



### What's on ...

**Thursday 8th May**  
Mothers Day Stall  
Mothers Day Afternoon  
Tea from 1:20pm and  
activities from 2pm.

**Wednesday 7th May**  
Star Struck Rehearsal

**Friday 9th May**  
Zone Cross Country

**Wednesday 14th May**  
Star Struck Fundraiser

**Thursday 15th May**  
Interrelate

**Friday 16th May**  
Soccer PSSA Trials  
Zone Cross Country  
Back Up

**Friday 23rd May**  
Regional Cross Country

Have you returned  
your Chocolate  
Box Fundraising  
yet?

*Term 1 Attendance*  
**94.1%**

*Target Attendance for*  
**2025 is 95%!**

### Principal's Message...

**Welcome back** to our beautiful little school for Term 2. As always, we have a calendar (page 4) that is jam packed full of activities that will enrich your child's education, provide different opportunities for learning and we will host events that connect our community. We look forward to continuing to build our partnerships this term.

For me personally, it has been a longer than usual break as I took time to care for my son after knee surgery. Whilst I thoroughly enjoyed spending more time with my family, I have missed the EPS family as well and I am looking forward to a great term working with you all.

This term, with your help, we will be looking to further extend our learners. Our school-wide focus will continue to be on attendance and a high-quality learning environment, where our behavioural expectations are consistent and clear. Within our classrooms, we will continue to provide explicit teaching and differentiated learning that helps all our learners progress.

We have looked at the High Potential and Gifted Education Policy during the start of term staff development days, so it is exciting to see some of the opportunities we have on offer this term in the physical (soccer, netball, volleyball, cross country, athletics) and creative (Star Struck) domains, along with the ongoing opportunities we provide in the intellectual and social/emotional domain.

This year we are pleased to introduce updated school reports for Kindergarten to Year 6. Developed by the DOE, these new reports are designed to be easier to read and understand. In Years 1-6, reports will reflect your child's progress across all subject areas, with teacher comments for English, mathematics, and a general comment only. Kindergarten reports will also have comments for other KLA's, but no grades. A revised achievement scale will provide a clearer picture of your child's progress.

Looking forward to a great Term 2!

**Paul Gaden**  
**Principal**

# Good News!

*Have you got some good news or an achievement from the holidays to share with the school community? Please email it to [ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) so we can share it on our socials!*

Congratulations to Braxsen who competed in the Australian Junior Dirt Track Championships in the U9-U13 age group. Brax achieved second in the Junior Dirt Track 85cc 2-stroke / 150cc 4-stroke and second in the Junior Dirt Track 65CC 2-stroke divisions.

Congratulations Brax, who is pictured here with his medals and Australian title rings!



Congratulations to Theia P who came third in the Junior Paraders at the Royal Easter Show during the holidays, showing 'Victoria' the black angus heffer. Theia had to do a lot of preparation to train Victoria and present her prior to the show. Theia was the second youngest competitor, yet performed very well to beat other more experienced paraders. Well done, Theia!



## ANZAC Day



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the wonderful students and families for attending and representing Ellalong so well at the ANZAC Day march and service in Cessnock. Your participation in the community event was truly commendable, and you should all feel very proud of how you represented our school.

In addition to the community ceremony, our school held a small but meaningful ANZAC Day ceremony to honour the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of those who have served. Our students demonstrated great respect as we paused to reflect, laid wreaths, and recited the Ode. Lest we forget.

# FREE ADMISSION

BELLBIRD WORKERS CLUB &  
NEWCASTLE SOCIETY OF MAGICIANS PRESENTS



NEWCASTLE LEGEND

## **SUPER HUBERT**

**& MAGIC FRIENDS**

A FAMILY MAGIC SHOW FOR ALL AGES!

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025, 2PM  
**BELLBIRD WORKERS CLUB**  
409 WOLLOMBI RD, BELLBIRD

# EPS CALENDAR

## TERM 2

| Wk.                                      | Mon                                             | Tue                            | Wed                                                                      | Thu                                                                                                      | Fri                                                                      | Sat / Sun            |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| April/May<br>Wk 1                        | 28<br>Staff<br>Development<br>Day               | 29<br>Staff Development<br>Day | 30<br>Students<br>Return<br>Under 12's 9-a-<br>side Rugby -<br>Postponed | 1<br>PSSA Gala Netball<br>Day                                                                            | 2<br>Soccer Knockout<br>Gala Day -<br>Postponed<br>Chocolate \$\$ due    | 3/4<br>Election Day! |
| May<br>Wk 2                              | 5                                               | 6                              | 7<br>Star Struck<br>Rehearsal                                            | 8<br>Mothers' Day<br>Stall (am)<br>Interrelate<br>10:00am –<br>01:20pm<br>Mothers Day<br>Activities (pm) | 9<br>Zone Cross<br>Country<br>No Assembly                                | 10/11<br>Mothers Day |
| May<br>Wk 3                              | 12                                              | 13                             | 14<br>Star Struck<br>Fundraiser –<br>Out of Uniform<br>day               | 15<br>Interrelate<br>01:30pm –<br>03:00pm                                                                | 16<br>Back up date<br>Zone Cross<br>Country<br>PSSA Soccer<br>Trials     | 17/18                |
| Wk 4<br>May                              | 19                                              | 20                             | 21                                                                       | 22<br>Year 6 Taster<br>Lesson                                                                            | 23<br>Regional Cross<br>Country                                          | 24/25                |
| Wk 5<br>May                              | 26                                              | 27<br>Star Struck<br>Rehearsal | 28<br>Grip<br>Leadership<br>Newcastle                                    | 29                                                                                                       | 30<br>Gold Star<br>Assembly                                              | 31/1                 |
| Wk 6<br>June                             | 2<br>CPR training for<br>5/6 students 2-<br>3pm | 3<br>AET leadership day        | 4<br>Money Talk –<br>Year 5 and 6                                        | 5                                                                                                        | 6<br>Athletics Carnival                                                  | 7/8                  |
| Wk 7<br>June                             | 9<br>Kings Birthday<br>Long Weekend             | 10                             | 11<br>Star Struck<br>Rehearsal                                           | 12                                                                                                       | 13<br>Star Struck                                                        | 14/15<br>Star Struck |
| Wk 8<br>June                             | 16                                              | 17                             | 18<br>Year 6<br>Fundraiser                                               | 19                                                                                                       | 20<br>Volleyball for<br>Sport                                            | 21/22                |
| Wk 9<br>June                             | 23                                              | 24                             | 25                                                                       | 26                                                                                                       | 27<br>Volleyball for<br>Sport                                            | 28/29                |
| Wk 10<br>June/July<br><br>NAIDOC<br>Week | 30<br>Seahorse<br>Excursion 3/4C                | 1                              | 2<br>Reports Sent<br>Home                                                | 3<br>NAIDOC Activities                                                                                   | 4<br>Volleyball for<br>Sport<br>Gold Star<br>Assembly<br>Last Day Term 2 | 5/6                  |