A brilliant display in our school library to mark the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Enrolments and Classes

As you would be aware, we did not have sufficient enrolments to retain 20 classes at the end of Term 1 and we subsequently had to reallocate students from 4S to alternative classes. This also impacted on other students in Stage 2 & 3 classes.

The good news is, that since the start of the new term, we have unexpectedly enrolled a sufficient number of students K - 6 to allow us to reform the 20th class. There will be a number of students in Stages 2 & 3 who will also be placed in different classes to create a balance of student numbers and learning opportunities. Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Support classes will be unaffected by the restructure. These changes will come into effect next Monday 4th May.

We will be sending individual letters to parents on Friday for those students who will be changing classes. Once these changes are in effect, there will be no further changes required to classes for the 2015 school year. In other good news, the demountable classroom will remain at our school for at least the remainder of the year.

I appreciate your understanding of the need for this further re-adjustment and appreciate your flexibility as we focus on the best learning outcomes for your children.

Staff Variations Term 2

There are a number of staff variations that I wish to advise parents of, especially in the light of our restructure of classes. We have secured Mrs Croudson who was teaching 3C last term. She will remain with this class until a permanent teacher is appointed. Miss Byron will return from leave from the commencement of Week 3 of Term 2. We would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mrs Holgate as the relieving teacher on 3/4B during this time.

I would also like acknowledge Mrs Hines, our Deputy Principal, who fulfilled the role of Relieving Principal so competently in my absence last term and Mr Ryan who fulfilled the role of Relieving Deputy Principal strongly during this period. Thank you also to Mrs Holdsworth who relieved as class teacher of the students of 5/6R. Her expertise and skill was certainly appreciated by all.

Miss Molloy has been engaged as relief teacher of 3/6C whilst the process for selecting the special education position is being processed. We welcome warmly her to the school. Mrs Miller has been appointed to the vacant KBM class as Mrs Moore was unable to complete the teaching block due to unexpected family reasons. We also extend Mrs Miller, a warm Moss Vale Public School welcome.

ANZAC DAY

I would like to congratulate the children from our school who attended the ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25th April. Our students joined other community groups to march with the returned service -men and women as we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing of 1915.

Opportunity classes cater for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. If your child is currently in Year 4 and you would like your child to attend an opportunity class in Year 5 in 2016, you will need to apply soon. All applications should be made online through your internet connection. The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of schools with opportunity classes and the application link is:  
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opclassplacement

Applications close on Friday 15 May at 5.00 pm. Please note that the closest OC Class to Moss Vale is located at Tahmoor Public School.

School Uniform

Pivotal to maintaining a positive school climate is the expectation that all students wear the Moss Vale School uniform. If this expectation is dropped then not long after, so too are other expectations like showing a willingness to be persistent and resilient and striving to be the best that one can be. The Moss Vale Public School uniform includes black school shoes. Your support in ensuring your child wears black school shoes is appreciated.

School Strategic Plan 2015—2017

I am pleased to advise that the School Plan has been finalised and can be viewed by parents and community on our school website from this Friday May 1st. The school plan outlines our 3 Strategic Directions over the next 3 years and identifies the planned teaching and learning initiatives for our students.

Our 3 Strategic Directions are symbolised by:

- Mindscape
- Social Handprint
- Ecological Footprint

To find out more about the school’s School Plan, visit our website at:  http://www.mossvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Volunteer Workshops

As the new term is well underway, you may be considering the opportunity to volunteer at our school. The next workshop will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 9.15 am and will be conducted in the school staff room. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

It takes a community to raise a child

Laurie Connery, Principal
COMING EVENTS

May
6th  SNAPS Meeting 11am
     Knockout Netball Mittagong
     P&C Meeting 7pm
7th  District Cross Country
     Mother’s Day Stall 9-11am
     Volunteers Workshop 9.15am
12th NAPLAN Language & Writing
     Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
13th NAPLAN Reading
14th NAPLAN Numeracy
15th P&C Trivia Night 7pm
17th-19th Year 6 Berry Leadership Camp
19th ICAS Digital Technologies
22nd Stewart House bags due
26th Stage 3 “Whiz It Up” Extension Day
     Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm
     Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
28th Stage 3 Assembly 12.40pm
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SYLLABUS

The Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus is based on a broad notion that health encompasses all aspects of a child’s wellbeing, inclusive of social, mental, physical and spiritual health. It is concerned with developing in students the knowledge and understanding, skills, values and attitudes that will enable them to lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

Students learn about the importance of good food and regular exercise and develop positive attitudes towards a healthy lifestyle. They learn how to play individual and team sports, and the value of sportsmanship and teamwork.

The syllabus is concerned with:

- Physical, social, cognitive and emotional growth and development patterns
- Development and maintenance of positive interpersonal relationships
- The factors that influence personal health choices
- Living and learning in a safe secure environment
- The adoption of a healthy lifestyle
- Fundamental movement patterns and coordinated actions of the body
- Skills that enable action for better health and movement outcomes

Some useful websites:

Games to play  http://www.pedagonet.com/PhysEd/physed.htm
I think it is important to remember the Anzac’s because of their great courage, bravery and sacrifice. Even when they were wounded and their mates were dying around them; they still fought on to give both Australia and New Zealand freedom.

Jessica Palmer-Quigg 6P

What I have experienced in the past few weeks has changed who I am as a person.
The guns firing in the distance. The men who fought and died and the ones who stayed alive. The piercing sound of soldiers screaming and crying. The pain that the injured ones felt is impossible to imagine.

