Byron and Cody prepare to march on ANZAC Day
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Welcome back to another exciting term of learning at Moss Vale Public School. I would like to welcome all new students and their families to our school and I hope that it doesn’t take you long to establish new friendships and networks within the school community. This term is a relatively short term and there are many events on the Term Calendar. Please familiarise yourself with all events on the calendar accompanying this newsletter, in the Coming Events section of the fortnightly newsletter, or on the website for the online newsletters.

If you have not downloaded the school’s Smartphone app, it is available in either Apple or Android versions and available from either the Apple App Store or Google play store. This App is free and provides another option for you to have access to school information, newsletters, alerts and more!

New Staff Member

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Mr Ben Phillips as the classroom teacher on 6W. Mr Phillips is a great addition to our teaching staff so please take the opportunity to welcome him to our school community.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2015

Opportunity classes cater for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. If your child is currently in Year 4 and you would like your child to attend an opportunity class in Year 5 in 2015, you will need to apply soon. All Applications should be made online through your internet connection. The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of schools with opportunity classes and the application link is: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement/onlineapp/index.php

Applications close on Friday 16 May.

Please note that the closest OC Class to Moss Vale is located at Tahmoor Public School.

Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children in need, attend Stewart House from many parts of NSW and ACT. This week Stewart House Bags are being sent home for you to donate unwanted clothing. The bags are due back to school on Friday 23rd May, 2014.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN is a national assessment program that will be administered at our school for students in Years 3 and 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 13 – 15. Despite what you may hear, there is no need to panic or schedule intensive study for your child. NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of the skills your child has developed up to this point in their education, which will allow teachers to focus on giving the right support to students as the year continues.

For further information regarding NAPLAN you may visit the links: http://www.nap.edu.au and HTTP://WWW.SCHOOLATOZ.NWS.EDU.AU/HOMEWORK-AND-STUDY/HOMEWORK-TIPS/ALL-ABOUT-NAPLAN

Anzac Day

I would like to acknowledge the children from our school who attended the Anzac Day March on Friday 25th April. Our students joined other community groups to march with the Returned Servicemen and Women. The march began at the park behind the tennis courts and proceeded to the Moss Vale Services Club War Memorial. For the second year in a row, our children led the singing of the National Anthem. Thank you to our parents for giving some of your day to help us commemorate. We hope that we can increase our participation for the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli in 2015.

Indigenous Garden Opening

The school community will celebrate World Environment Day and the opening of our Indigenous Garden on Thursday 5th June at 12.00pm. A number of formal invitations have been extended and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you, the school community to the garden opening. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our community partners National Parks and Wildlife, WSC, TAFE and the Moyengully Group, along with our dedicated parents, Brad Davies, Peter McGuinness, Geoff Kull and Joshua Miller who have made this vision a reality.

“It takes a community to raise a child”

Carol Vandenbergh
Relieving Principal
COMING EVENTS

May 9    Photo Envelopes Sent Home
May 9    Rugby League State Knockout
May 12   PSSA Netball at Mittagong
May 13-15 NAPLAN YRS 3 & 5
May 19   Noble/ Hindmarsh Cup
May 20   Stage 3 Debating at Exeter
May 22   School Photos
May 22   UOW Mentor Visit Year 6
May 23   Stewart House Clothing Bags Due

ROAD SAFETY RULES AT SCHOOL START AT HOME FIRST

Ensure that your child always use a school or children’s crossing if they are on your route...it is the safest way to school.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS— some schools have a supervised crossing where pedestrians must wait on the footpath until the crossing supervisor indicates it is safe to cross. Drivers must slow down and stop if the school crossing supervisor shows the “STOP Children Crossing sign”. Drivers may only proceed when the crossing is completely clear. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Fine: $506 + 4 demerits

Gabby and Georgie brave the weather to support Relay For Life

As they walked with the Moss Vale Public School Team.
SPORT

Paul Kelly Cup AFL – Regional Finals

Last Thursday, Moss Vale PS participated in the AFL Kelly Cup Regional Finals (boys division) at the Thomas Dalton Sporting Complex at Towradgi. The team had qualified for the finals after winning their pool at last term's local carnival in Bowral.

The team played three games on the day against Shell Cove PS, St Columbkilles and Gerringong PS respectively. While the team didn’t win a game they played with commitment throughout each match and improved in each game they played. The last game against a very strong Gerringong team was an impressive performance. All the boys played extremely well throughout the day, giving their best effort. Standout players during the three matches included Jack Collins, Jayden Dunn, Hayden Pope and William Walton.

The effort, competitiveness, sportsmanship and behaviour displayed by the boys throughout the day was a credit to themselves and to our school. Thanks boys for your wonderful efforts and congratulations on your performance! A big thank you also goes to the parents who kindly drove children to and from Towradgi and who gave the team great support throughout the day.

Paul Kelly Cup Regional Finals Team

Jayden Dunn, Jared Lane, Bill Butt, Jack Collins,
Thomas McDonnell, Will Speechley,
Scott Lawrence, William Walton,
Bailey Cumming, Hayden Pope
Moss Vale Primary School District Cross Country Results 2014.


We are very pleased with the results our children received, their sportsmanship, and wonderful manners on the day as representatives. We would like to thank all the parents and carers who provided transport and supported the students on the day.

Caitlair Downs, Nicholas Jones, Harry Jeffcoat and Bailey Holohan have qualified to represent the Wingecarribee District at the Regional Cross Country that will be held at Cambewarra on 30th May 2014. Matthew Woods, Hannah Gage Simpson and Dylan Schomburgh are all reserves who may be called on if needed for the day.

Mrs Middleton and Mrs Pietrucha.
Men’s Health Week is being celebrated by local not for profit organisations who are holding a Car & Bike Show at Bunnings Mittagong on the 14th of June. As part of the celebrations a drawing competition is being held. Drawings need to be on A4 paper and submitted to Bunnings, Mittagong by the 25th of May, 2014. The theme is something that represents the great things our boys & blokes do in our lives. Further information is available from the school office.
Canteen Committee positions

Invitation for new members.

The Canteen Committee needs new, enthusiastic people for its volunteer committee management roles. Be part of an energetic and dedicated team providing healthy food service to Moss Vale Public School. Contact MVPS P&C or ring the canteen direct on 4869 4671 to find out how you can help.

Fundraising BBQ & Gift Wrapping for Mother’s Day

Helpers are needed Saturday May 10, 10am-4pm.

Are you able to assist on a P&C wrapping table to wrap customers Mother’s Day presents and or to manage a P&C BBQ and sell raffle tickets for a trailer load of fire wood. Contact Alexx Fitch 0488 992 791 with your availability to help out this Saturday.

Throsby Park Open Day Cake Stall

$720 raised through cake stall and parking donations.

Thank you for your contributions to our P&C Fundraiser at the Throsby Park Open Day on the weekend. We made $720 profit.

All proceeds go to MVPS with a focus on building literacy skills and playground enhancements.

TERM 2 EVENTS

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