Aiden, Harmony, Jessica and Cooper proudly model our new Representative sports uniform which will make our teams shine.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Student Led Conferences

These conferences, held during Education Week, were once again well attended by parents and carers. The conferences provided a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding of their learning over the first semester. I’m sure that your child/children appreciated you coming to the school to share their school work. Thank you for playing your part in the conferences and showing your child just how important success at school is. Many parents provided feedback to the class teacher about their child’s conference. This will assist us to make the next Student Led Conferences even better!

Moss Vale Community of Schools Creative Arts Concert

Moss Vale Public School students were highly involved in this Community of Schools Concert held at Moss Vale High School last night. The concert was a great success with students from our local public schools showcasing their creative arts talents. Feedback from the audience and the students themselves indicated that everyone enjoyed the performances and deemed the concert a huge success! Congratulations to our students on their wonderful performances. We extend our appreciation to our teachers and the staff of Moss Vale High School for hosting this terrific event and promoting the talents of our students.

Kindergarten 2015

I’m excited 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 our school office staff for details of the enrolment process.

Is my child ready for school?

These links will take you to the Schools A to Z website of the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Click on the link to view videos and information to assist parents in making decisions about Kindergarten.


It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery

Resource Allocation Model (RAM)

A new resourcing model for public schools in NSW has changed the way funds are allocated and is a key element of the Gonski and Local Schools. Local Decisions reforms.

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is about a more equitable allocation of resources. Under the new model, the proportion of the public school education budget that goes directly to schools will increase from 10 per cent to more than 70 per cent over the next 2 years.

In 2014, Moss Vale Public School’s RAM allocation was $48,431. This allocation is in addition to the current funding the school receives for general purposes. The school is utilising the RAM allocation to deliver programs which will strengthen students’ learning outcomes in the following ways:

Technology Devices - The school is purchasing computer tablets to provide greater access to technology, particularly to support students who have limited access. This will support the new SMART learning program.

Count Me In Too - This program provides students with variety of mathematical equipment to help improve mathematical skills and knowledge. Teachers are currently undergoing professional learning opportunities to support their students’ mathematical learning in the early years (K - 2).

Parent and Community Engagement - Staff at our school are undertaking professional learning in 7 key strategies including: communicating between home and school; connecting learning at home and at school; building community and identity; recognising the role of family; consultative decision making; collaborating beyond the school; support of and participation of families.

Fine Motor Skills Program - This program, designed by Macquarie University, identifies and supports students in ES1 & S1 who require additional support with hand-eye coordination and effective muscle control during handwriting lessons.

Readers for Support Classes - This program ensures students in a support class have access to higher reading level material for classroom lessons.

L3 Training and Support Program - This professional learning program supports teachers in ES1 & S1 to deliver the successful L3 program in their classrooms.

Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) - This teacher professional learning program supports teachers in S2 & S3 and strengthens students achievement in aspects of ‘Working Mathematically’.

Indigenous Landscape and Outdoor Teaching Space - This project involves developing an inclusive learning landscape and garden space which allows students and teachers to learn more about and engage with Aboriginal cultural heritage, the local environment and biodiversity.

Year 1 Speech Support - This early intervention program aims to raise the level of phonological awareness and articulation skills for targeted students in Year 1. The engagement of a local speech pathology service provides the program and supports students and staff.
**COMING EVENTS**

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**Book Week**

Throughout Book Week (18th - 22nd of August) the Library will be holding a Book Fair where students and parents are invited to purchase books with the option of donating a book to the library. The books generally cost from $6 - $14.

On Tuesday the 19th August all students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week. A parade will occur under the COLA after morning assembly from 9:30am for around one hour. The theme for Book Week 2014 is ‘Connect to Reading’. Please think about a book character that your child really connects with as this may help when deciding upon a costume.

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**Chess**

On Monday, 6 students represented our school in the One Day Chess Tournament. We played 7 games in a round robin style competition (James only lost one round). It was a fun, busy day where we had to do a lot of thinking and playing.

Lochy and Rohan

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**District Athletics**

On Friday 25th July Moss Vale Primary had 56 students participate in the District Athletics Carnival which was held at Eridge Park, Burradoo. Our fantastic P&C ran the canteen for the day. Thankyou to all the parents and friends, who came along and donated their time and efforts to support our school.

Our team was managed by Mrs Middleton on the day. Mr Ryan, Mr Lawson, Miss Byron and Mr Connery assisted me in the running of the carnival to make it the success it was.

