Year 1 had a great time at the Community Garden
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Staff Variations

It is with both personal and professional sadness that I advise the retirement of Mrs Jan Holdsworth at the end of this term, following a dedicated career. Mrs Holdsworth has provided quality teaching and learning for our students, along with genuine and caring management of student well-being. She has been integral in establishing a positive school culture at Moss Vale Public School.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank Mrs Holdsworth for the contribution she has given to both the education of students of Moss Vale Public School and to the wider school community.

Mrs Holdsworth’s teaching position is currently being filled through Merit Selection. We will advise you of whom the new teacher for 6H will be as soon as we are able.

School Uniform

Winter has brought the usual chills and cold weather that we have come to know in Moss Vale and so it is timely to remind you about the appropriate school uniform to be worn.

Please remember that the winter uniform for girls includes blue slacks or a blue skirt with blue tights. This provides a warm alternative to the popular summer tunic.

During Terms 2 and 3, it is appropriate for students to wear blue school beanies instead of the broad brimmed hat.

Student Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to parents and carers that students in Years K-6 and support classes will be issued their semester progress reports today, Thursday, 19th June.

In addition, our parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for next week from Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June. Parents would have received a separate note indicating the specific time of the interview by their child’s teacher.

Student Led Conferences are planned to be held during Education Week, 28th July – 1st August.

Stranger Danger

Following a recent incident where a number of our children were followed by strangers on their way to school, it is timely to remind all parents and carers of the ‘Keep Safe’ message that needs reinforcing with your children. Our students have been reminded about ‘Stranger Danger’ messages at school. Please be vigilant about this important message and tell your child that you expect him or her to put this into practice if needed.

Kindergarten Parents

I wish to advise all prospective and current parents that we are now accepting enrolments for children who will commence Kindergarten in 2015. Children need to be five years of age before the 31st July, 2015 to be eligible. Children must formally be enrolled by their 6th birthday. Please contact the school office for details of enrolment.

School Development Day

The first day of the new term (Monday 14th July) will be our School Development Day. This will provide teachers and support staff with an opportunity to undertake training and prepare for the term ahead. Professional learning opportunities on this day will include a session on Engaging with Parents and the Wider Community, Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) and the literacy continuum. There will also be time for stage team planning. Our support officers will attend a conference in Campbelltown.

This has been a very busy, yet short term, full of learning, fun, friendship and focused endeavour. Of particular note is the completion of high quality SMART Learning projects that children have been sharing with their classmates and teachers.

Congratulations on a wonderful term and thank you for your support. Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday break with your families.

School resumes for students on Tuesday 15th July.

“It takes a community to raise a child”

Carol Vandenbergh
Relieving Principal
COMING EVENTS
19th June     Early Stage 1 Assembly
19th June     Parent/Teacher Interviews 3S
20th June     Athletics Carnival
23rd June     Parent/Teacher Interviews KKH, KP, KV, K/2B, K/2E, 2/6S, 3/6D, 3/6H
24th June     Parent/Teacher Interviews 1C, 1H, 1/2S, 2B, 2M
25th June     Parent/Teacher Interviews KB, 2/3B, 3M, 3/4R, 4H
25th June     Basketball Girls & Boys play at Moss Vale
26th June     Festival of Instrumental Music at Sydney Opera House
27th June     Parent /Teacher Interviews 4/5P, 5L, 5/6R, 6H,6W

15th July     STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3  2014

Boys Basketball
Last Tuesday the Moss Vale Public School Boys Basketball team participated in the first round of the PSSA knockout competition against Mittagong Public School. The boys played a very good game and displayed great teamwork. The boys were victorious 37-23 and progress to the next round against Nowra Public School. Well done boys.
Mr Dawson

Afternoon Safety
This is a reminder to parents and students that children are not to use the play equipment after the 3:00pm school bell as supervision is unavailable.

Commentary Walking
It’s easy to forget just what a complex set of skills and judgements we need to cross roads safely. As adults we constantly check and recheck the safety of the road environment. All of this goes on inside our minds. This is invisible to children unless we talk to them about all the things we do to keep safe.

COMMENTARY WALKING is when adults talk with their children about what they’re doing when crossing the road:

- Why they’ve stopped at the kerb/crossing
- What they are looking for
- What sounds they are listening for
- When is it safe to cross
- Why they have to keep checking until they are safely off the road on the other side

Roundabouts can be dangerous. Be careful here. Drivers tend to concentrate on the right, checking for a gap to enter.

Try some 'commentary walking' with your children next time you’re out.
STAGE 1

1C have been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock. We have had lots of fun creating some wonderful artwork using forks, spoons, marbles and squeeze bottles.

If I had special powers I would like to have laser eyes. I could also run as fast as a cheetah and fix people very fast. I would be able to do any work and would be very strong. I would keep fit every day and would have lots of rest.

By Waylon Grey

If I had special powers I would like to be able to fly. If I could fly and I fell off a cliff I wouldn’t die. I would be famous because I would be the only one in the world that could fly and I could go really, really fast so I could go anywhere I wanted without wasting money.

By Lochlan Fitch

When I am older I would like to be a teacher and play games. I would only play games if the kids are being good. I would like to be a teacher because I like to teach but it looks a little hard because I still want to do it. I want a big classroom and I would get to wear whatever I want.

By Natasha Perrett.

Seven Minute Daily Writing

By Ben

By Charlie

By Angus

By William

By Charlotte
STAGE 1

Some samples of

1H’s SMART Learning projects

By Brodie

By Liam

By Tom

By Callan

2B

have been very creative

By Bridgette

By Jaryah

By Jaiden

By Joshe

By Noah
Football NSW are holding school holiday camps at Church Road Soccer Fields for further information. Please contact Nick D’Amore 0407 917 062
## Ethics Classes

**Parent volunteers needed as Ethics Class teachers**

Moss Vale Public School is inviting interested parents to participate in training to be an Ethics Class teacher. Contact R/Principal Carol Vandenbergh via the school office for information.

Primary Ethics NSW provides training and teaching resources for people interested in leading ethics classes for students enrolled in non-scripture.

The school is currently inviting parents interested in the opportunity to engage with children and help them develop an understanding of ethical behaviour.

All content and materials are provided. Classes are held for 2 hours on Wednesday each week. To lead ethics classes the training involved is 16 hours face to face over two days and an online assessment, sessions are available on the weekend or during school hours. Participants must be willing to complete a Working With Children Check.

## Clothing Pool & Lost Property

**Drop into the new ‘pop up’ store**

**Opening times: 2.30pm Monday and 8.30am Wednesday**

The **Clothing Pool** is now in a new location. School bags and hats are now available at the “shed under the office” at the back of the outdoor assembly area. Come and visit the clothing pool to donate good quality second hand uniform items for recycling or to pick up P&C supplied hats, beanies and school bags.

**Lost property** is still kept outside the school canteen. Any clothing that is unclaimed and has no name label will be donated to the clothing pool at the end of each term. Non school uniform garments in lost property at the end of term will be given to charity.

## School Canteen

**P&C needs more volunteers to keep running canteen**

A special meeting will be held Wednesday 25 June, 7.00pm in the school library to look at options for managing the school canteen. All school families and interested members of the community are invited. Without your extra support the canteen will close at end of Term 2.

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Parent volunteers are required for the Athletics Carnival this Friday. Please see Mrs Pietrucha if you are able to help.

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