Stage 3 students enjoyed kayaking during their Narrabeen camp.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Our Students Shine in the Moss Vale Street Parade

Ninety students from our school gathered in Leighton Gardens for the Community Street Parade last Saturday to celebrate our great town and promote the annual 2014 Moss Vale Show. Thank you to our Mums and Dads for supporting the children’s participation and our teaching and support staff for inflating balloons and guiding the children before and during the parade.

Staff Variations

With student enrolments confirmed at 518, I have been advised by the Department of Education that we will retain the Acting Deputy Principal position for the remainder of 2014. As a result Mrs Vandenbergh will continue to fulfil the Deputy Principal role, Mrs Pratt will remain as Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 and Miss Simpson will continue as KV’s teacher.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3 or 5, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Parking Safely Near the School

Parking or stopping in the wrong place can put children’s lives at risk. The following behaviours put them at risk outside the school:

- Calling children across the road
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road
- Leaving children in vehicle without adult supervision
- Double Parking
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway
- Making an illegal U-Turn

Please observe all road signage around the school and help make our school environment as safe as possible

It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery, Principal

Volunteer Workshops

Volunteering is a great way to be involved in the life of the school and support your child’s success in learning. To support this, the school will be hosting the first workshop of the term for parents who wish to become volunteers in the classroom over the year. The next workshop will be held on Thursday March 27, at 9.15 am and will be conducted at the school. Participants will gain an insight into working as a volunteer, working with children and receive an overview of school routines as well as helpful hints on such things as helping children with reading. For those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the school before the morning of the workshop.

School Contributions Due

These payments are made to the school by each family to provide much needed resources for our children. The contributions are allocated to each grade K—6. The contribution amount is determined in consultation with the P & C Assoc. We encourage you to do so as soon as possible. This will ensure that we will be able to provide the best possible resources for your children. The contributions are as follows:

- $30 for the first child
- $50 maximum per family

Encourage Everyday Physical Activity

What you can say to your child to get them active:

- ‘It’s time to play outside now.’
- ‘Rex needs some practice fetching. It’d be great if you could go outside and throw the ball to him.’
- ‘Let’s walk to the shop to get the things we need for dinner.’
- ‘Wow, you’ve been jumping on the trampoline for ages.’
- ‘Keep going. Your sandcastle is getting so big.’
- ‘You did a fantastic job pulling the weeds out of the garden. It’s great when you help.’
- ‘You rode a really long way today on your bike – well done.’

More ideas at: www.raisingchildren.net.au
COMING EVENTS
April 4    School Cross Country
April 7—8  Stage 2 Bike Education

BOYS CRICKET - STATE KNOCKOUT
Moss Vale PS recently competed in Round 1 of the PSSA Boys Cricket State Knockout Competition. The match was played at Stephens Park against Bowral PS. The boys were outclassed on the day with Bowral winning the match by 184 runs. Despite this, our boys are to be commended on the level of commitment shown and sportsmanship displayed. Every player gave their best effort throughout the match even though they were behind on the scoreboard for much of the game.

For Moss Vale, Jack Baldwin was the standout bowler with Scott Lawrence, Connor Rennie and Lachlan McCrae also bowling some handy overs. With the bat, William Walton top scored with Will Speechley and James Hopkins also contributing. Ben South also played a courageous innings, bravely getting behind every ball he faced, keeping the Bowral bowlers at bay for a number of overs.

Due to the knockout format, we are now out of the competition. The boys are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm in training and on game day. Thanks also to the many parents who came to watch the game and support the team.

PAUL KELLY CUP  AFL
In Week 5 a number of Stage 3 students participated in the Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day held at Loseby Park, Bowral. Moss Vale PS entered three girls and four boys teams on the day with each team playing three games. For many students it was their first experience of playing AFL. Most teams enjoyed mixed success, winning at least one of their games. More importantly, most students seemed to enjoy the experience. All participants received the opportunity to play in different positions on the field during the day, whilst developing important team work and cooperative skills.

A huge well done to the Boys (Red) team for topping their pool. This team has qualified to participate in the Paul Kelly Cup Regional finals to be held early next term. Well done to:

Bill Butt                Jack Collins            Lane Crimmins
Nicholas Jones          Scott Lawrence
Lachlan Smith           William Walton
Jared Lane              Dylan Schomburg
Bailey Brownlee         Bailey Holohan

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Gala Day on your enthusiasm, sportsmanship and pleasing behaviour. Thank you to the teachers who helped organise and run the day and to the parents who came to Bowral to support our students.
STAGE 1

THE OCEAN

sick
terrified  drenched
smashing  sharks  lightening
rain  thunder
By Hugh

THE OCEAN

scary
sick  sharks
jellyfish  crashing  bashing
thunder  frightened
By Grace
**BE SUN SAFE**

You need to keep safe in the sun. You must put on sunscreen when you are in the sun. If you don’t you will get sun burnt and it will sting.

You have to always wear a hat when it is sunny. You need to wear a hat because it protects your face from the sun. You need to stay in the shade because the shade protects you for the sunlight.

You must wear sunglasses in the sun. Sunglasses help stop the sun going into your eyes.

When it is hot you need to drink lots of water so you don’t get dehydrated.

If you do this stuff you will be sun safe.

By Chloe

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**GERMS**

Always wash your hands after you go to the toilet because germs can get on your hands.

Germs can make you sick. If sneeze or blow your nose wash your hands so the germs cannot spread to other people and make them sick.

When you play with pets you should be careful so you don’t get fleas and get sick and remember to wash your hands to get rid of the germs.

By Evan
2014 P&C Office bearers elected

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the P&C.

President: Paul Sabatier, Vice Presidents: Karina Lane and Sophia Farrington, Treasurer: Suzie Bryant, Secretary: Helen Harvie, Fundraising Coordinator: Alex Fitch

It is still possible to contribute as a volunteer or a regular member. If you would be keen to lend a hand please contact mossvalepandc@gmail.com to express an interest.

Find out more at the school website www.mossvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the P&C Association tab or download the MVPS Skoolbag app for android and iphone!

Help decide where school funding should go

The school will hold a public workshop 9.15am Wednesday 26 March to discuss allocation of its funds.

Please contact Principal Laurie Connery by email laurie.connery@det.nsw.edu.au or via the school office on 4868 1866 or to participate or give your views. Submissions (written and verbal) with perspectives on funding allocation are invited from those not able to attend.

Trivia Night Fundraiser – Friday 28 March 7pm.

Moss Vale’s P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching

This year we have an ambitious goal … To raise the $5000 urgently required by the school to buy home reading books for Years 2, 3 and 4.

Thanks to you and the wider school community, we were able to allocate $20,000 to help buy these badly needed books. But we are still short $5000. So here’s your chance to enjoy a night of good fun to raise funds to help all our kids in their literacy life skills.

Get together with some friends and make up a table; buy your $15 ticket per person (this includes a glass of champagne on arrival as well as food and tea and coffee through the night - it’s BYO so bring your own bottle) and come along and have a great, fun, funny night.

During the night we will also be selling surprise balloons for $10 – prizes include a three course dinner for two at 2 hatted restaurant Biota in Bowral, a cut and blow-dry with Joh Bailey hairdressers, saloon to the celebrities in Double Bay, plus a weekends accommodation at newly opened decadent guest house in Marulan, Chaz Royal.
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- A warm & friendly atmosphere
- Child care benefit available
- Educational programs for all ages
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COMMUNITY NEWS
BLUE LIGHT DISCO:
Saturday 29th March. 4-6.30pm $5.00 4-14 yrs.