Well done to the Girls Soccer Team moving to the next knockout round
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Student Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Students in Years K—6 and support classes will be issued their semester progress reports on Friday, 19th June (Week 9). Parent / teacher conferences are scheduled for Week 10 of this term, Monday 22 June—Thursday 25 June. You will receive a separate note in the coming weeks regarding times for interviews and your participation is keenly sought. Please send in your return slip with your preferred time and your teacher will then confirm your scheduled interview time.

Benefits of Student-Led Conferences

Students actually show parents what they know and are learning in school.

- Parents are exposed to materials and activities that students are engaged in during the school day.
- Teachers can observe interactions, comment, offer suggestions and model strategies.
- Students, parents, and the teacher are all active participants in the conference.

In addition to the semester reports and parent / teacher conferences, we also conduct Student Led Conferences. These conferences provide invaluable opportunities for our children to lead and demonstrate their learning with their parents. The children rehearse their presentations with their teachers before the conferences are held to ensure they feel confident to share their work and knowledge gained over the semester. The conferences are planned to be held during Education Week, July 27—31 (Week 3, Term 3).

Your child’s report:
- is written in plain language
- provides information about your child’s learning in each area
- includes teacher comments that clearly identify areas of strength and areas for further development
- provides a snapshot of your child’s achievements with an outstanding to limited grade (A—E)
- Provides information about your child’s social development and commitment to learning.

Annual School Report 2014

The Moss Vale Public School 2014 Annual School Report is now available for viewing by parents and the community. The report is a record of our school’s self-evaluation process and is part of the school’s ongoing cycle of school planning and evaluation. Parents can find the Annual Report on our school website or alternatively, request a copy from the school office.

School Uniform

The Moss Vale Public School uniform includes black school shoes. Your support in ensuring your child wears black school shoes is appreciated.

Volunteer Workshops

If you are considering the opportunity to volunteer at our school, please note that the next workshop will be held on Thursday, June 11 at 9.15 am and will be conducted in the school staff room. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House appreciates your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children. For families who contributed to the recent clothing appeal at our school, Stewart House wishes to express its gratitude. A heartfelt thank you!

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:
- $35 for the first child
- $55 per family

End of May Special Draw!

Pay your voluntary contributions by the end of May and go into the draw for a $100 dinner voucher to a restaurant of your choice! Parents who have already paid their contributions will be automatically entered into the draw. With thanks to our P & C Assoc. for making this voucher available.

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

May
29th  Last Day to Pay Yr 6 Leadership Top

June
1st   P&C Meeting 9.15am
2nd   ISER Performance
      Chess Tudor House
      Assembly Stage 1 12.40pm
3rd   ICAS Science
      Book Club Due
4th   Assembly Early Stage 1 2.15am
      Assembly Stage 3 12.40pm
5th   Community Garden Visit
      Girls Knockout Soccer Bowral
8th   PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9th   Assembly Stage 2 12.40pm
      Last Day to Pay Athletics Carnival
11th  Volunteers Workshop 9.15am
12th  Athletics Carnival
15th  ICAS Writing
16th  ICAS Spelling
      Assembly Stage 1 2pm
17th  Boy Hockey Goulburn
18th  School Photos

WRITING FOR A PURPOSE

Moss Vale Public School is focusing on the aspect of writing in all Key Learning Areas.

Writing involves using spelling, grammar, design features, handwriting and digital tools to create texts for specific purposes.

Students need to know the purpose of their writing and why they are writing. This is author's purpose. Is it to inform, persuade or entertain? What is the specific reason for communicating with someone?

Informative texts are valued for their information content, as a store of knowledge and for their value as part of everyday life.

Persuasive texts primary purpose is to put forward a point of view and persuade a reader, viewer or listener.

Imaginative texts entertain and represent ideas, feelings and mental images in words or visual images. They are characterised by originality, freshness and insight.

What does the author intend to accomplish in the writing?

What does the author want to happen as a result of the writing?
In K/3 E we have been developing our narrative story skills. We have been creating a story about Pirate Sam who sails the wild seas and has adventures on Treasure Island.

We created a mural of Treasure Island in our classroom. Our mural is made with edicole dye, sand, crepe and cellophane paper. We had so much fun creating it. If you step into our room, prepare to be taken on an adventure!

We typed descriptive sentences about our island and the activities we could do there.

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**3/6C**

Book reviews of *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me* by Author Roald Dahl

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**K/3E**

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**Book reviews:**

- **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me**
  - **Characters:**
    - The Duke of Hampshire has a sword cane and a giant mansion and his son, too. Billy is a boy and likes the Giraffe and Bully.
  - **Your Opinion:**
    - Yes, I like the book because of Roald Dahl.
  - **Recommendation:**
    - Recommended to all so we do have a go at it.

- **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me**
  - **Characters:**
    - The Giraffe is nice and happy. The Pelly has an orange coat and eats fish. Billy has blonde hair and doesn't like dark places. He dislikes the Giraffe.
  - **Your Opinion:**
    - Yes, I like the book because of Roald Dahl.
  - **Recommendation:**
    - Recommended to all so we do have a go at it.

- **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me**
  - **Characters:**
    - The Giraffe is a girl, eats vegetables, and Billy is a boy.
  - **Your Opinion:**
    - Yes, I like the book because of Roald Dahl.
  - **Recommendation:**
    - Recommended to all so we do have a go at it.

