Students have recently enjoyed a performance by our band.

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Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Student Progress Reports

Children in Years K—6 and our Support class students will be issued their progress reports on Friday 12 December. The reports summarise your child’s achievements over the 2nd semester (Term 3 & 4) in each of the Key Learning Areas.

For students in mainstream K—6 classes, the report provides parents with information about how their child has progressed over the semester using a graded scale. The reports utilise a 5 point scale using the language of Limited to Outstanding and is referred to as the A—E scale to indicate overall achievement in each Key Learning Area. Students in support classes have reports which are based on their Individual Learning Plans and should not be compared to the achievement of students in mainstream classes. In all reports, a general comment from the class teacher provides more detail concerning your child’s particular strengths, achievements and areas to be developed. If you do not receive your child’s report, please contact us.

Presentation Assembly

Our school will be conducting our Annual Presentation Assembly on Monday, 15 December in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). The Presentation Assembly provides our school opportunity to recognise students who have excelled in a range of academic work, citizenship or have improved significantly in aspects of their learning. There will also be musical items performed by various student groups to help celebrate this important event.

Important Term Dates

The last day of school for students K—6 this year is Wednesday 17 December. Teachers and staff members will return for the School Development Days on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December, (these are pupil free days). Students in Year 1—6 commence the 2015 school year on Wednesday 28 January. Kindergarten students commence school on Friday 30 January. Parents of Kindergarten 2015 will be advised of their Best Start Assessment meetings via individual letters.

Messages from your Principal

Bandemonium

Bandemonium is a school music tuition and band program that has been successfully operating in our school since the start of 2014. The benefits to students include the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and perform in the School Concert Band. Interested students have been provided with audition notes for the 2015 program. If you would like your child to be involved in the 2015 program and didn’t receive the audition note, please contact the school and we will provide you with one. Alternatively, visit our school website and locate the note in our School Notes section.

What are the benefits for your child in learning music?

- New Australian research has revealed that school kids who play music are better learners.
- Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons.
- Primary age children who are involved in music lessons show greater brain development and memory improvement within a year, than children who receive no musical training.
- Learning and mastering a musical instrument improves the way the brain breaks down and understands human language, making music students more apt to pick up a second language.

Different types of writing

During writing sessions in class or for SMART Learning tasks, your child may be required to present their work in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.


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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**Stage 3 Touch Gala Day**

Stage 3 headed out to the Church Road sporting fields to finally take part in the NSW Rugby League League-Tag Gala Day. Due to rain, this event had been postponed twice in Term 3. The weather held out and the nine Moss Vale Public School teams took to the field with enthusiasm. This gala day was designed to give the students exposure to a non-impact version of rugby league and teams were entered in Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Mixed divisions.

All of the teams played with great spirit and determination and although the event was strictly non-competitive, all of our teams tasted the highs and lows of winning and losing in sport. Local high schools supplied referees for the day and these students did a great job introducing the Primary Schools to this fast-paced and energetic game.

With very positive feedback from the participants on the day, we very much look forward to this event again next year.

**When the family goes online**

Parents can:

- encourage a positive approach to technology
- spend time exploring the Internet with your child
- set rules for Internet use
- direct your child to useful sites and save them as favourites
- ask your child to show you new skills they have learnt
- maintain good communication with your child and an active interest in their life
- teach your child to treat others online as he/she would like to be treated
- let your child know about potential dangers online and how to handle a situation if it arises.
**SUPPORT CLASSES**

3/6D have been studying “I am me!”

K/2B have been reading “The Very Busy Spider” by Eric Carle. We made a web with a spider and a fly.

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**I am Taylor.**
I wonder when my apple crumble is coming.
I hear the song when I’m smiling.
I see Freya playing with me.
I try hard when I am drawing.
I feel happy in my walker at aerobics.
I am Taylor.

**I am Ethan.**
I wonder if I will get some cars for Christmas.
I hear music playing.
I see games on my ipad.
I try to talk sometimes.
I feel happy dancing during Friday Fun.
I am Ethan.

**I am Ethan.**
I wonder when someone is going to bring cupcakes.
I hear a vacuum.
I see Taylor laughing.
I try to talk loudly.
I feel happy when it’s lunchtime.
I am Jamila.

**I am Jamila.**
I wonder when my apple crumble is coming.
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I am Taylor.

**I am Freya.**
I wonder when my Grandparents are coming to my house.
I hear kids laughing.
I see the word wall.
I try to have good manners when I go out for dinner.
I feel my soft teddy.
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Creating George’s Marvellous Medicine using animated tool bars of Power Point in the computer Lab.

3/6H has been enjoying our Democracy HSIE unit. We have looked at Australia's states and territories and investigated each State's floral emblem. We have discussed decision making and are now looking at Parliament House in Canberra.
OUT AND ABOUT
Annual School Fete

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters!

This year the fete has raised over $15,000. Thank you for contributing to the success of the event. To the whole school community—thank you for coming along and taking part.

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P&C EVENTS

| P&C Meeting | Cake stall fundraiser |
| Tuesday 2 December 9.00–11.00am | Saturday 13 December 4.00–6.00pm |
COMMUNITY NEWS

The next Mittagong Blue Light Disco is being held on Saturday 29th November, 2014 4-6:30pm. Cost is $5 per child 4-14 years. A special guest in a red suit will be appearing.

KU Moss Vale Children’s Centre will be celebrating 25 years of service on Saturday 29th November, 2014 10am - 1pm. The celebrations will include formalities and speeches from 10:30am, followed by entertainment including, face painting, petting zoo, BBQ and magician. For further information please contact 4868 3393.

Carols in the Park will be held on Saturday 13th December, 2014 at Leighton Gardens Moss Vale starting at 7pm.