



What's on ...

Friday 17th Oct
Film Festival Films Due

Wednesday 22nd Oct
*EPS Film Festival
Evening*

Thursday 23rd Oct
Miss Woodbury's last day

Tuesday 28th Oct
Stage 1 League Tag Day

Wednesday 29th Oct
Kindergarten Transition

Thursday 30th Oct
Bandana Day

Tuesday 4th Nov
*Film By the Vines Gala
Day at PACC*

End of Year Dates
Mon 1st Dec to Fri 5th Dec
– Swim School
Wed 3rd December -
Sing-Along @ Ellalong
Wed 10th December
Presentation Day + Year
6 Farewell

Fri 19th December
Last Day of School and
Year 6 Clap Out

Term 3 Attendance was

91.8%

*Overall Attendance for
2025 is 92.6%*

*Target Attendance for
2025 is 95%!*

Term 1 Attendance 94.1%

Term 2 Attendance 91.9%

Principal's Message...

Welcome back to the final term for 2025! It is crazy to think we are 10 weeks away from completing 2025's academic year. Term 4 is always exciting as we look to farewell our Year 6's, vote in new student leaders, welcome our new Kindergarten students and complete the myriad of exciting activities that occur during Term 4. We have included a Term 4 calendar in this newsletter to help you plan for the term ahead.

Staffing News: This term we welcome back Mrs Hammond from maternity leave. Mrs Hammond will be working two days a week in a support and RFF role. Mr Nyman joins our team and will take 5/6W for the remainder of the year. Mr Nyman and Miss Woodbury will work together until Miss Woodbury takes maternity leave from Thursday, Week 2. Miss Gatt will be taking Kindergarten until Wednesday of Week 2 whilst Miss Carr is on leave after her wedding during the school holidays. Miss Stacey joins our team and will be working two-days-a-week in the RFF position. Mrs Hall is also enjoying an extended holiday overseas until Week 5, so we welcome Mrs Barnes into the AP role during this time.

Miss Webb has been a valued member of our teaching staff in various roles for some years now, however has recently relocated back to the Central Coast. On behalf of the Ellalong staff, students and community, we wish Miss Webb all the best with the coastal move and thank her for her outstanding work at Ellalong.



Mrs Hammond



Mr Nyman



Miss Gatt



Miss Stacey

In the office, for the first week, Mrs Leonard is also on leave so Mrs Tomlinson will be relieving in the SAM role, with Mrs Gorddard and Mrs Rodwell supporting her.

Film Festival!

Our talented young filmmakers have shown wonderful creativity and independence in preparing their films while Mrs Miller has been away. Film entries are due by **Friday afternoon**, as Mrs Miller has kindly offered to compile them over the weekend for our **Film Festival screening next Wednesday night**. Please remember that **late entries can't be accepted**, so make sure those final edits are ready to roll! Further details attached.

Paul Gaden
Principal

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 2/3 History Incursion	21	22 EPS Film Festival @MVHS	23 Miss Woodbury's last day	24	25/26
Term 4 Week 3 October/ November	27	28 Stage 1 League Tag Day @Kurri	29 Kinder Transition #4. 1:45pm – 2:45pm	30 Bandana Day	31	1/2
Term 4 Week 4 November	3	4 Film by the Vines @PACC	5	6 Year 6 Taster Lessons	7	8/9
Term 4 Week 5 November	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Kinder Transition #5. 9am – 12noon	13 5/6W Koala Program	14 Aboriginal Students transition to MVHS	15/16
Term 4 Week 6 November	17	18 Leadership Day hosted by MVHS @ Cessnock PCYC Jumpstart #1	19 5/6W Koala Excursion	20	21	22/23
Term 4 Week 7 November	24 5/6W Koala Workshop	25 Jumpstart #2 Scripture finishes	26 Kinder Transition #6 9am – 12noon	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 2026 School Leaders Speeches	5 Swim School	6/7
Term 4 Week 9 December	8 5/6W Koala Presentation	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 Year 6 Clap-Out at 2:30pm	20/21

Film Festival Season for 2025!

There are two different events.

Ellalong Public School Film Festival



- For everyone in our school
- No set criteria - all films included, including Film by the Vines submission.
- Final submissions **due October 17th**
- School based film screening night on October 22nd
- Awards presented on the night, for 'Peoples Choice Award' etc

Film By the Vines



- Competitive entries only
- Only selected films are entered
- There is a set [criteria for entries](#)
- Final submissions **due September 24th**
- Cessnock schools screening night at PACC on November 4th
- Awards presented by the DoE Arts Department

Submissions for both Film By the Vines and Ellalong Public School Film Festival

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Please name your upload, **Film Name by Students Name(s)** e.g. The Principal Gets Slimed by Ellalong Students.

Independence

In the past, students and staff have all benefited from the amazing filming and editing skills of Mrs Miller. This year, whilst Mrs Miller is on leave, we are not able to provide the level of support and inspiration as we have done previously. We encourage students to work collaboratively with their peers and harness the skills within their peer groups to get this year's films created.



**Entries
due soon!**

ELLALONG P.S STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Film Festival Dates

Term 3

September 15 - Review Week (Optional)

Films are due for review for those wishing for some feedback prior to Film By the Vines entries being due.

September 24 - Film By the Vines entries due. This is only for entries that would like to be considered in the Film By the Vines competition.

**Link to
upload here!**

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Term 4

October 17 - Ellalong Film Festival - Final Submission Due

October 22 - Ellalong Film Festival @ MVHS

November 4 - Film By the Vines @ PACC

