Helping Children To Learn Well

Students from Stage 2 & 3 we given the opportunity to meet some Sydney Swans players and learn about AFL.

Browley Street, Moss Vale 2577
Phone: 02 4868 1866
Fax: 02 4869 1116
Email address: mossvale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Follow us on our You Tube Channel and on twitter:
@MossValePS
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Our School Canteen Renovations Complete

Our School Canteen has been undergoing refurbishment during February and is ready for business as of next Tuesday! In order for us to prepare for opening on this day, there will be no canteen service next Monday. Please ensure your child has all of their foods and drinks with them as we will not be able to provide lunch orders or over the counter sales. Our P & C Canteen Committee, supervisors and volunteers are looking forward to bringing you the best of fresh food, meal deals and service to our students in our new ‘digs’!

Enrolments and Classes

The number of children K - 6 enrolled at our school is 541. This allows us to form 19 mainstream classes together with 5 support classes and the Early Intervention Unit. However, based on our anticipated enrolments at the end of last year, we currently have 20 mainstream classes. If we are not able to attract the needed enrolments by the end of this term, we will need to rearrange classes to form the 19 classes we are meant to have. If this is required, it is most likely that students from a Stage 2 or 3 class will be absorbed into an alternative class at the beginning of Term 2. There also may be a requirement that the new demountable classroom be redistributed to another school if needed.

Staff Variations Term 1

From the commencement of Week 8 of this term, I will be on leave and Mrs Hines, our Deputy Principal, will be the Acting Principal in my absence. Mr Ryan will fulfil the role of Acting Deputy Principal during this period and Mrs Holdsworth will be the relief teacher for the students of 5/6R. Miss Byron will be on leave from the commencement of Week 8 and will return to school in Week 3 of Term 2. Mrs Holgate will be the relieving teacher on 3/4B during this time.

Clean Up Australia

All students supported Clean Up Australia Day last Friday afternoon. Classes assembled under the COLA for a talk about the purpose of Clean Up Australia Day and for a safety talk. Following, students went to areas of the playground that were allocated to their stage and cleaned up the playground. A rubbish audit was conducted. Interestingly, there was not a lot of rubbish found! However, the audit revealed that the rubbish consisted mostly of food wrappers and empty poppers, with most rubbish being collected from the top playground and COLA areas. Students were asked to think about how they can continue to ensure that we maintain a clean playground. Suggestions included making sure that all students sit to eat and that they ensure all rubbish is put in the nearest bin. Thank you to everyone involved on the day!

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 Monday, March 9, at 9.15 am and will be conducted in the school staff room.

Allergy Aware School

Moss Vale Public School is an Allergy Aware School. We recognise that we have highly allergic students to nuts and nut products. We request that all parents avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella or similar spreads or whole nuts to school. We provide support to all students to be aware of nut allergies and their contribution to providing a safe environment including not sharing their foods with others. We also ask that families keep us aware of any changes to a child’s medical needs.

Applications for Extended Leave (travel or holiday)

Parents are advised that from the beginning of the 2015 school year, family and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Parents are encouraged to arrange family holidays and/or travel during school vacation periods. However, consideration can be given to travel during school term if it is considered in the best interest of students. Parents can apply in writing to the principal and complete the Application for Extended Leave form available from the school office.

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

March 6th  Recreational Swimming Event (Stage 2 & 3)
12th  Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.15pm
13th  Moss Vale Show Stage 1
16th  Book Fair Week
17th  Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm
       Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
18th  GRIP Leadership Conference Yr6
19th  Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
       Noble/Hindmarsh Cup Rugby League
20th  Debating Workshop
23rd  Canberra Excursion Stage 3
26th  Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.15pm
27th  Soccer Gala Day Stage 2
31st  Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm
       Stage 1 Assembly 2pm

K-10 MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS

The Mathematics Syllabus allows students to develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through a range of learning experiences in:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

It focuses on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, communication, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills. These capabilities enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations by employing strategies to make informed decisions and solve problems relevant to their further education and everyday lives.

The study of mathematics provides opportunities for students to appreciate the elegance and power of mathematical reasoning and to apply mathematical understanding creatively and efficiently. The study of the subject enables students to develop a positive self-concept as learners of mathematics, obtain enjoyment from mathematics, and become self-motivated learners through inquiry and active participation in challenging and engaging experiences.

