Helping Children To Learn Well

Having fun testing our balancing skills in the Indigenous Garden!
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Moss Vale Public School Fete
We’re all very excited because our School Fete is just around the corner! This year’s fete promises to be the best ever and we hope to have as many of our families and community members come along to help make this a really special event. This is the P & C Assoc.’s major fundraiser for the year with proceeds going directly to development of ‘Playscapes’ in the school grounds for our kids. The Fete begins at 4.00 pm, Friday November 14 here at the school and concludes at 7.00 pm.

We appreciate all those who have contributed goods, time and energy to help get this far, especially the hard working members of the Fete Committee from P & C and our dedicated staff. Further details can be found in the package sent home earlier in the term and also in the P & C section of this newsletter. There is still time for volunteers to help out at the Fete. Check out the School App or your email inbox for details.

I hope to see you at the Fete. It’s Showtime!

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Days

The final orientation session for our 2015 Kindergarten children and their parents was held at the school today with the children joining current Kinders in organized activities in the classrooms.

At this stage we are anticipating 80+ children to start school for the first time next year and this will mean we will have at least 4 Kindergarten classes with the possibility of a K/1 class.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 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. In addition, children must be formally enrolled by their 6th birthday.

Year 6 Transition to High School

As part of the established links with Moss Vale High School and partner primary schools, our Community of Schools supports Year 6 students transitioning to Moss Vale High School in 2015. This Friday, our Year 6 students involved in this program, will be participating in a Mixed Gala Day at the Church Road Soccer Fields in Moss Vale. The Moss Vale High School Student Representative Council will be hosting the BBQ lunch on the day. For more information regarding readiness for High School, follow the link to:


Much and Sip Program

A reminder that our school implements the Munch and Sip program as part of the Live Life Well @ School initiative. Each day children are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables for eating during the morning roll check. The item should be “nude food” - i.e. an unprocessed food. Examples could include strawberries, oranges, celery, apple etc. The Uniting Church provides the school with a box of fruit and vegetables each week in support of our Much and Sip program, which we share with each class on a rostered weekly basis. Parents are encouraged to support this important initiative. For more information regarding nutrition, please click on the link below:


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. 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:


The school is currently preparing the 3 year plan for the school and would like to invite parents who wish to involve themselves in its development. Your participation would involve attending focus group sessions. If you would like to express an interest, please contact me or the school office to register. If you would like to discuss your involvement with me beforehand, you are most welcome to call or visit the school.

It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery, Principal
**COMING EVENTS**

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**Helmet Safety**

Young children who wear helmets from the moment they start riding their first wheeled toy will be safer from head injuries. A child's skull is soft and easily injured, even mild impacts can lead to a brain injury.

To protect your when riding a wheeled toy or bicycle, it’s important that they wear a correctly fitted, Australian Standards approved helmet.

Tip

- Take your child shopping for a helmet and select one that fits properly.
- It should sit two child finger widths above the child's eyebrows, and be neither too tight nor too loose.
- It should not be too heavy for the child's head and neck to support.
- Solo use of bicycles by children under eight is not recommended as they're small, unpredictable, hard for drivers to see and can't predict or understand danger like adults do. Always ensure children play in the backyard—don't play in the driveway, on, or close to the road.

**Cyber — Smart**

As a result of the Cyberbullying workshops, we have decided to include a section each newsletter on tips for staying safe on the Internet.

**Staying safe online**

Chances are, your child uses a computer, mobile phone and the Internet more regularly than you do. Here are some tips to keep your child safe in an online world that you might not be part of.

Keep computers out in the open!

Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

Mind your business

Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords - don't make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the Internet, ensure they don't show them wearing their school uniform - this can be enough to identify your child’s school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.
Early Stage 1 have been very busy writing.

The old woman and old man were moving houses. They were using the donkey to carry all the stuff. The donkey did not move a muscle.

Hailey KKH

The old woman and the old man were moving house. The donkeys were carrying all the furniture. The donkey would not move so the man made a trail of carrots. The donkey followed the trail of carrots.

Seth KKH

The little woman and man were moving house. The donkeys didn’t move a muscle. “Whack”, the donkey ran. Clippity clop he was off. Munch crunch he came with me. The donkey followed him. The little woman came passed him.

Laila KKH

On the weekend I went down to Wollongong to go to the Botanic Gardens. I saw cactuses there and my little sister went to a birthday party.

Leo KKH

The old man whipped the donkey and the old woman had a carrot on a fishing line.

Bowdi KKH
Early Stage 1

Pig is a very greedy dog. He would not share with Trevor.
Drew

The silk worm hatched out of the cocoon. It is a moth.
Katie KP

Mrs Bellach showed her silkworms and the silk came out of their mouth.
Tory KP

The silk worm turned into a silk moth.
Nathan KP

I like the silk worms because they can turn into a moth.
Griffin KP

How did the swan egg get in to the ducks nest?
Jemma KP

The wolf fell down the chimney.
James KP

Once upon a time there was a girl called Little Red Riding Hood. She was going to her nan’s house but the wolf ate her.
Callum KP

I think the big bad wolf climbed in to the chimney but the pigs are smart. The pigs put a hot pot and the wolf climbed in and the wolf never came back again.
Michael KP

KV have enjoyed reading the story Pig the Pug.

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Griffin KP

Once upon a time there was a pig the pug. He was selfish and he was greedy. He lived with a sausage dog named Trevor.
Audrey

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Audrey
Annual School Fete

Friday 14 November 4.00—7.00pm - It's Showtime!

Local sponsors who have contributed toward the hire of amusement rides for this year.

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Tell us what you want in the playground...

**Parents are invited to give ideas and feedback**

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

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REMINDER

All visitors must report to the school office. Please collect a ‘visitors’ badge and wear it whilst on the school grounds. Please return the badge and sign out when leaving.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A League Tag come and try it day is being held on Thursday 13th and 20th November, 2014 at Community Oval Moss Vale 4pm - 5pm. For further details please contact Jake 0448 890 017.

Volunteers are required in the “Snack Shack” if you are able to spare some time please contact Justine on 0417 062 722.