Moss Vale Public School staff and students at the Moss Vale Parade on Saturday 14 March.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

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, 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. Students and parents of the affected class(es) will be notified before the end of this term.

Moss Vale Street Parade
Moss Vale Public School staff and students walked in the annual Moss Vale Parade on Saturday 14th March. The weather was beautiful and students walked proudly in their school uniform, while holding blue and yellow balloons.

Dear Parents, Friends, and Community Members,

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that attended the parade. A great time was had by all!

SCHOOL PLAN 2015—2017
The school plan is currently being finalised. In order to complete this process we would like some community feedback about our 3 strategic directions:
• Building a learning culture based on quality teaching, visible learning and community engagement.
• Supporting students to be respectful and socially responsible citizens for the 21st Century.
• Teaching and learning for a sustainable future.

The draft school plan will be uploaded onto the school website and app on Tuesday for you to view. There will be a community feedback session on Thursday 26th March in the library from 3.15pm until 4.30pm. Please come along and share your thoughts.

Stage 3 - Canberra Excursion
The Stage 3 excursion to Canberra is being held this coming Monday (March 23rd). A reminder that on Monday morning students will need to arrive at school between 7:00 and 7:10am. They will need to bring a backpack containing drinks, a hat, a spray jacket, sunscreen, a pencil case and food for morning break and afternoon tea. Three coaches will be travelling to Canberra. Students are expected to arrive back at school at around 7:00pm.

Moving into Year 7 2016
Expressions of interest for High School placement are due back tomorrow, Friday 20 March. An expression of interest form is required back for all Year 6 students, even those who will be moving on to a non-government school next year. If you have misplaced your form please see the front office.

Keeping Up to Date
Our school website is a source of school happenings, notifications, forms and notes to help you if or when these are lost or misplaced.

The ‘School App’ for use on smartphones is available from the iTunes and Google Apps stores. This will provide further options for parents to have easy access to school information.

You can also ‘follow’ the school on Twitter: @MossVale PS

Parents and Citizens Association
The Annual General Meeting for our school’s Parents and Citizens Association took place on Monday 9 March. As a result, there are vacancies for President, Secretary and Canteen Treasurer. Involvement in the P&C is both rewarding and beneficial for the school. Additional fundraising and parent input is key to providing the best possible outcome for your children.

We have just been informed by the Parents and Citizen’s Association that due to unfortunate circumstances the canteen will be closing at the end of Term 1. Please find attached to this newsletter further details regarding the canteens current situation.

School Hat Policy
Our school has the expectation that all children will have the school sun safe hat. This is the broad brimmed hat approved by the P & C Assoc. It is our belief that a broad brimmed hat provides the best protection to the face, neck and ears whenever children are out in the playground.

Children who do not have the broad brimmed hat are restricted to the COLA during recess and lunchtime.

Parents can help support this important aspect by ensuring that their child has the proper school hat each day at school and by modelling sun safe behaviours themselves. Please note that peaked caps are not to be worn at school. Further information about sun protection can be obtained from the NSW Health website: http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/general/sun_protect.html

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 make payment as soon as possible. This will ensure that we will be able to provide the best possible resources for your children.

The contributions for 2015 are as follows:
$35 for the first child
$55 maximum per family

It takes a community to raise a child
Meredith Hines, Relieving Principal
COMING EVENTS

March
19th  Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
Noble/Hindmarsh Cup Rugby League
20th  Debating Workshop
23rd  Canberra Excursion Stage 3
Harmony Day Celebrations
25th  GRIP Leadership Conference Yr6
26th  Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.15pm
School Planning Meeting 3.15pm
27th  Soccer Gala Day Stage 2
31st  Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm
Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
Road Safety Excursion Early Stage 1

April
2nd   Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
LAST DAY OF TERM
21st  Term 2 Students return to school

SCIENCE K-10 (INCORPORATING K-6 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) SYLLABUS

The Science and Technology Syllabus allows students to develop their skills in using processes of Working Scientifically and Working Technologically to answer interesting questions and develop creative solutions to important 21st Century problems.

Students develop their curiosity and understanding about the Natural Environment and the Made Environment through learning about the Physical World, Earth and Space, the Living World, the Material World, Built Environments and Information and Products.