Some useful websites:
- Maths Playground - http://www.mathplayground.com
- Cool Maths - http://www.coolmath-games.com

BOOK FAIR WEEK 8 2015

Preview Week 7 for books - No purchasing
OPEN Monday to Friday  8.30am - 8.55am.  (Please be aware that classes will enter the library at 9.05am. Could you please finalise your payment by 8.50am)
Break 2: 1.30pm - 1.55pm
The book fair is not available after school.

All students who purchase a book will go into a draw for a book prize! If you would like to DONATE a book to our school library, please let the staff know. A book plate with your child’s name will be placed on the inside front cover of the book. All students who donate a book will go into the draw for a book prize.
3-6D are studying the book ‘Wombat Stew’. They have identified and written about the different characters, the setting and described what is happening throughout the story. They have recently discussed why they would not like to eat wombat stew!

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.
The enormous crocodile has sharp teeth, There are so many sharp teeth and they are sharp. He has long body, too. The enormous crocodile thinks about crunching up children. He also thinks of secret plans and clever tricks. The other animals thought they could all persuade him, but the enormous crocodile thought he would not eat fish again.
By Aidan K/3B

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.
The enormous crocodile has sharp white teeth. The enormous crocodile thinks about eating children for his lunch. The other animals thought he was mean and nasty because he eats children.
By Brayden K/3B

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.
The enormous crocodile has sharp teeth like a knife in the sun. He has a very long tail. He also has a gigantic body. The enormous crocodile thinks about persuading the other animals that children are good for them but they think the enormous crocodile is wrong. The other animals thought he was nasty and more evil than a brute. The animals were worried he was going to eat children forever.
By Nicholas K/3B

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.
The enormous crocodile has sharp pointy teeth. The enormous crocodile thinks about eating kids for his lunch. The other animals thought he was mean and nasty. He eats children.
By Isabella K/3B

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.
The enormous crocodile has sharp claws. He has sharp teeth. The enormous crocodile thinks about eating children for his lunch. The other animals thought that he was nasty because he eats children.
By Abby K/3B
3/6C has been using the imaginative text Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl as inspiration for their writing and their creative art. The Gypsy Caravan artworks represent the student's ideas of where Danny and his father live while the Bubble artworks represent the dream powder being blown around children's bedrooms by the BFG (Big Friendly Giant). The students also wrote a dream that the BFG could have blown into their bedrooms. We are looking forward to exploring the rest of the book as there has been so much to experience in the first four chapters.

Danny's Gypsy Caravan by Anakín
Danny's Gypsy Caravan by Nick
Danny's Gypsy Caravan by Ben
BFG Dream Powder Bubble by Harley

The BFG Dream by Harry

Last night the CFG blew dream powder all around my bedroom. I dreamt the most marvellous dream.

I woke up in some dirt and the whole world was square as well as me. I stood up and saw a man with a Mohawk and a rat face. He demanded an emerald so I could get out of there. Luckily some nice villagers called Bob and Jim pushed him away and took me to Emerald Bay. Emerald Bay was full of emeralds but to get one I had to dance for Johnny the King. Johnny said I could dance for him the next day so I practiced all day. I did the wooping gangham style dance and the king loved it and gave me five emeralds. I gave one to the rat faced guy and took the other four back to earth. I woke up rich.

BFG Dream Powder Bubble by Riley

3/6C

K/3E

K / 3 E have been having fun with the story 'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen.

After reading our book, we enjoyed testing a range of items to see which things float and which things sink.

We grouped them together and created a graph.

We had so much fun being investigators.

Who Sank the Boat?
Who Sank the Boat?
Who Sank the Boat?
Who Sank the Boat?
Who Sank the Boat?

The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!
The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!
The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!
The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!
The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!
The Kangaroo Cookie Cutter Floats!

The ball floats!
The ball floats!
The ball floats!
The ball floats!
The ball floats!
The ball floats!

3/6M

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.

The Marble Sinks and so does the toy Ant.
**PSSA CRICKET**

Moss Vale Public School travelled to Goulburn on Friday 20th to compete in the PSSA Senior Boys Cricket Knockout against Wollondilly Demonstration School. With a very inexperienced team, the boys posted one of MVPS highest ever scores. Top scorer on the day was Jack Baldwin, and he was ably supported by Thomas Simpson and Zac Airey. In the field, Lachlan McRae, Ben South and Blake Stutchbury shared the spoils taking a wicket each. Wollondilly completed the run chase with just 3 overs remaining. The boys from MVPS school played with great spirit and enthusiasm, and represented the school community with spirit and positivity.

