Stage 2 & 3 enjoyed a visit from the NRL West Tigers who talked about the importance of a healthy & active lifestyle.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

District Swimming Carnival
Following the highly successful school swimming carnival held last week at the Bowral Pool, our team of swimmers will compete in the Wingecarribee PSSA District Swimming Carnival at Bowral Pool this Monday, 23 February. We wish all competitors the best of luck as they attempt to qualify for the next level of competition in their respective events. The Moss Vale Public School Swim Team is:


Recreational Swimming Event
Given the swimming carnival last week was organised for competitors only, the school has arranged for all students in Stage 2 & 3 to participate in a recreational swimming event. This will be held on Friday March 6 and will be held at the Moss Vale war Memorial Aquatic Centre. Notes for this excursion have been distributed on February 13 with a final return date of March 2. Students will be placed into groups according to their ability and will participate in structured, enjoyable water activities.

Parking Safely Near the School
Parking or stopping in the wrong place can put children’s lives at risk. The following behaviours put them at risk outside the school:

- Calling children across the road
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road
- Leaving children in vehicle without adult supervision
- Double Parking
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway
- Making an illegal U-Turn

Please observe all road signage around the school and help make our school environment as safe as possible.

Parent Information Meetings
These meetings, held over the last two weeks for each stage, provided parents with an opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher and learn about the learning plans for the year. The meetings also informed parents of class routines, timetables and equipment needs of the class their child is placed. To assist those parents unable to attend these meetings, Stage Leaders have produced an information book which outlines important details presented at the meetings.

School Jargon
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? You’re not alone! We’re well aware that sometimes it appears that we have our own language, so we’ve developed this list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside our school gate seem a little more familiar. See the list at:


Volunteer Workshops
Volunteering is a great way to be involved in the life of the school and support your child’s success in learning. To support this, the school will be hosting the first workshop of the term for parents who wish to become volunteers in the classroom during the year. The next workshop will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 9.15am and will be conducted in the school staff room.

School Contributions Due
These payments are made to the school by each family to provide much needed resources for our children. The contributions are allocated to each grade K—6. The contribution amount is determined in consultation with the P & C Assoc. We encourage you to do so as soon as possible. This will ensure that we will be able to provide the best possible resources for your children.

The contributions are as follows:
- $30 for the first child
- $50 maximum per family

It takes a community to raise a child
Laurie Connery, Principal
COMING EVENTS

February
19th  Stage 2 Parent Information 3.15pm
      Support Parent Information 3.15pm
      Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
20th  PSSA Boys Cricket
23rd  District Swimming Carnival
26th  Stage 3 Paul Kelly Cup (AFL)
      Volunteer Workshop 9.15am

March
3rd   Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
5th   Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
6th   Recreational Swimming Event (Stage 2 & 3)
12th  Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.15pm
17th  Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm
      Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
18th  GRIP Leadership Conference Yr6
19th  Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm

CYBER-SMART

Digital footprint

What is it?

Your digital footprint mainly refers to your online activity and presence. It is data about you that you provide willingly, such as when you sign up to use a website, such as Facebook or Flickr, send an email, shop online and download or upload. It also refers to identifying information that has been captured about you that you may not know about, such as your search history, website visits and mentions of you by others. Some mobile phones have applications that also capture your location, which also adds to your digital footprint.

A digital footprint can also relate to your influence online, such as celebrities who use Twitter to communicate with their fans, are repeatedly mentioned in news sites and blogs, or photos of them are regularly uploaded. The performer Lady Gaga would have one of the world's largest digital footprints.

How does it work?

Part of your digital footprint is data held in your computer, but the vast majority of your digital activity is data held in servers, such as the one used by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and those used by the search engines that you use, websites that you visit, and so on.
K-10 ENGLISH SYLLABUS

Students will develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and viewing and writing and representing. They will interpret and express their views on what they see, hear and read.

