Olivia represented the South Coast PSSA at the State Athletics Carnival held at Homebush on Wednesday.

Olivia competed in the 11 year girls shotput and came 10th in the state. We would like to congratulate her not only on representing the South Coast but for being a great ambassador for our school.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

We’re Off to a Flying Start!

With the start of Term 4 well underway, we can focus on the task of providing the best opportunities for your child. With this in mind, it is timely to remind you of the many ways we keep you informed and involved in support of your child’s learning activities.

This newsletter is provided fortnightly in even weeks of the term, printed and distributed to the eldest child in each family. It is then published on our website and on our ‘school app.’ To download the ‘App’ to your smart phone, simply search for Moss Vale Public School on either the iPhone App Store or Google Play Store depending on your smartphone type. The App also features alerts, news and absence forms for your convenience.

We also provide a term calendar in print and online forms. Watch out for specific notes regarding school programs and excursions. Of course, direct contact to the school staff is always welcome from parents and community, whether it be face to face, telephone, email or other written correspondence.

I look forward to sharing this learning journey with you and your child throughout the term.

Safety on the way to and from School

We have received concerns from members of the general public regarding our students’ road sense. Could you please advise your child that if they are crossing Waite St. to Innes Road, that they should do so before the creek in the 40kph zone. Students should be reminded not to ride their skateboards and bikes across any road. When getting off a bus, students should wait for the bus to move before crossing the road.

Are you moving and/or changing schools in 2015?

Thank you to those parents who have advised us of their changing circumstances for the 2015 school year. To assist us in planning for next year, we request that parents who will not be returning their child to Moss Vale Public School next year, contact the school office as soon as possible. Similarly, if you have changed contact details or medical information about your child, it is definitely a good idea to inform our office staff so that we can contact you when and if required.

Lunch Box Ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. Follow the link below to find out more:


Yes, we have vacancies for your child at our school! This a friendly reminder that we are accepting enrolments for children who will commence Kindergarten in 2015! Children need to be five years of age before the 31st, July 2015 to be eligible. Children must formally be enrolled by their 6th birthday. Please contact our school office staff for details of the enrolment process.

Academically Gifted Class 2015 for Southern Highlands Primary Students

The Academically Gifted Class (AG) offers an opportunity for children, to work with their intellectual peers and be extended through a rich program developed to optimise their learning and social skills.

This one day a week class is for children in Years 5 and 6 (in 2015). Students are eligible if they attend a public primary school in the Southern Highlands. Whilst the class is conducted at Bowral Public School, students accessing the AG class remain enrolled in their home school and attend regular classes for the remainder of the week. Entry to the class is by application with the selection process including a testing component.

Parents considering application are encouraged to contact the school to obtain an information package.

Applications close on Friday, 17 October.

Application for Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools 2016

Government Schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Parents of students in Year 5 this year who are considering application to a selective high school for their child in 2016 are advised that applications are now being taken.

To apply, parents need to access the internet website by 17 November, 2014. Parents of Year 5 students will find a form accompanying this newsletter, seeking an indication of their intention to apply. If internet access is unavailable, the school has a limited number of printed forms. Please note that there are no selective high schools in the Southern Highlands. For further information, please contact the school or visit the website:


It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery  Principal
COMING EVENTS

21st October Stage 3 Assembly 2pm
22nd October SHYAC Stage 2
23rd October Stage 2 & 3 Aquatic Program
24th October Last Day for Year 2 Swimming Notes
27th October Last Payment Day for Stage 2 Cricket
28th October Kindergarten 2015 Information Night 7pm
29th October Cyber Smart
29th October Cyber Smart Parent Presentation 7pm - Library
29th October Stage 2 Assembly 2:15pm
30th October Kindergarten 2015 Orientation & Expo 10 - 11am
30th October Early Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
30th October Stage 2 & 3 Aquatic Program
30th October Last Payment Day for Killalea - Stage 1
31st October Stage 2 Cricket Gala Day

Talent Show

A hugely successful “Moss Vale Talent Show” was held late last term. The event was organised by a number of students with the aim of displaying the range of genuine performing talent at our school. A variety of acts were showcased including: dance, musical performance, singing, beat-boxing, comedy and magic. All participants are to be congratulated on their performances which were the culmination of many hours rehearsal. A big thank you to the students, parents and friends who played an important role as audience members. Your encouragement and participation was appreciated by the performers! Thanks also to Mrs Coyle who helped organise the entire Talent Show from the first audition to the final performance. We hope to do it all again next year!

Mr Ryan.

Hold My Hand

The best way to protect children near traffic is to hold their hands. Young children do not make effective use of their hearing and vision, and lack the skills to make safe decisions when in the road traffic environment.

Young children need adult support. Wherever you are, on a quiet road or busy one, in a carpark, on a footpath or when crossing a driveway, hold each child’s hand securely.

If an adult’s hand is not available, help children to hold onto a pram, your bag or clothing. If possible, put your hand over the child’s hand for added security, for example, push the pram or stroller together.

Give lots of positive feedback and encouragement when children hold your hand.

Children may be able to tell you how to cross the road but this does not mean they have the skills and understanding to cross safely without an adult’s supervision.

Children may be able to recite road safety messages but not understand what they mean or put them into practice.
Stage 2 enjoyed the many activities involved with Sustainability Day

On Tuesday we made a habitat for insects.

By James 3M
Stage 2

On Tuesday it was Environment Day. We made wind fans and little homes in bottles for insects. We all had so much fun.
By Abbey 2/3B

Yesterday we made windmills.
By Jai 3M

Today we had Sustainability Day. We did a bug hide first and we had to pick up leaves and bark. The second thing we did was to make a mini wind turbine and we had so much fun!!!
By Mitchell 3S
2/6S have learnt about geometrical shapes
School Hats for summer …

$10 hats at the clothing pool.

The Clothing Pool is operated by the P&C to recycle good quality second hand uniform items. All proceeds go toward the P&C fundraising effort to support our school to acquire equipment and resources for all students to use.

New school hats are now available

The Clothing Pool is open:

Monday 2.30—3.00pm
Wednesday 8.30—9.00am

School hats are also now available at the Canteen from 8.30am before school.

Welcome back in Term 4

Watch out for these upcoming events!

This year the fete will be held on Friday 14 November 4.00—7.00pm.

Already the team has secured $2000 in cash sponsorship and gathered raffle prizes worth over $3500 in total.

The theme for this year is “showtime” and students, teachers and parents are all encouraged to come dressed as a character that has inspired them.

Look out for the Fete Packs with information and raffle tickets. Be sure to pre-purchase your ride tickets in order to get a discount

How you can help with cooking stalls on the night?

Contact mossvalepandc@gmail.com to find out more.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A Community Hub Open Day is being held at Queen Street Moss Vale on 17th October, 2014. 10am –2pm. Visit the Community Garden, join in a giant garage sale, cake stall, taste testing plus more. Further information please contact 4869 4032.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco is being held on Saturday 25th October, 2014 at Mittagong RSL. Come along dressed in your favourite Halloween costume.

KKKK are currently selling raffle tickets to win a 55” curved screen ultra HD 3D smart TV complete with 7.1CH 3D bluray home theatre. Tickets are $10 each. Please see office staff for more information.

Moss Vale Amateur Swimming Club meets at the Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre on Friday nights. Enquiries - Mat 4877 2926.

Wingecarribee Family Support are offering a variety of free activities this term. Parenting workshops, playgroups, community walks and young parent groups. For more information please call 4862 1777.