**AFL PAUL KELLY CUP**

The Paul Kelly Cup AFL Gala Day is a highlight on the sporting calendar each year. Moss Vale Public School entered three boys and three girls teams to compete with other local schools in Bowral. All of our teams participated in the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship that we promote so heavily within the school. The AFL provided equipment and umpires, as well of plenty of support to promote the improvement of all our students’ skills. At the conclusion of the day, Moss Vale Public School had successfully qualified one boys team to progress through to the regional finals in Wollongong next term. Good luck to the team, and a big thanks to the parents who help to make these sporting trips possible.

**DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Students from Moss Vale Public School participated in the district swimming carnival on Monday 23 February at Bowral Pool. The senior boys relay team placed third. Well done to all who participated!

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Thank you to all the students and staff of Moss Vale Public School who participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 27th February 2015. It was lovely to see our school site litter free. Our rubbish audit again showed that packaged food wrapping is creating the most litter in the playground. The Nature Ninjas are going to meet this week to make a plan for how we can reduce the litter at Moss Vale Public School.

**WANTED**

Our support classes are seeking unwanted Lego to be used in the Support Unit. If you have any that your child no longer uses and would like to donate this to the school please contact the front office for more information.
Thank you for your support

Message from the out-going P&C President

I have found working on the P&C to be one of the most worthwhile and rewarding things I have ever done. I am inspired by the energy and efforts of the amazingly talented and creative people who devote themselves to providing the day to day volunteer jobs that enhance Moss Vale Public School.

It has been a privilege for me to meet highly dedicated parents who have a deep commitment to getting the best for all children in our school. I encourage you to get involved and play a part in P&C activities to see for yourself what a positive impact you can have.

Parents are customers of Moss Vale Public School, and our children’s education is the product. The P&C aims to help you to have a good customer experience that reflects well on the school.

Our thanks go to the school staff and teachers to whom we entrust the care and education of our children. The school has a huge responsibility in the eyes of parents and we understand what an important role teachers and staff have to play in our children’s lives.

I look forward to contributing to the efforts of the P&C in other ways in future and I welcome the enthusiasm and new direction of committee members in representing the interests of parents.

Thank you for your support of the school through the MVPS P&C.

Call for nominations

Nominations are called for in the roles of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. Some of the ways in which you can support the school through the P&C are listed below.

Election of 2015 Office Bearers is at the P&C Meeting Monday 9 March 7.00pm in the Library.

P&C Sub Committees:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Canteen</th>
<th>Fundraising</th>
<th>School Fete</th>
<th>Special Needs and Parent Support (SNAPS)</th>
<th>Clothing Pool</th>
<th>Grants / Special Projects</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Meets monthly to discuss canteen issues</td>
<td>Schedule calendar of fundraising events</td>
<td>Form working group</td>
<td>List information and resources for families with emerging needs</td>
<td>Provide low cost uniform service to school community</td>
<td>Investigate possible funding options</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>has responsibility for Organising Canteen</td>
<td>Meet monthly to discuss upcoming events</td>
<td>Meet regularly and frequently as Fete date approaches</td>
<td>Research grants and other community resources</td>
<td>Coordinate recycling of donated uniform items</td>
<td>Apply for grants</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maintain canteen budget statements</td>
<td>Coordinate volunteers to undertake fundraising activities</td>
<td>Develop concepts for annual fete</td>
<td>Work to increase awareness and understanding of special needs families through seminars and events</td>
<td>Manage clothing pool kiosk and the volunteer roster to have ‘shop front’ available to parents</td>
<td>Administer grant funds to complete projects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrator canteen stock orders</td>
<td>Uniform Shop</td>
<td>Seek sponsorship for prizes, cash or in-kind support</td>
<td>Event management</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TERM 1

Events & Dates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AGM + P&amp;C Meeting</th>
<th>Trivia Night Fundraiser</th>
<th>Mothers Day Gift Orders</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 9 March 7.00-9.00pm School library</td>
<td>27 March 7.00-10.00pm Christian Connect</td>
<td>End Term 1 Order forms to the school office</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Highland Hawks AFL Registration  We are a junior club catering for under 9’s, 10’s, 12’s and 14’s. Training is Tuesday 4pm till 5.30pm. Our home ground at Loseby Park, Park Road Bowral. Registration Saturday 7 March 2015 in Corbett Plaza Bowral between 9am and 2pm. President Simon Lawrance 0477 003 773, Secretary Craig Heinrich 0404 088 767 and Registrar/Coach Warren Bambridge 0409 270 999.