We have 7 students who will be going on to the Regional Carnival at Canberra on the 22nd August to represent the Wingecarribee District.

They are; Alliyah King-De Wit for Junior 200m, 9 year 100m, Junior long jump and Junior discus, Sofia Touma for 8 year 100m, Olivia Daley for 11 year discus and shot put, Wil McGuinness for Junior shot put, Jayden Dunn for 11 year shot put, Lane Crimmins for 12/13 year high jumps and Thomas Simpson for Junior discus.

On the day, Alliyah also became the JUNIOR GIRL DISTRICT CHAMPION, and our school came 2nd overall. Congratulations to all students for their great efforts on the day.

Maureen Pietrucha-Sport Coordinator
Jervis Bay

A grey and pale blue patched quilt is cast untidily against the ocean floor. It shimmers with thousands of mirrors as the mighty sun looks over the giant mass of seawater.

Black humps of sea monsters slide into view then disappear as a truck load of brine dumps itself onto them. A wall of dark rock grooves in and out, pushing against the swell of the sea. Mountains of foam race to get to the top of the rock faces, only to get pulled down as the tide recedes.

Blues, purples and whites, streak against the setting sky.

Oysters grip onto the sharp edges of the rocks as terrorising waves try endlessly to rip them off their platform. The waves sound like a wall of a building is continuously being pulled down. A salty tang fills the air while deep cold water gets shoved this way and that.

The endless sound of gulls fills the air as the white birds swarm down to the fateful fish which have been sighted.

A proud whale flings his massive tail up into the air only for it to slap against the hardness of the water. Fins appear as dolphins join in the parade. Ripples circle around where the creatures leave their mark.

by Caitlin 6H

Rainforest Flowers by 6H

OUT AND ABOUT- COS

Our students did an amazing job at the Community of Schools Concert. A talented and polished performance impressed the audience. The school band excelled in their debut performance.
STAGE 3

STAGE 3 RECENTLY ATTENDED UOW IN 2 UNI DAY AND HAD A WONDERFUL DAY

5/6R CREATED SOME GREAT SMART LEARNING PROJECTS
A small group of 3 students from Moss Vale Public School have attended the Southern Highland Academically Gifted Class in 2014. These students from our school joined other students from Highland public schools to present their research about ‘Notables’ recently, during Education Week.

**A Night of the Notables**

Each student chose a “Notable” to research in depth. They became that Notable, constructed a learning centre for visitors and answered questions about their Notable.

Visitors to the ‘Night of the Notables’ discovered fascinating facts about some famous people in history including Walt Disney, Albert Einstein, Marie Antoinette, Sir Donald Bradman, Banjo Patterson, Reg Gasnier, Ludwig Van Beethoven and Angelina Jolie, just to name a few.

Congratulations to the students pictured, for their great research and the presentations of their Notables!

- **Angelina Jolie**
- **Ludwig van Beethoven**
- **Reg Gasnier**
- **Zoe**
- **Jenny**
- **Hayden**
School Fete - planning meeting

**Friday 8 August 11.00am — join the team!**

Preparations for the school fete start on Friday. At the moment, people are needed to join a dynamic event team to begin work on:

- Sponsorship from local businesses
- Donations of prizes and give-aways
- Promotions and publicity
- Amusement rides and entertainment acts

Anyone is welcome to help with organisation of this annual event that is a highlight in the school calendar. Bring your ideas to make this year a spectacular success. Come along to the meeting this Friday or express an interest to mossvalepandc@gmail.com.

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Bookweek Parade – coffee and cake

**Morning tea in the School Library Tuesday 19 August**

Enjoy a hot drink and delicious muffin or shortbread biscuit on the day of the Bookweek Parade. Warm up while you are waiting for the parade to begin and help raise funds for new books and playground equipment by supporting the P&C morning tea on Tuesday 19 August 8.30 — 9.30am. The Library Bookfair will be on every morning in Bookweek 18—22 August.

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Clothing Pool Winter sale

**Buy Beanies, school hats and bags or recycle your uniforms**

The Clothing Pool is located in the store behind the roller door at the side of the school office. Opening hours are Monday 2.30—3.00pm and Wednesday 8.30—9.00am. New items and second hand clothes are available at discount prices!

**School Bags $30 $20, Hats $10, Beanies $10 $8, All uniform items $1 or $2 !**
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 30th August
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.