Amelia and Leah are busy planting for the upcoming fete.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Days

We certainly had an exciting day today, as we welcomed our 2015 Kindergarten children and their parents to the 1st of three orientation Mornings. The children participated in classroom activities and made new friends whilst their parents attended the Expo in the hall to learn more about what to expect of school and to meet representatives of the community who support the school’s operation.

At this stage we are anticipating 80+ children to start school next year and this will mean we will have at least 4 Kindergarten classes.

If you know of a family that hasn’t enrolled their eligible child for Kindergarten as yet, please urge them to contact the school. 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.

Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness

Last Wednesday, the school hosted these presentations for students 3—6, staff and parents. The presentations were provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program for cybersmart initiatives. The presentations covered these issues:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online
- Tips to help children stay safe online

The aim of hosting these presentation is to help children develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies.

A number of parents and staff have expressed interest in learning more about these strategies to keep our kids safe. Included in this message is a link to the ACMA website which features resources to support this aim. Click on or copy and paste the link in your browser:


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, to 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.

School Hat Policy

I wish to remind our parents and carers of the school’s sun safe policy which came into effect at the commencement of Term 4.

Our school has the expectation that all children will wear the school sun safe hat. This is the broad brimmed hat approved by the P & C Assoc. It is our belief that a broad brimmed hat best provides the necessary protection to the face, neck and ears whenever children are out in the playground.

Children who do not wear the broad brimmed hat are restricted to the COLA during lunchtime and at break 2.

Please note that peaked caps are not to be worn at school.

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 17th 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:


During the warmer weather there’s the chance of lots of swimming in beaches, rivers, lakes and pools.

The following points are worth considering to keep our kids safe in and around water:

- Home swimming pools are the most common areas for drowning.
- Keep your pool fenced and your kids supervised.
- Our school runs water safety and swimming classes.
- Learning first-aid could mean the difference between life and death.
- Boating, surfing and rock fishing require life jackets and extra safety equipment.

It takes a community to raise a child
Laurie Connery, Principal
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Parents are advised that students are not to bring aerosol spray cans of any kind to school i.e deodorants and mouth fresheners.

**Road Safety - Walking**

Child pedestrians are at a greater risk of injury or worse than adults so...

After school, meet your child at the school gate. If driving, park the car safely and walk to the school gate, especially on rainy days. If you are unable to meet your child, arrange for another trusted adult to meet them. Discuss with them your road safety rules. Until they are at least 8 years old, hold your child’s hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road. 8-10 year olds should always be actively supervised when near traffic.

Never call your child across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them and talk about what they should do if you are not there on time to pick them up from school.

**Linkages**

Stage 3 have recently participated in the annual High School linkages program. Year 5 and 6 students explored various aspects of Native American cultures. Each class were given a different Indian Nation to study, and each class learnt about the myths and legends, housing, hunting and the ways in which the Native American and Australian Aboriginal cultures were similar and different.
6W delved into the Native American cultures from the North West Pacific. We learnt how the Indians constructed their homes, called Longhouses, from the huge cedar trees that grow in the forests. We built our own models of the Longhouses from paddlepop sticks. We also learnt how the Indians used totem poles to tell stories and identify families. We made our own totem poles by choosing our own animal totems, colouring them, and attaching them to cardboard tubes. These totem poles were placed in front of our Longhouses, and we built our own Indian village. We joined up with Year 7 mentors from Moss Vale High to write a play inspired by Native Indian myths. We then performed the play for our class, and some plays were filmed to be part of the linkages night at the High School.

Environment Day Recount

On Tuesday the 14th October 2014 all of the students in Moss Vale Public school participated in Environment Day. As Year 6 were supposed to go on an environmental excursion to Lake Alexandra (which was cancelled), we had three activities like the rest of the school.

Our first activity (for 6H) was designing/creating bin wraps that promote the three R’s, (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). It was fun even though we only got 30 minutes for each separate activity. I decorated mine with various slogans and pictures.

The second activity was in Mr Phillips’ classroom (6W). In this we had to construct a speech as if we were Prime Minister. The speech was to be about renewable/sustainable energy and the future of the world or Australia. We got into groups of 2 or 3. I was with Sarah, it was really fun.

Our final activity was making windmills in 5/6R’s classroom. We watched a tutorial and the start of a documentary. It was difficult as we used cardboard.

My favourite activity was the first activity- even if I didn’t finish it I found it fun and creative.

Therefore, I think that the environment activities were enjoyable and hopefully constructive to others.

Caitlin 6H

Sustainability Day

Today after Break 2 we had three activities about sustainability. The whole of Stage 3 did the activities as we were going to go on an excursion for Environment Day which was cancelled due to the weather.

Firstly, we were in our class designing covers for the bins. The covers might go on the bins around the school.

Secondly, we had to go into Mr Phillips’ class. We had to make a group of 2 or 3 and we had to pretend that we were Prime Minister and make a speech about how we could stop pollution.

Last if all we went into Mr Ryan’s class to make pin wheels. First of all we watched a video of a woman making one and then while we were making them we watched a documentary about wind turbines.

My favourite activity was pretending we were the Prime Minister because we could see what others came up with.

Jasmine 6H
"5/6R students have been constructing electrical circuits with Miss Cole. We have learned about open and closed circuits, parallel circuits and how to insert a switch into a circuit."

6W have also been busy doing science experiments with electricity.
STAGE 3

4/5P are busy preparing for the fete.
Tell us what you want in the playground...

Parents are invited to give ideas and feedback

The P&C has been raising money toward building a new play area out of natural materials in the school. Parents are being asked what they would like to have included in this project.

Fill out the survey form that was sent home with this newsletter or respond online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMJFYPY

Here are some ideas of what we could have at our school:

Annual School Fete

Friday 14 November 4.00—7.00pm - Its Showtime!

Come dressed up. All proceeds will be put toward the new school ground playscape.

NDIS information on the SNAPS website

Visit www.mossvalesnaps.com to get up-to-date info

The SNAPS parent support group keep tabs on new information for families that are interested in special needs resources. Visit this site regularly for updates -

- support group meetings
- the books and toys available in the SNAPS free borrowing library
- latest National Disability Insurance Scheme information for carers

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Moss Vale Scout group is looking for children aged 6 years and older who are interested in fun & adventure. Please call Jo Stanford for details 4883 7079 or 0490 450 045.

“The Snack Shack” has hit panic stations...WE NEED YOU! To keep the Snack Shack open, parents/carers need to put up their hands and help. Volunteer shifts we are needing to fill immediately are Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-11:30am & 11:30-2:30pm." Please phone Justine on 0417 062 722.