



What's on ...

Monday 1st

September

This week is Zone Public Speaking Finals

Wednesday 3rd

September

P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 5th September

Regional Athletics

Father's Day Stall and Activities

Tuesday 9th September

Yr 6

STEAM Day

Wednesday 10th

September

Singleton Netball Gala Day

Friday 12th September

Cessnock Netball Gala Day

Friday 19th September

K-3 Total Excursion

Thursday 25th

September

Grandparents Day and

Colour Run

Gold Star Assembly

Term 3 Attendance so far:

91.5%

Overall Attendance for

2025 is 92.7%

Target Attendance for

2025 is 95%!

Term 1 Attendance 94.1%

Term 2 Attendance 91.9%

Principal's Message...

As I write this, we have passed the mid point of a busy and successful Term 3 with much to celebrate. Looking back through the schools Facebook feed we can reflect on some of the great activities and achievements of the term and recognise the unique and diverse talents of our students.

This term, we received the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results. While there were a variety of outcomes to both celebrate and use to inform our future focus areas, we are proud to share that the growth rate of our Year 5 students at Ellalong, compared to students across the State, is outstanding. Specifically, from Year 3 to Year 5, our students' growth in Reading exceeded the State average by 9.2%, in Numeracy by an impressive 31.95%, and in Writing, our growth surpassed the State average by an exceptional 43.64%.

Congratulations to Marlie C who was asked to perform the Acknowledgement of Country at the Kullaburra Awards. This event recognised the attendance and achievements of Aboriginal students in the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. Marlie was also presented with a 'Sports Award', Braxsen A was also presented with an 'All Rounder' award, while Bronte B, Delilah G, Skylah F and two others received awards for excellent attendance. Congratulations to these students!

With the commencement of Kindergarten Orientation to 'Big School', we have begun planning for 2026. If you know of any families moving into or out of the area, please let us know so we can consider this in our planning.

Kinder 2026 Transition Dates

Reminders to parents:

- supervision starts at 8:40am and students should not be arriving at school before this time
- a student with anaphylaxis to hazel nuts (including Nutella) attends our school. Please avoid sending these products to school with your child.

Paul Gaden
Principal



Ellalong Public School
KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Students will experience the classroom environment.

Students only sessions 1 & 2

SESSION 1- Tuesday 19th August 1:45-2:45
SESSION 2- Tuesday 2nd September 1:45-2:45

Students & Families sessions 3 & 4

SESSION 3- Tuesday 16th September 1:45-2:45
SESSION 4- Wednesday 29th October 1:45-2:45

Students only long sessions 5 & 6

SESSION 5- Wednesday 12th November 9am-12pm
SESSION 6- Wednesday 26th November 9am-12pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic- MORE INFO TO COME

Gold Stars!

Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 5 Gold Star Award recipients. These students have led the way by being safe, respectful learners. These special Gold Stars were presented at the Education Week Assembly in Week 5. Well done!



Kinder: Delilah G



1/2B: Aria F



2/3C: Addison D



3/4C: Nash C



5/6W: Poppy B

Nash and Poppy also joined the prestigious Super Star Club!

Education Week and Book Parade and Book Fair.

Two students from each class were nominated for our Education Week Awards, all of which were 'for dedication and enthusiasm towards his/her learning'. Well done!



KC Ivy & Teddy D
1/2B Crixus & Elliott
2/3 C Lily & Bronte
3/4 C James & Braxsen
5/6 W Clay & Pippa



It was great to see all the children (and staff) dressed as their favourite book characters. For some it was their first Book Parade, whilst for others it was their last at Ellalong. Despite the alternate plans we made, it was amazing to see everyone get into the spirit of Book Week.



A huge thank you to all who made a purchase from the book fair. In a frantic one hour, we sold over \$3220 in books! This means that we will get a great commission to spend on library resources. Thank you!

Year 4/5/6 Camp - Point Wolstencroft

Well done to our Year 4-6 students who attended an unforgettable camp adventure! The trip was packed with classic outdoor activities like kayaking, fishing, rock climbing, damper making, and much more. Our campers embraced the great outdoors, learning new skills and enjoying every moment around the campfire and beyond. It was wonderful to see all students showing great behaviour and enthusiasm, making the experience truly memorable. A big thank you to Mrs Tomlinson, Miss Crossley, and Miss Woodbury for organising this fantastic excursion and generously giving their time to make it all possible.



Check-In Assessment TERM 3

Students in Years 3 to 6 are completing the Check-in Assessments this week. Check-in assessments are short, focused (computer-based) tests designed to help teachers quickly gauge students' understanding and skills in key areas such as reading and numeracy. Year 6 also complete a writing assessment. The results provide valuable insights that inform teaching strategies and ensure all students receive the assistance they need to succeed.



EPS CALENDAR TERM 3

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

EPS CALENDAR

TERM 4

Wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Term 4 Week 1 October	13	14	15	16	17 EPS Film Festival films due	18/19
Term 34 Week 2 October	20	21	22 EPS Film Festival @MVHS	23	24	25/26
Term 4 Week 3 October/ November	27	28 Stage 1 League Tag Day @Kurri	29 Kinder Transition 4pm	30	31	1/2
Term 4 Week 4 November	3	4 Film by the Vines @PACC	5	6 Year 6 Taster Lesson	7	8/9
Term 4 Week 5 November	10	11	12 Kinder Transition 5pm	13	14	15/16
Term 4 Week 6 November	17	18 Leadership Day hosted by MVHS @ Cessnock PCYC Jumpstart #1	19	20	21	22/23
Term 4 Week 7 November	24	25 Jumpstart #2	26 Kinder Transition 6am	27 Cessnock Walks Kawuma	28	29/30
Term 4 Week 8 December	1 Swim School	2 Swim School Year 6 Orientation Day @MVHS	3 Swim School Sing-Along @Ellalong	4 Swim School	5 Swim School	6/7
Term 4 Week 9 December	8	9	10 Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell	11	12 Reward Day	13/14
Term 4 Week 10 December	15	16	17 Swimming Carnival	18	19	20/21