MOSS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Harmony Day 2015

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Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Enrolments and Classes

The number of children K - 6 currently enrolled at our school is 539. 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. As a result of this, we have decided to dissolve class 4S into the other stage 2 classes. In doing so, this will impact on other stage 2 and stage 3 classes, by increasing the total number of students in each class. We would like to reassure everyone that the students’ needs will continue to be met and they will engage in all appropriate stage activities.

All students and parents/carers who have been affected by this restructure have been notified. The new class structure will commence Term 2 Tuesday 21st April when students return to school.

Staff Variations Term 2

We welcome back our principal Mr Connery from his leave and hope he enjoyed his well earned break.

Mrs Hines will return to her position as Deputy Principal.

We would like to thank Mr Ryan for his wonderful contributions that he has made as Relieving Deputy Principal. Mr Ryan will return to his class 5/6R in Term 2.

Thank you to Mrs Holdsworth for teaching 5/6R over the last 3 weeks.

Ms Stokes will teach 3S (previously 3C) due to the class restructure.

We would like to thank Mrs Croudson for all of the wonderful work she has done teaching 3C throughout this term.

Miss Byron is still on leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 and will return Monday week 3. Mrs Holgate will continue as the relieving teacher on this class.

We say congratulations and farewell to Mrs Kathy Cupitt who has accepted a full time teaching position. We wish her every success in her new position at her new school. Miss Jessica Malloy will be the temporary teacher on 3/6C until the position has been filled through merit selection.

Term 2 Staff Development Day

Just a reminder that Monday 20th April is a School Development Day for teachers only (student free). School Development Days provide opportunities for staff to undertake significant professional learning and plan and prepare for the teaching and learning experiences for students. Staff will be focussing on wellbeing and the different frameworks, programs and restorative practices that exist in relation to student wellbeing.

School Canteen

The Canteen committee wishes to remind us that the “Snack Shack” has now closed.

Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair was a great success this term. Our school community raised over $1800.00 in book commission for the library, which is the greatest amount of commission raised during a book fair.

Congratulations Moss Vale Public School!

A special thank you goes to all the parents who contributed their time through selling, setting up and packing away the book fair. It was a massive week and we could not have managed without your support.

Scholastic also donated $60 worth of book prizes for the book fair.


$20 prize winner: M.Gardiner 3C

Harmony Day

The students from Moss Vale PS celebrated Harmony Day on Monday 23rd March. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, which is why we created a Harmony dragon containing a message from every student in the school.

Our Harmony dragon is hanging in our school library for all to see.

ANZAC SERVICE 2015

We are once again calling for student involvement for the march to the ANZAC Service at the Services Club Lawn on April 25. We will assemble at the car park in Queen Street at 10.30am for the commencement of the march at 10.40am. Students in K-6 are invited to join us for this important 100 years commemoration service.

School Service

An ANZAC Service will be held at Moss Vale PS on Friday 24th April. The service will commence at 10.30am and will take place under the COLA. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend as we mark 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli and the start of World War 1.

TERM 1

Term 1 has drawn to a close and what a busy term it has been. Enjoy the break these holidays and spend some quality time with your children. Often children’s memories come from what they did with their parents or carers in school holidays.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and a safe and wonderful holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

It takes a community to raise a child

Meredith Hines, Relieving Principal
COMING EVENTS

April 2nd LAST DAY OF TERM

20th Staff return to school
21st Term 2 Students return to school

CYBER-SMART

- Just because it’s on the internet, it doesn’t mean it’s true.
- Make sure your child uses multiple sources of research, and is careful not to plagiarise.
- Stranger danger is online, too.
- Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online. If they really want to meet up, encourage them to talk to you about it first and insist on going along with them.
- Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT K-6 SYLLABUS

Human Society and Its Environment is the Key Learning Area in which students develop knowledge, understanding, skills and values and attitudes about people and their social and physical environments.

The outcomes and content in the syllabus are organised in 4 strands:
- Change and Continuity
- Cultures
- Environments
- Social systems and structures

This Key Learning Area provides opportunities for students to ask challenging questions, to be curious and develop a lifelong love of learning. It focuses on developing inquiry learning skills and providing experiences that are meaningful for students, engaging them with actual people, places and issues wherever possible.

Through analysing information and values, students can make responsible decisions about social, economic, religious, civic and environmental issues that may affect them now or in the future. It also provides scope for students to develop their own opinions, values and viewpoints, and to value and respect the rights of others to have different opinions, values and viewpoints.

Useful websites:
Geography for kids http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-for-kids/index.php
Climate kids http://climatekids.nasa.gov/menu/play/
4S and 3C are studying day and night in science and have created amazingly colourful displays for their classrooms.
As part of this science topic, ‘Spinning in Space’, 3/4B have been researching how and why night and day occur. Connecting with this art work, they have painted this interpretation of Van Gogh’s famous painting, ‘Starry Night’. They talked about shadows, moonlight and how to add light to this painting.
As you aware, Stage 3 students from our school recently undertook an educational excursion to the national capital. During this excursion they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The students participated in a guided tour of the Australian War Memorial, with a focus on the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landings by the ANZACs. This also included watching an amazing recreation of the Australian Air Force’s first battles over Europe.

Stage 3 followed their HSIE learning program of Australian Democracy with a visit to the Electoral Education Office to understand more about the Australian Constitution, our levels of government and the Australian system of preferential voting. Students actively participated in their very own elections and used their knowledge of the voting system to find a winner!

The third element of the excursion was a visit to Parliament House, including a tour of both the Senate and The House of Representatives. This tour concluded with our students taking on the role of the parliament as they passed their very own mock bills into law.

The hands-on nature of the activities conducted at each location saw our students gain a deeper understanding and ensured everybody got the most out of this wonderful excursion.

A huge thanks goes out to Mr Ryan for co-ordinating the trip, and to all of the fabulous staff who make these special events possible.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist students in the meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funds of $20.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school. The contribution has allowed parents to pay $40.00 for the excursion rather than the full cost of $60.00.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.

Federal Member for Throsby Stephen Jones speaks to students about the Parliamentary process during Stage 3’s visit to Parliament House.
Clothing Pool

Term 2 Opening Hours

The Clothing Pool will be opening on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Term 2.

New Opening hours:
Monday 2.30—3.00pm
Tuesday 2.30—3.00pm
Wednesday 8.30—9.00am

Located in the store at the side of the school office the Clothing Pool offers donated and second hand uniform items, along with new hats and bags.

Recycled clothing prices:
General uniform items $1
Items displaying the school logo $2
New design school T-shirts $5

New Items available at the Clothing Pool:
School Hats $10
School Bags $40

Quality uniform donations welcome.

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.

Contact mossvalepandc@gmail.com to express your interest.

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Huge thank you to Highland Sand and Gravel (Parkes Rd, Moss Vale) for donating sand the Moss Vale Public School Early Intervention Unit.

‘Jungle Mania’ jungle themed holiday club at Connect Christian Church on Tuesday 14 April 2015 from 9.00am to 4.00pm for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. For more information contact Debbie on 4869 3102 or 0407 907 699.

Go4Fun Healthy Kids Program, Moss Vale Aquatic Centre Monday 4.00pm to 6.00pm starting 20 April 2015. For more information contact 1800 780 900 or go4fun.com.au

Moss Vale & District Basketball Assoc Skills Day Wednesday 8 April 2015 9.00am til 1.00pm. $5 for the day includes personal coaching offering basic skills needed to play the game of basketball, prizes and giveaways. For more information contact Rose 0417 431 973 or www.mvbasketball@sportingpulse.net