Leah Franks 6S

Today I witnessed another tragic death. I can’t help but feel sorry for the young soldier’s heartbroken family. We do the best we can but it’s difficult with the limited amount of supplies we have. Sometimes the supplies are just enough to save the poor injured soldiers. Each day hundreds of men die during battle and I wish I could save them. The sound of screaming, gun shots and bombs going off is a terrible sound. My days of nursing are long and hard but if feels good to be saving lives.

Gabie Rumble 6S
I wake up, go to the back door and watch the sun rise high about the trees. Anzac Day, a special day of the year where we respect the soldiers who have fallen for us. Gallipoli, the battle field of the Anzacs. Those spirits of the Anzacs still live in our hearts. They were brave and hearted soldiers.

Nicholas Sheppard 5D

Anzac Day was commemorated on Friday 24th April by the staff, students and families of Moss Vale Public School through a formal assembly. School leaders shared readings they had written and the Stage 2 choir sang “Spirit of the Anzacs”. We were fortunate enough to have three guest speakers, Lieutenant Lawrence, Mr Bob McLearen and Mr Col Beszant address the school about the importance and meaning of ANZAC day. It was a very moving ceremony.

ANZAC DAY
Remembering people as young as 14 who died in WW1. A time to remember the Anzacs both past and present, knowing one in five didn’t return from the war. Remembering how the Anzacs changed Australia’s reputation from convicts to heroes. 64 Victoria Crosses were presented to Anzacs, that helped changed our international reputation.

Esther Rough 5/6R

On Saturday April 25th April Moss Vale Public School staff, students and families participated in the Local Moss Vale Sub Branch RSL Ceremony. We joined other community groups to march with the Returned Service men and women to the Moss Vale Services Club War Memorial.

We will remember them.
CROSS COUNTRY

Moss Vale Public School students K – 6 participated in the Cross Country on Tuesday 28th April. It was a great day, weather wise and all students gave their best. It was wonderful to see all students support and encourage each other to complete the course.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the event to support the students.

Congratulations to all place getters and those who qualified for the District Cross Country. We wish you every success at the next level.

STAGE 3

ANZAC SPEECHES

Anzac Day means to me war and bravery. It also means to remember those who fought in war. They would never give up fighting for their country.

Adele Semmler 5/6R

Anzac day means to me soldiers from Australia and New Zealand coming together and fighting for our freedom today. The men when they signed up didn’t know what they were getting themselves into. It bought out great courage, determination and most of all bravery. The sacrifice they made was quite an extraordinary thing to do. LEST WE FORGET.

Hayley Jamieson 5D

Anzac Day to means sadness and death. People fought for us and our home. Every Anzac morning we get up and pay our respect to the people who fought for us. Just think how that makes you feel. A lot of people went to war and a lot did not come back. The fields were green but now they red, the colour of blood from all the people that were injured. Many people did and a lot injured. Lest We Forget. Imagine how the Anzac people would feel. Always remember the people that fought for us and our home.

Jayde Hart 5D

ANZAC DAY is when we respect all of the Anzacs that fought for peace and for our country. To me Anzac Day is a time for remembering all of those soldiers who were very brave to go and fight and those very brave soldiers that died.

Many soldiers were injured, blinded or went crazy so I think that it’s very important to respect them. They had to watch friends and loved ones die or get injured. My great great grandfather died in the war. I don’t know how he died but I know that he had a lot of bravery and courage.

Hayley Jamieson 5D

Lest We Forget. Imagine how the Anzac people would feel. Always remember the people that fought for us and our home.

ANZAC DAY

Twyla Baxter 5/6R
Trivia Night Fundraiser

THIRD ANNUAL MVPS

7pm, Friday 15th May
Christian Connect Church
(corner 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

Join the P&C email list

Ever wanted to know more about what goes on at the school but you can't get to P&C meetings?
Now you can catch up on things like class sizes, teaching arrangements and upcoming event by adding your email address to the P&C contact list.
Over 100 parents already receive updates and information regularly from the P&C by email.
You can add yourself to the list by sending your name and contact details to mossvalepandc@gmail.com.
Contact mossvalepandc@gmail.com to express your interest.

TERM 2
Events & Dates
Mothers Day Gift Orders
Closing soon
Order forms to the school office

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 6 May
7.00pm
School Library

Trivia Night Fundraiser
Friday 15 May
7.00—10.00pm
Christian Connect
COMMUNITY NEWS

NetSetGo! Netball for 5 – 7 year olds. NetSetGo! teaches young players all the skills required to play netball. NetSetGo! starts at 9.30am on 9 May at Eridge Park and costs $65 for 10 weeks including a goody bag. Email shna.netsetgo@gmail.com for more information.

CYBER-SMART

Screen time

- Set a screen time limit of no more than two hours a day.
- Busy kids are less likely to have screen time issues.
- Eliminate food and drink in front of the screen.
- Ask your child how they are going to spend their time so they get into the habit of planning their screen time

’Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. Experts around the world agreed that setting a limit of no more than two hours a day was best, and children under two shouldn’t have any screen time at all.

The 2010 University of Bristol’s PEACH project studied more than 1,000 British children aged 10 and 11, measuring the time children spent in front of a screen, as well as their psychological wellbeing. An activity monitor recorded the children’s sedentary time and moderate physical activity. The results showed that more than two hours per day of both television viewing and recreational computer use led to lower mental health scores.

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