Archery was a favourite activity on the Stage 3 camp
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Community Donation from IGA Moss Vale

IGA Moss Vale have once again made a significant donation to the school as part of their community grants initiative. This is the 2nd time our local store has made this available to our school. The grant of $3445 will be used to help fund our goal of acquiring readers for the Stage 1 & 2 reading programs. Pictured presenting the cheque to Mrs Vandenbergh is IGA representative, Matthew Campbell.

Staff Variations Term 2

I wish to advise of several staff changes which will occur at the beginning of Term 2. Mrs Wilkinson will be taking leave for the remainder of the year and into 2015. Mrs Wilkinson is relocating to the Riverina with her family and we wish her well as she embarks on this new journey. Mrs Wilkinson has contributed much to the success of the students in her care and we have certainly appreciated her professional and collegial approach to her teaching role.

We have a new appointment to our teaching staff, Mr Ben Phillips. Mr Phillips will commence his permanent teaching appointment at the beginning of the term and will be 6W’s teacher for the remainder of the year. He has already been employed in a casual teacher role over the last 2 weeks at our school. As a result 6W students have had the opportunity to have Mr Phillips as their teacher when Mrs Wilkinson has been absent. I’m sure you will take the opportunity to welcome him to our school community early in the term.

The Acting Principals’ role at our school will be undertaken by Mrs Vandenbergh next term, as I will be on long service leave during this time. Mr Ryan (Weeks 1—5) and Ms Stokes (Weeks 6—9) will share the Deputy Principal role over the term. This team will continue to provide quality school leadership during my absence. Of course, I look forward to the time with my family during the term and am enthusiastic to reconnect with the Moss Vale school community in Term 3. The Assistant Principals for Stages 1 & 3 and the teachers for 5/6R and 1/2S are to be determined and I will confirm these details next week.

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

School Development Day

I wish to advise that April 28 (1st day of Term 2 for teachers) is a designated as a School Development Day (student free). There are a number of these days during a school year, typically at the start of Terms 1, 2, & 3 and the last 2 days of the school year. School Development Days provide the opportunity for staff to undertake significant professional learning opportunities and prepare and plan for the teaching and learning experiences for students. Staff will be working on the preparation of the implementation of the Mathematics syllabus in 2015, school assessment and reporting and on preparation for the units of study for the new term.

Students K—6 return to school on Tuesday 29 April

We are once again calling for student involvement for the march to the ANZAC Service at the Services Club Lawn on April 25, 2014. We will assemble at the car park in Queen St at 10.30 am for the commencement of the march at 10.40 am. Students in K—6 are invited to join us for this important commemoration service. Please ensure if your child is attending, that full school uniform is worn.

It takes a community to raise a child
Laurie Connery, Principal
## COMING EVENTS

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## ROAD SAFETY AT SCHOOL STARTS AT HOME FIRST.

**STOP!** One step back from the kerb  
**LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again  
**LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic  
**THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross  

When practising the procedure with your child, ask them “why is it safe to cross now?” and then “what do we need to keep looking and listening for until we get to the other side of the road?”

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## Holiday Literacy Groups

Intensive literacy groups will be held in the first week of April school holidays for children in kindergarten, year 1 and 2 at Southern Highlands Speech Pathology. Phonological awareness skills, reading accuracy, reading comprehension, and spelling skills will be targeted in each group. Groups will run over 4 consecutive days, for 45-60 minutes each.

Medicare, private health and Helping Children with Autism Funding rebates available. For further information, contact Kate at Southern Highlands Speech pathology on 0412185052, or email – admin@shsp.com.au
Dear DB,

I think a guinea pig is a fantastic idea! A guinea pig will be an easy pet to have. It eats food scraps so after munch and crunch it will be well fed. It only drinks water and doesn’t need special medicine or hay. It will boost responsibility as it will need to be cared for, fed and checked daily. It will also teach our class about sharing because we will take turns to feed it and take it home. As you can see a guinea pig is a great pet to have and I strongly suggest a guinea pig as a class pet.

Yours sincerely, a responsible class mate and friend, Ester

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Dear DB,

I reckon a budgie would make a great class pet. For starters, a class pet will help the class bond. You don’t want our class to be lonely, do you? A budgie will create a friendship with the class AND you.

