.



School Bytes

Permission notes, attendance
excursion payments, school
newsletters



Spriggy Schools

Canteen, uniforms,
fundraisers, special events



Seesaw

Class updates, reminders,
teacher communications



Private P&C Facebook Group

Canteen updates, reminders,
Q & A forum



Public P&C Facebook Page

P&C news and events



Public DoE School Facebook Page

School news

Introducing our 2025 Classes



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EPS CALENDAR TERM

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Wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Term 1 Wk 1 January / February	27	28	29	30	31 Staff Development Day	1/2 Feb
Term 1 Wk 2 February	3	4	5	6 All Students Return Kinder Photos	7 Year 6 Leadership Day @ East Cessnock Bowling Club	8/9
Term 1 Wk 3 February	10 AET Voting	11 Sports Captain Voting 12pm PSSA Meeting 2:30pm Speech and Language Assessment: Kinder	12	13	14 Meet the teacher BBQ 1pm – 2pm First Assembly: Sports House & AET Leaders Induction	15/16
Term 1 Wk 4 February	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
Term 1 Wk 5 February / March	24	25 Scripture Starts	26 P&C AGM	27 Year 5 Taster Lesson	28 Zone Swimming	1/2 March
Term 1 Wk 6 March	3 Parent Teacher Interviews 1/2B	4 Jnr AET – Kurri HS Parent Teacher Interviews 5/6W	5 Parent Teacher Interviews 2/3C	6 Parent Teacher Interviews 3/4C	7 Parent Teacher Interviews KC	8/9
Term 1 Wk 7 March	10	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15/16
Term 1 Wk 8 March	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN Harmony Day	22/23
Term 1 Wk 9 March	24 NAPLAN	25	26 P&C Meeting	27 Whole School Photos	28	29/30
Term 1 Wk 10 March / April	31	1 April Soccer: 5 aside	2	3	4	5/6
Term 1 Wk 11 April	7	8	9	10 School Cross Country	11 Last Day of Term	12/13