



What's on ...

Monday 28th July
Seahorse Excursion

Thursday 31st July
Stage 1 League Tag

Monday 4th August
Parent Teacher Interviews this week (except for 1/2B)

Tuesday 5th August
P&C Meeting 3pm in the Library and Online

Thursday 7th August
Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 13th August
Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals

14th & 15th August
Healthy Harold Visit

Wednesday 20th August
MVHS Academic Tests Year - 6

Term 2 Attendance was
91.9%

Overall Attendance for 2025 is 93!

Target Attendance for 2025 is 95%!

Term 1 Attendance 94.1%
Term 2 Attendance 91.9%

Principal's Message...

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for another exciting term filled with opportunities for our students and community.

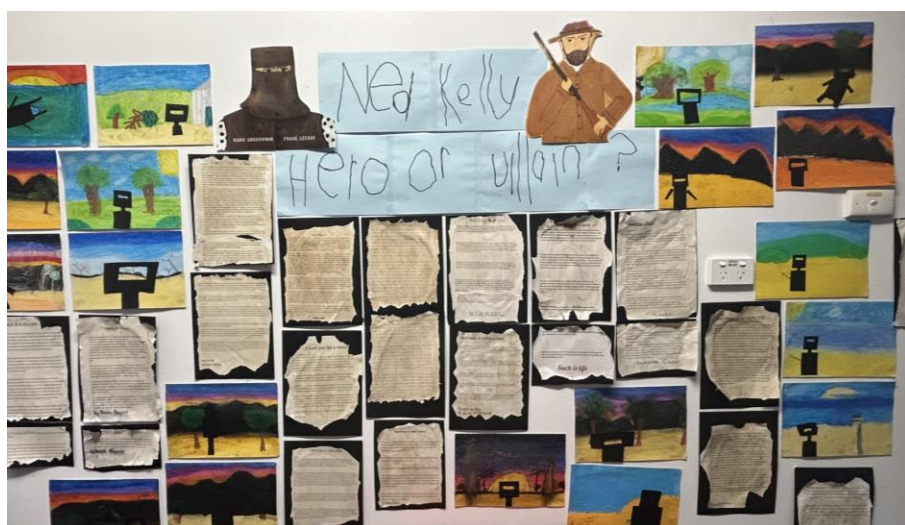
This term, we have a fantastic lineup of events that we can't wait to share with you. We wish our representatives in the public speaking competitions and debating teams the best of luck as they showcase their talents this term. Let's also cheer on our athletes who will be representing the school at the Zone Athletics!

We're thrilled to kick off the Dance2BFit program and welcome Healthy Harold for an engaging visit. Additionally, we are excited to begin our Kindergarten 2026 Transition to School program and look forward to the Year 4 - 6 Camp. K-3 also have an excursion booked in to Tocal.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 21st, as we invite all our parents to join us for the combined Education Week and Book Week Assemblies and the Book Fair in Week 5. Don't forget to create costumes of your favourite book character for the occasion and keep the day clear for this wonderful celebration!

Keep an eye out for the Parent / Teacher Interviews on the School Bytes portal. This is a great opportunity to chat about your child's progress so far and learning goals for the rest of the year.

Looking forward to a fantastic term ahead as we continue the great work we have accomplished together so far!



Check out 3/4C's great writing from Term 2 in the office foyer!

Paul Gaden
Principal

Gold Stars!

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 10 Gold Star Award recipients. These students have led the way by being safe, respectful learners in their classes and in the playground. Well done!



Kindergarten: Lila M



1/2C: Garratt M



3/4C: Aurora M



5/6W: Clay F

Holiday Achievements!

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements over the schools holidays! Kirby and her Maitland rep team finished 14th in the state after a gruelling 3 days of netball against the State's best U12 Division 1 netballers!

Poppy played in Tamworth the same weekend for Cessnock Cobras representative basketball team in the finals. They won their first match by 1 point after Poppy slotted two incredible shots to put them in front. They went down in the preliminary final by 9 points against a Newcastle team that has always put 30+ points on them throughout the season. They ended the season 3rd overall in the Eastern Junior League.

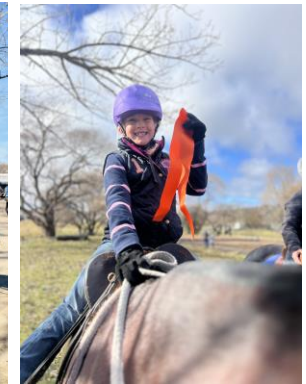
Brax A has been preparing for the Motor Cross State Titles in a few weeks, however spent the holidays in Mildura fine tuning his skills on his 125cc speedway bike.... Which has no brakes!



Holiday Achievements!

Beau (white helmet) and Sophia (purple helmet) competed at the Glowalman Campdraft in Walcha. They made it home without freezing to death, but only just, due to an intermittent power supply and conditions that even locals found 'chilly'. Beau had a fabulous time, competing very well against many riders much older than him. Sophia won ribbons in various events, once again showing that she is a top competitor in these events.

Charles competed at the Gunnedah Swim Club Short Course Carnival, competing against squad swimmers from all over the region. Charles received: 2nd 11-12yrs 200m medley, 2nd 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st 12yrs 50m Backstroke, 1st 12yrs 50m Butterfly, 2nd 11-12yrs 100m Backstroke, 3rd 12yrs 50m Breaststroke, and 3rd 11-12yrs 100m Freestyle.



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!

As always, our Book Fair will be held during the lunch interval on this day. Usually, parents and grandparents like to purchase a new book for their children from the fair, and we often get some generous donations towards the school library collection.



SICK BAY

During Term 2, we recorded over 210 entries into our sick bay register, not inclusive of medication schedules. This has placed a significant workload on our office staff. While we are always committed to providing support to students who genuinely need support and medical attention, we have observed that a number of these visits may not have been necessary. We believe that fostering resilience in our students is essential for their development, and we encourage families to engage with their children about how to manage minor ailments or discomforts. To this end, at some time throughout the term we will be writing to inform you of the number of times your child has visited the sick bay so far during Term 3. Our hope is that this information can assist you in discussing strategies that may help your child build resilience and to manage minor issues independently when appropriate. We are happy to work with you regarding this.

Please know that we are dedicated to supporting all our students and that we are committed towards trying to find the appropriate balance that develops resilience while maintaining our high standard of care.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me on 02 4998 1360 or ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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 (Library and Online) 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 Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Final	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 Gold Star Assembly	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 (Library and Online)	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 Days	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

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