Come along to the Moss Vale Public School’s Country Fair Fete tomorrow afternoon!
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Moss Vale Public School Country Fair

This year’s ‘Country Fair’ promises to be the best ever and we hope to have as many of our families and community members come along to help make this a really special event. This is the P & C Assoc.’s major fundraiser for the year with proceeds going directly to support our children’s education. The Fete begins at 3.30 pm, Friday November 13 here at the school and concludes at 7.00 pm. We appreciate all those who have contributed goods, time and energy to help get this far, especially the hard working members of the Fete Committee from the P & C and our dedicated staff. Further details can be found in the package sent home earlier in the term and also in the P & C section of this newsletter. There is still time for volunteers to help out at the Fete. I hope to see you at the Country Fair. Let’s make this the best one yet!

Please note that children should not be left unsupervised at school after the 3.00 pm end of classes. As no supervision of students is available, your understanding and cooperation with this is appreciated.

School Self Evaluation

As part of the school’s annual school reporting process, we undertake data gathering through surveys to parents, staff and students. You will receive via email shortly, a link to two on-line surveys to assist us in making improvements to the programs we provide or improve the way we do things.

The first survey concerns SMART Learning. SMART Learning has been operating in our school for two years and as part of the review process, we are asking parents to provide feedback on this initiative. Your assistance in completing this survey is greatly appreciated and will help us to revise the SMART Learning activities in a way that best suits the school community.

The second survey concerns the information and communication you receive from the school. The staff and P&C are trying to find out the best way to notify you about the news, activities and important information such as: excursions, daily activities, notes due and general communication. Currently, one printed copy of the newsletter is given to the eldest child in each family. The newsletter is also posted on the school website, Twitter, emailed and placed on the Skoolbag app. We are also interested if you would prefer an online delivery and /or printed copies. There is also an opportunity to consider the school’s use of social media and the value of the changeable sign on Argyle St.

We value your opinion and welcome feedback through these surveys. Please look out for them in your email inbox in the next few days.

Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Days

Today was the final orientation session for our 2016 Kindergarten children and their parents. At this stage, we are still anticipating 80 children to start school next year and this will mean we will have at least 4 Kindergarten classes. We are also anticipating to retain 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.

Reminder: 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 online applications need to be completed by 16 November, 2015. 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
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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](#)
K/3B wrote a procedure about making a painted butterfly.

Some rock pool animals are dangerous and you should not touch them. These dangerous animals include the blue-ringed octopus and some sea urchins. I like starfish because they are colourful. By Aleeya

K/3 E has been busy this term.

Rex has a new standing frame and loves reaching for books on the top shelf when visiting the library.

In music, we have been listening to many different styles. We are moving with long ribbons in time with the music and in ways that reflect their rhythm and mood.

Rock pools have seawater and sea creatures in them. My favourite rock pool animal is the starfish because it glows. By Freya

Rock pools are found near the beach. When I look into a rock pool I can see starfish, sea snails, seaweed, fish and crabs. By Braiden

K/3B created a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Moths and Butterflies.
Important Aspects of Writing

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

Planning

Planning your writing assists writers to think more clearly about the topic or message they wish to convey to their readers. Usually, planning successfully before you write helps you to write effectively, which means you will have less editing to do later on.

Planning allows writers to formulate ideas and to ensure that the structure of their text is logical and appropriate to the purpose and audience.

There are many different ways to plan your writing including using:

- Concept maps
- Mind maps
- List of ideas
- Diagrams
- Flow charts

Ultimately it is up to the individual writer to create and/or develop their own plan.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11/11/15, students gathered under the COLA to acknowledge Remembrance Day. The school was led by Year 6 students who spoke about the sacrifice Australians had made in all wars. Year 4 students led the school in singing the hymn ‘Abide With Me’. Some students read poems and stories about Remembrance Day.

Thank you to the students who led the ceremony and presented their work.

Hi fellow artlovers, 3/6C have been exposed to some of the great masters of art in our classroom conversation. As Mr A had just visited the art gallery in the ACT and observed "Blue Poles" by Jackson Pollock, 3/6C made their own versions. Here are pictures of our very own masterpieces.

3/6C
Composting is a topic of growing interest in schools everywhere. Composting provides a partial solution to an issue of great concern in many communities. All around the country, landfills are filling up and other waste disposal options are becoming ever harder to find. Composting provides a way not only of reducing the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of, but also of converting it into a product that is useful for gardening, landscaping or house plants. By addressing the solid waste issue, composting provides a way of instilling in children a sense of environmental responsibility.

Another reason our school is doing this is that it provides a rich topic for scientific investigations and discovery. Although composting is simple (you just put organic matter in a pile and wait for it to decompose), it also involves some fascinating interactions between biological, chemical, and physical processes.

Some classes are discussing and debating why we need plastic bags to carry food. Plastic bags should be banned and people should be using recycled cloth bags. Cloth bags are best because they can hold a lot of food and never break. They can be reused many times and you only need to purchase one bag. As a result you are saving money and helping the environment.

Parent Tip for the Week
Keep a cloth bag in the back of your car and whenever you go shopping you just take it with you. When you get home you can empty the bag and put it back in your car to reuse again.

Some examples of our fruit and vegetable scraps that go into our compost bin.
With thanks to the sponsors of the 2015 MVPS Country Fair fete.

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Moss Vale Services Club
- Southern Highland Motor Group

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- Connect Christian Centre
- Court House Café
- Australian Orchards
- Hong Kong Restaurant Moss Vale
- Empire
- Empire: Home Tilers & Hardware
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- Harper Collins
- Harvey Normar
- Highland Lady Moss Vale
- Highlife Magazine
- Honey Bee Cakes, Moss Vale
- J & M Embroidery
- Made By Others
- Gypsy Road, Bowral
- Knowles Stock Feed & Trading Co.
- JEMMY Moss Inn
- Moss Vale Newsagency
- Movies & More Moss Vale
- Moss Vale Out of School Hours
- Moss Vale Village Pharmacy
- Aquatic Centre
- Highland Market Place
- Prime Grill & Brasserie, Moss Vale Services Club
- Questacon
- Southern Highlands Bakery
- Veterinary Centre
- Twisting Vintage, Mittagong
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- We Know Pets, Mittagong
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- The Beach Sydney
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Tweet @mossvalepandc
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 28 November 4pm - 6.30pm. $5 per child 4-14 years. Parents and children under 4 free. SANTA visit! Come dressed in your favourite Christmas Hat or costume.