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**Plot:**

Billy saw the sign “For Sale” on a shop window. Later it had a new sign for the “Ladderless Window Cleaning Company.” The Duke of Hampshire invited Pelly, Giraffe, Monkey and Billy to clean the windows. It was a test to see if he would hire them. Will they pass the test or will they fail?
Student envelopes will be sent home next week with every student. Family photo envelopes are available from the front office. No change is able to be given, please enclose correct money. Envelopes are to be given to photographer on the day.
What is Kik Messenger?
Kik Messenger is a free texting app available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android, Windows, Samsung Galaxy and Blackberry phones.

How does it work?
Account holders use Kik to text photos, videos and "Kik cards" - which can include YouTube videos, GIFs and drawings - to other users for free.

Why is Kik useful?
Kik is particularly popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod touch because the application gives them access to free messaging.

What do you need to keep in mind about your children and Kik?
The new version of Kik is rated +17 in iTunes because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube and Reddit. The biggest problem is that users often share their private Kik username on other public social networks like Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr.

STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY HOSTING CLASS
Due to the change in classes at the beginning of this term, there has been a change to the hosting class for Stage 2 Assemblies. Stage 2 assemblies are held on rostered Tuesdays at 12.40pm in the hall. Class 3C will host on 9 June and 4B will host on 23 June.

FUTURE LEADERS CAMP
On May 17, Thomas, Will, Jack, Cody, Riley, Rowan, Ellen, Kaila, Abbey and Olivia accompanied by Mr Ryan and Mrs Middleton went to a Leadership Camp at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. It was to develop our leadership skills. We did workshops to learn what a leader is. Activities highlighting teamwork, communication and creativity included canoeing, archery and raft building. Throughout the whole camp we learned how to become real leaders and to take action to improve our school. By Olivia, Thomas and Jack

GIRLS KNOCKOUT SOCCER
Soccer Success! On the 25th May, Mrs Middleton accompanied Ellen Hawthorn, Emily Hill, Hannah Fraser, Hannah Gage Simpson, Amelia Kelly, Jorgi Webb, Mackenzie South, Arian Stone, Jessica (Peg) Palmer-Quigg, Emily Purcell, Lauren (Lozza) Vella, Sian Whalen, Lydia McConaghey and Esther Rough to the Robertson Soccer Fields to verse Robertson. We won 3/0. Robertson put up a good fight and came close to scoring multiple times, but Lauren stopped them. No one was injured on both teams and we all had fun. The Moss Vale team are preparing for the next game at David Woods Fields, Bowral on Friday 5 June. In this game we will verse the winner out of the upcoming game between Bowral and Mittagong. Special thank you to Brooke Sargent, for cheering us on, Sharon Webb for semi-coaching us, and Lynda Rough for helping Lauren in the goals. By Esther Rough & Hannah Gage Simpson
Sports Carnival Volunteers Needed

Sports Carnival - It’s not only the children who have fun at the Sports Carnival! Why not come along and help us with the BBQ and catering and have a few laughs with other fun loving, community minded parents. We’ll provide the tools, you bring the energy and we’ll even make sure you get breaks at the right time to watch your children participate and cheer them on!

If you’re happy to help and can give us a few hours of your time, please email mossvalepandc@gmail.com and let us know if you’re available all day or for which hours you can help out. We’d really appreciate your support.

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Participated and Helped to make the Trivia Night a Huge Success.

The Trivia Night was a great success raising over $3,300 in funds to help the school, and a great night was had by all! A special thanks to the Fundraising Committee for putting it together, the Webb Duo for the fantastic music on the night and of course the Christian Connect Church for providing the venue and making it all possible!

Canteen Update

There was a great response to the canteen meeting held last week and lots of discussion from parents over how it can work positively, going forward. It’s been decided that our canteen will open once a week to start with, run completely by volunteers. We will continue to embrace the healthy eating guidelines and provide our children with interesting, nutritious meals at reasonable prices.

If the canteen is to grow and increase the number of days it operates, it is imperative that it’s supported financially. We encourage every family to consider how you can support the canteen by ordering as often as you are able to.

We are really aiming to make the canteen a fun place to volunteer so with that in mind, as we grow, we encourage all parents to team up with a friend and come and work together in the canteen. You’ll be supporting a great cause, your children will enjoy having you around and you will help make the canteen a fun, light hearted environment for all our volunteers. If this interests you and you haven’t already signed up to volunteer, please contact our Canteen Convenor, Mindy Hindmarsh by emailing mossvalepandc@gmail.com and noting your availability.

Stay tuned for the canteen’s re-opening date.

Clothing Term 2 Special

Polar Fleece Beanies reduced to $2.50 each! Term 2 only. Be quick, limited stock (rrp $5 each). Please label your child’s uniform items in several places in permanent marker.

Reminder Clothing Pool hours: Monday 2:30—3pm Tuesday: 2:30—3pm Wednesday 8:30—9am. Cash only. Please bring small change.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FIRE & RESCUE NSW** Moss Vale Fire Station Open Day Saturday 30 May 10am - 2pm. Fire safety demonstrations, meet your local firefighters, learn about fire safety and check out a fire truck.


**Mittagong Blue Light Disco** Mittagong RSL Saturday 30 May 4pm - 6.30pm. $5 per child 4 - 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.