MOSS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 4 - Term 4, 2015

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Helping Children To Learn Well

Our students enjoying the newly completed play equipment!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Days

We certainly had an exciting day today as we welcomed our 2016 Kindergarten children and their parents to the 1st of three orientation mornings. The children participated in classroom activities and made new friends whilst their parents attended the Expo in the hall to learn more about what to expect of school and meet representatives of the community who support the school’s operation.

At this stage, we are anticipating 80+ children to start school next year and this will mean we will have at least 4 Kindergarten classes. You might recall that at this time last year, we also anticipated 80 Kindergarten students starting the school year. We are also anticipating retaining 20 mainstream classes K-6 for 2016.

If you know of a family that hasn’t enrolled their eligible child for Kindergarten as yet, please urge them to contact the school. 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.

Playground Equipment Opened

We are delighted to be able to reopen the playground equipment for student use after the final stage of construction being completed at the end of last week. The children are enjoying the improved play options, particularly children K—2. The equipment also features improved access for students with a range of disabilities. As previously advised, funding for the installation of this upgrade has been generously donated by KKKK for which we are very grateful. Chris Ingmire of FTR Building and Penrose Pine Products, kindly donated soft fall material for the entire playground area.

I would also like to acknowledge two of our parents, Geoff Kull and Brad Davies who assisted with excavation work during the renovation and Geoff Kull who generously spread the soft fall in preparation for the student use. Our general assistant, Peter Bowditch, contributed significantly also with the fixing timber borders, rubber treads on platforms and spreading softfall. We also had a group of senior students in Years 5 & 6 help ‘barrow’ softfall as part of their leadership roles! As you would appreciate, a project such as this would not have been possible without the generous support of parents and community members. On behalf of the school community, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our contributors.

Volunteer Workshop

If you are considering the opportunity to volunteer at our school, please note that the next workshop will be held on Friday, 6 November at 9.15 am and will be conducted at the school. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

Application for Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools 2017

Parents of students in Year 5 this year who are considering application to a selective high school for their child in 2017, are advised that applications are now being taken.

To apply, parents need to access the internet website by 16 November, 2015. Parents of Year 5 students will find a form accompanying this newsletter, seeking an indication of their intention to apply. If internet access is unavailable, the school has a limited number of printed forms. Please note that there are no selective high schools in the Southern Highlands. For further information, please contact the school or visit the website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Are you moving and/or changing schools in 2016?

Thank you to those parents who have advised us of their changing circumstances for the 2016 school year. To assist us in planning for next year, we request that parents who will not be returning their child to Moss Vale Public School next year, to contact the school office as soon as possible. Similarly, if you have changed contact details or there is important medical information about your child we need to know, it is definitely a good idea to inform our office staff so that we can update our records.

It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery, Principal
## Coming Events Calendar

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### Parent Online Payments

Moss Vale Public School now offers online payments! Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The secure payment page, hosted by Westpac, is accessed via our school website by selecting the $ Make a Payment link. Payment’s made before 6pm and received by the school the following morning.

You will be able to pay for anything you would normally pay via the front office. (P&C money must still go directly to the P&C box in the front office).

When you access $ Make a Payment you must enter:
- the student’s name, date of birth, the Ref. or Invoice (if applicable), the Payment Option, the Payment Description (from permission note) and the amount you are paying.

These details need to be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. No student’s details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each child need to be made separately.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

Under payment options, enter the details provided on the permission note. All permission notes are posted on the website for your convenience on the School Notes tab.

You can print your own receipts or have the receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item. Record your receipt number on the permission note and return it to school as normal. Your payment will be reconciled against the receipt number on the permission note.

Please return all signed permission notes to school as normal.

[Detailed instructions](#)
KP’s visit to the NRMA Science and Road Safety Show

Sophie: Tyrone (presenter) taught us about road safety. I brought my helmet to school and we tested it to make sure it was clicked in properly.

Eli: I like the hovercraft. It was amazing.

Stacey: The hovercraft was very noisy.

Rohan: I liked the hovercraft. I would like to ride on a hovercraft one day.

Courtney: I liked learning about friction. Tyrone showed us with the hovercraft.

Charlie: The egg had a face on it and Tyrone put it in a cardboard car. He rolled it down the ramp. It didn’t crack because Tyrone put a seatbelt on it.

Fletcher: Tyrone took the seatbelt off the egg. He rolled it down the ramp and it broke. Seatbelts protect us. We have to wear them in the car every single time.

Gabriel: The egg smashed because it didn’t have a seatbelt on.

Ayrlee: I know how to be safe by keeping my seatbelt on whenever I am in the car.

Annabelle: I tested the car seat to make sure it was safe.

Ruby: Tyrone was very funny. The egg broke when it didn’t have a seatbelt on.

Angel: It is important to get out of the car at the side next to the footpath.

Miah: We have to stop, look, listen and think before we cross the road.

Bella: Check the left and right before crossing. Never run across a road.

Keirah: Always check your helmet fits so it can protect your head. If you don’t click the straps your helmet will fall off.

Leila: I know how to put my helmet on the right way. I can adjust the straps so I am safe.

Kaydence: Don’t throw your helmet on the ground because it may break and not work properly.

Thomas: I went on the stage to thank Tyrone for teaching us important rules about keeping safe.

Students in KC have been writing about Little Red Riding Hood!