Also, if we had a budgie, I could get it’s cage. I think I have a spare one at home. If we got the pet, you will just have to pay for the actual animal.

Finally, a pet will give you a companion. He/she will help you on a Friday afternoon. You’ll get a new friend with the class pet.

Your fabulous student, Cooper

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Dear DB,

I think we should have a blue tongued lizard because it is very active.

If we have a blue tongued lizard I will feed and clean it every day. I would also have a place for it to hide. I would name it Scaley.

Having a blue tongued lizard would be great for the class because it does not get scared. Also, it does not stink. It is also very friendly. Blue tongued lizards are very colourful.

I would pay for the food and keep it healthy all the time.

Your healthy friend, Hayley

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Dear DB,

I think it is a great idea to get a goldfish. A goldfish is perfect. One reason is that he’s quiet so we won’t get distracted. Maybe if he’s quite we will be quiet and do more work.

Also, Goldfish don’t need our help to exercise. Swimming is how they stay healthy.

Plus, goldfish don’t bite and you can’t get to be allergic to one.

Yours, Isabella (the child who really wants a goldfish)

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Dear DB,

I think 4H should have a dog for a class pet. The dog will be trained not to come to students while learning and will be trained not to bark when it is not a break. Also, The dog will be toilet trained and will only have to be taken to a place to go to the toilet in a break.

Also, it would teach us responsibility. Someone could take the dog home and bring it to school every day and learn how to feed it and look after it. Then we will learn more about dogs. The dog will also be our friend. When someone is sad they can cuddle it. Also, if we are doing sport or other activities outside, the dog can join in. People can also bring the dog outside in breaks if they do not have anyone to play with.

So, DB, can we please have a dog as a class pet?

From Jessica who needs a friend.
STAGE 3 CAMP
Navy Visit

Lieutenant Marc Lawrence from the Royal Australian Navy recently spent a day at Moss Vale PS, visiting a number of classes. Lieutenant Lawrence spoke to students about the role of the Navy and it’s history, the Naval fleet including boats, aircraft and equipment, navy ranks and uniforms. Information on Navy life was shared, including what it’s like to spend many months on a Navy boat.

Lieutenant Lawrence shared photos, took time to answer many interesting questions from the students and also displayed some Navy uniforms. He was also able to demonstrate how what we learn at school is important in the Navy, explaining how Science and Mathematics concepts are utilised when boats are on the ocean.

We would like to sincerely thank Lieutenant Lawrence for giving up his time to share his knowledge and experiences with our students. He did a fantastic job and the sessions presented a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain a greater understanding of the role of Australia’s armed forces.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NetSetGo Netball - for 5-7 year olds $60.00 for 10 weeks. Trial session and registration 9.30am 3rd May at Eridge Park Contact Kylie on shna.netsetgo@gmail.com

FUN T20 like cricket with Moss Vale Cricket Club, Sunday 6th April 10.30 - 2.30 at Lackey Park. Ages 7 and up. Free BBQ. Contact Hayley 0438683213 or hayleyrennie1@gmail.com

Xpedition Force themed Holiday Club at Connect Christian Church on Tuesday 15th April, 2014. K-6, $5.00 per child Contact Debbie 48693102 or 0407907699
Trivia Night raises over $2,000.

All proceeds to go toward purchase of school readers

Thanks for your participation to achieve this brilliant result with the support of our sponsors. We thank these businesses for their contribution:

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These are the winners of the pre-ordered balloons who did not attend Trivia Night:
- Wainwright Family (4/5P)
- Lane Family (4R)
- Glase-Dickson Family (1C)
- Sheppard Family (KB)
- Sabatier Family (4H)
- Gambril family (KKH)

Congratulations, your prizes have been left at the office to be collected.

P&C Planning Survey 2014 – Results

Fundraising and reading in class are the two top priorities.

The 33 responses provided valuable information to guide P&C decision making.

Q1: What do you think are the most important areas for the P&C to focus on this year?
Answer: Fundraising and reading in class

Q2: Which topics do you think would be most interesting for future parent seminars?
Answer: Teaching kids to understand feelings and Keeping Friends.

For a complete description of all the P&C survey results visit mossvalesnaps.com.

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