Students learn about the influence and relevance of science and technology in their lives now and in the future.

The aim of the syllabus is to:

**FOSTER** students’ sense of wonder and expand their natural curiosity about the world around them.

**DEVELOP** students’ competence and creativity in applying the processes of Working Scientifically and Working Technologically.

**ENHANCE** students’ confidence in making evidence based decisions.

**ENABLE** students’ to confidently respond to the needs and opportunities when designing solutions.

Some useful websites:

Brain Pop Science [https://www.brainpop.com/science/](https://www.brainpop.com/science/)
Stage 1 students attended the Moss Vale Show on Friday 13 March!

Dear Ike

I think you should come to Australia because you can climb Sydney Harbour bridge; it is very high.

*Drew*

Dear Lincoln

I think you should come to Australia because I want you to go to the Snowy Mountains.

*Leo*

My favourite animal is a lizard because it has a long blue tongue and it can catch one hundred flies with it. They have really pretty scales. Lizards are my favourite animal.

*Ripley*
1S

1S have been using Anthony Brownes’ ‘Zoo’, as a stimulus for persuasive writing and visual arts. His story has made us consider: are zoos for animals or for people?

I think that the zoo is built for animals to be healthy and to be looked after. They are happy and get to be fed.

Emily

I like zoos because they are important because they help animals if they are in danger. Zoos are built for animals if they are scared.

Ana

I like the zoo because I can see sharks. Sharks have sharp teeth.

Griffin

2B

Stage 1 had a fantastic day at the Moss Vale Show on Friday!

The farmyard animals were very cute and students loved looking at the rabbits, baby chicks, guinea pigs, goats and especially the three little lambs.

The magic show proved very entertaining with lots of laughter and wondering about how the rabbit appeared and stayed in its box!

The racing pigs were also hilarious as they trotted up and down a ramp, went the wrong way and butted open a gate. Miss Kennedy was chosen to judge the winner of the race and she did a splendid job!

A great day was had by all and students received a free pass to visit the show again over the weekend!
CYBER-SMART

- Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens.
- Be aware of what your child is doing online.
- Locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Don’t simply ignore cyberbullying.
- Watch for changes in mood and behaviour in your child.
- Report abuse to the relevant authorities.
- All schools have anti-bullying policies – ask about yours.

BOOK FAIR CONTINUES

**Tomorrow, Friday 20 March,** is the last day to visit the book fair in our Library. The Library will be open from 8.30am - 8.55am and during Break 2 from 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.

HARMONY DAY

As Harmony Day falls on Saturday 21st March this year, Moss Vale Public School will be holding a small celebration on Monday 23rd March 2015. Students will make a Collaborative Belonging Dragon. This shared experience is the culmination of students’ class activities and discussions about Belonging in the lead up to Harmony Day.

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 6 March both Stage 2 and Stage 3 ventured down to the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre to have our Recreational Swimming Carnivals. All of the students who attended took part in a number of organised activities. The enthusiasm could be seen on all their faces. Students were placed in groups according to their personal capabilities, and the events were structured to suit their needs. Thankyou to all the accompanying staff who went out of their way to make this an enjoyable event for the students.

Maureen Pietrucha - Sport Coordinator.

PSSA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Olivia, Jessica and Letitia from Moss Vale Public School represented the PSSA Southern Tablelands Rep Basketball Team. The team participated in the South Coast Sports Association Regional trials. All girls played fantastically and the team went through the competition undefeated. Well done girls!!!

Mr Dawson
Position vacant - P&C President

The roles of P&C President, P&C Secretary and Canteen Treasurer remain vacant.

Without these vital positions filled the P&C will not be able to operate all of its usual functions.

Please consider taking a role with the P&C if you would like to play a part in representing the interests of parents on behalf of the school community.

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### Trivia Night Fundraiser

**7pm, Friday 15th May**

Christian Connect Church  
(cornet Spring and Railway Streets)  

$20 per head including light supper, BYO alcohol  

Quality prizes and live entertainment by The Webb Duo  

Either make your own table of 8 or we can put tables together.

Please register and pay to the P&C box in school office by Thursday 14th May

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco  Mittagong RSL, Saturday 28 March 2015 from 4pm - 6pm. Cost $5.00 per child 4 - 14 years. Parents and children under 3 free.