KKH wrote compound sentences about ‘The Ugly Duckling’.
NRMA Science & Road Safety Show

The NRMA Roadshow visited our school on Monday. In Stage 2 we learnt:

- That if you are under 7 or 150cms tall you need to be in a car seat or booster cushion
- When crossing the road you stop, look, listen and think
- How to make sure our helmet fits
- The importance of wearing a seatbelt
- To help the driver concentrate by playing quiet games in the back seat

Important Aspects of Writing

Writing involves using spelling, grammar, design features, handwriting and digital tools to create texts for specific purposes.

Paragraphs

A paragraph is a collection of related sentences dealing with a single topic or idea. Learning to write good paragraphs will help you as a writer stay on track. Good paragraphing also greatly assists your readers in following a piece of writing. You can have fantastic ideas, but if those ideas are not presented in an organised fashion, you will lose your readers and fail to achieve your purpose for writing.

A paragraph should contain each of the following: unity, coherence, a topic sentence and adequate development.

Writing Workshops

Parents and caregivers, family and friends are kindly invited to a writing workshop to discover the purpose of writing, different ways to teach writing and how you can support your child at home with writing.

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Teachers and students are using their fruit and vegetable scraps for compost. Composting is a simple way to add nutrient-rich minerals which fuels plant growth and restores vitality to depleted soil. It’s also free, easy to make and good for the environment.

KBM students created a column graph about what they bought to school. They realised they bought lots of items in plastic bags and glad wrap and had very little that could be recycled and reused.

Students in 4/5P have been discussing ways of packaging items better in order to reduce the amount of waste and impact on the environment. Students discovered that some items had multiple packaging increasing the amount of waste produced.

Parent Tip for the Week
Use a Refillable Drink Bottle—Consider using a made-to-last water bottle instead of refilling single-use bottles. If you use a refillable bottle, your child can save some of his/her water for later.

Students have been discussing and debating buying items in bulk like yoghurt compared to single serve items. They have realised that buying in bulk can be cheaper and there is less packaging. Single serve items create more packaging waste and often costs more money.
Canteen Roster

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Canteen Volunteers Roster – if anyone is unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Mindy as early as possible on 0425 218 541.

Communication

Representatives of our P & C have been involved in several projects which involve communication between parents and carers and our broader school community. We believe that great communication is the basis of any successful network, so have been working closely with the teachers to improve systems and methods of interaction. In order to know the best way to keep you informed and involved in the collaboration process, the school will be distributing 2 surveys in the coming weeks. These surveys cover our general communication as well as our homework (SMART Learning) program. Your opinion and feedback is greatly valued, so please take a few minutes to help us improve.

P&C Federation Macarthur Electorate Forum – Moss Vale

Our Federation of Parents and Citizens Association of NSW held a local forum in Moss Vale on Monday night. It provided an opportunity for our representatives to learn about new and improved education and wellbeing initiatives, which will be rolled out in our schools over the next few years. We were also presented with information on the Gonski education reforms and encourage you to learn more about the positive impact that Gonski is having on schools at http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/ The website gives a great introduction to Gonski and allows you to show your support for the funding model, should you wish.

Fete News

Raffle tickets on sale now!
The prizes for this year’s raffle are spectacular! The prizes will be drawn on the night of the fete. Ticket books went home with students last week, so it’s time to get selling. When that job is done, send the book and money back to the office – and grab another book to sell!
The fete information packs have also been sent out, containing lots of information about rides and events, how to enter the art and craft show, and how to help out. If you have any questions, or offers of help, we’d love to hear from you!

Some of our 2015 Fete Sponsors include:

- Seafood Affair have donated a lovely dinner at their family restaurant.
- Southern Rise Bakery are donating all the cake boxes for our cake stall!
- Southern Highland Vet have donated a Doggy Goody Bag for a lucky dog.
- Hair Station have generously donated a huge box of hair products!
- Hong Kong Restaurant have donated a voucher for a delicious Asian dinner.
- Trainworks have generously donated 2 family passes including a train ride!

TERM 4 Events & Dates

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<th>Moss Vale Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group Lunch</th>
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<th>Moss Vale Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group Christmas party Wednesday 2nd December 12.30pm</th>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Moss Vale Hub Open Day  Friday 30 October 10am - 2pm. Queen St Centre.

Who's Living on My land? Free workshop Saturday 14 November 8.30am - 3pm at Camp Wombaroo 162 Black Springs Road High Range. Workshop hosted by Council, National Parks and South East Local Land Services. Register by sending email to Karen.guymer@wsc.nsw.gov.au

Wingello Community Garden Grand Opening  Saturday 14 November 2pm - 8pm. Free coffee and muffin or sausage sizzle.

Moss Vale Community Garden 10th Birthday Celebrations  Saturday 21 November 12pm - 3pm. 9-13 Railway St Moss Vale. Pru Goward will be officially opening the site at 1pm. Garden tours, vegetable seedling giveaways and fresh homemade pizzas available.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco  Saturday 31 October 4pm - 6.30pm.  Halloween theme - dress in favourite Halloween hat, dress or costume. $5 per child 4-14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.

2015-2016 Swimming Season ‘Swim & Survive’ Learn to Swim Program aimed at preschool & School aged children at Bowral & Mittagong Pool. More information contact Swim School Coordinator at council on 0409 930 645.