Students will learn about the purpose and audience, structures and language features of literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts including:

- texts which are widely regarded as quality literature
- a widely defined Australian literature, including texts that give insights into Aboriginal experiences in Australia
- a wide range of literary texts from other countries and times, including poetry, drama scripts, prose fiction and picture books
- texts written about intercultural experiences
- texts that provide insights about the peoples and cultures of Asia
- everyday and community texts
- a wide range of factual texts that present information, issues and ideas
- texts that include aspects of environmental and social sustainability
- an appropriate range of digital texts, including film, media and multimedia.

Some useful websites:

Brain Pop  https://www.brainpop.com/
Stories Online  http://www.storylineonline.net/

ETHICS CLASSES

Another volunteer is needed to take the Kindergarten Ethics Class for 2015.

We are seeking an enthusiastic person who will be offered appropriate training and assistance. We currently have three volunteers, but need a fourth!

We also need another person to act as Ethics Coordinator. This involves much less time than required as a teacher, so it would suit a retired person or a busy parent or friend.

Interested? Please contact Ron Mansfield, the Southern Highlands Coordinator on: 48682190 or 0439459649
MOSS VALE COMPETITIVE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 12th February we held the School’s Competitive Swimming Carnival at Bowral’s Swimming Centre, 50 metre pool. There were over 90 students who competed on the day. We were very fortunate to have wonderful weather.

All the students really tried their best, had a go at the events, and supported their fellow students. Our school squad will progress on to compete at the Wingecarribee PSSA Swimming Carnival next Monday at the Bowral Pool.

I would like to especially thank the School’s Community who supported this event, teachers and assistants who took on the official duties for the day, the staff at the pool who were very accommodating to our requirements for the day, the school staff and office staff who made the event possible by their cooperation and Moss Vale Swimming Club who allowed us to borrow their high quality, starting system. Most of all the students should be acknowledged for their wonderful behaviour on the day.

Maureen Pietrucha - Sport Coordinator.

What is the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)? The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State government with Dymocks Children's Charities (Principal sponsor) and Microsoft (Technology Partner).

Why should my child enter the PRC? The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate for that year and their name will be published on an Honour Roll.

When does the PRC begin? Each year, the Challenge runs from March 2nd to August 22nd 2015.

Where can I access more information about the PRC? The PRC website is the main way to communicate with schools, parents and students so it is important to check the website regularly for new information and updates.

How do I register my child for the PRC? A permission note with further information will be sent home shortly, this is to be returned to your child’s class teacher. All notes returned to school in the month of March will be registered by Mrs Gardiner (teacher-librarian) by the beginning of April.
COMPETITIVE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

WEST TIGERS VISIT
Moss Vale Public School Parents and Citizens Association

Invitation to Attend

Annual General Meeting 2015

Monday 9 March – 7.00pm
School Library

Come along and be part of the conversation with the school

School Hats are back in stock!
The Clothing Pool is selling news hats for $10.00.

School uniform bucket hats are now available in S, M, L for $10.00 at the P&C Clothing Pool.

These hats meet the sunsafe requirements for SPF and brim size set by the Cancer Council.

The Clothing Pool is opened by volunteers

Monday 2.30 – 3.00pm &
Wednesday 8.30 – 9.00am

TERM 1
Events & Dates

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Netball Gala Day  SHNA Netball Gala Day on Saturday 21 February 9.30 - 12.30 at Eridge Park. Register with a club for the 2015 season or come and learn about netball in the Highlands. Join in the fun with face painting, sausage sizzle, games and activities for all.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco  Mittagong RSL Saturday 28 February 2015 4.00pm to 6.30pm. Parents and children under 3 free. $5 per child aged 4-14 years.

lazy runner

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Moss Vale Hockey Club
Want to play hockey?
Join our club!

- Ages 5+
- All skill levels
- Dedicated coaches
- Family fun atmosphere
- One venue every week

If you are interested in playing hockey this year please email us: info@mvhc.com.au or contact Deirdre Mackay 0422 406 722