Our Aboriginal students were given the opportunity to create a joint artwork with Mrs Lotter for the Wingecarribee Shire Council NAIDOC exhibition.
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Parent Teacher Interviews

As mentioned in the last newsletter, students in Years K—6 and support classes will be issued their semester progress reports on Friday, 21st June (Week 9). Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Week 9 of this term, Monday 22 June—Thursday 26 June. Parents will shortly receive a confirmation note indicating the times for these interviews with their child’s teacher.

At a Glance: The following suggestions may be of benefit to parents in preparing for the parent teacher interview:

- Make a list of any questions you have.
- Go with a calm, positive attitude.
- Take a friend or support person if you need to.
- Let us know beforehand if you need an interpreter.
- Stay in touch with the school throughout the year.
- Follow up with suggestions that come out of the interview.
- Contact the school any time of the year if you have concerns about your child.
- Make an appointment to speak with the teacher.

Further information and helpful advice about parent teacher interviews can be found by clicking on the link below:

Parent Teacher Interviews

School Uniform

I am appreciative of the large majority of our children wearing the school uniform each and every day, a result of parent support and a willingness of the children to show pride in their school. This fosters a great sense of ‘belonging’. The expectation that all children will wear the Moss Vale Public School uniform, helps maintain a positive school climate.

Your continuing support in ensuring your child wears the school uniform each day is appreciated.

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.

Click on the link below to go directly to the report:
Moss Vale Public School Annual Report 2014

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

June  
12th  Athletics Carnival 
15th  ICAS Writing 
16th  ICAS Spelling 
       Assembly Stage 1 2pm 
       Girls Hockey Goulburn 
17th  Boys Hockey Goulburn 
18th  SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - ENVELOPES TO BE BROUGHT TODAY 
       Assembly Early Stage 1 2.15pm 
19th  Last day to pay Stage 2 Southern Stars Excursion 
       Reports sent home 
       Camp Quality Puppet Show Incursion 
22nd  Parent teacher interviews (3C, 3H, 3/4B, 4B, 4S & 4/5P) 
23rd  Parent teacher interviews (KC, KP, KBM, KKH, 3/6M, K/3B, 3/6C & K/3E) 
       Parent teacher meet & greet 3/6D 
       Stage 2 Assembly 12.40pm 
24th  Parent teacher interviews (1K, 1C, 1S, 1/2V, 2B & 2D) 
       Last day to pay Festival of Instrumental Music - Recorders 
25th  Parent teacher interviews (5D, 5/6R, 6P, 6S) 
       Grandparent’s Day Early Stage 1 11.45am - 1.30pm 
26th  Last Day of Term

July  
13th  Staff Development Day 
14th  Term 3 begins - students return to school

WRITING FOR AN AUDIENCE

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

Who will read what I write?

Students need to know the intended audience for their writing.

Who is the person or group of people they wish to address?

What information will interest the audience?

What information, examples or details should I include and/or emphasise for my audience?

What impact or influence do I want my writing to have on my audience?
2B have created artworks to represent the seasons.

1S used the imaginative text ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ as a stimulus for our writing.

If I was the queen of the Wild Things I would start a rumpus.

Ana

Max made mischief because he was angry with Mum. Max got a fork out of the kitchen to hurt the dog.

Xanda

It was a monster like night when Max wore his wolf suit.

Lucas

1C have been learning about Claude Monet. We have re-created ‘The Poppy Field’ and his ‘Vase of Chrysanthemums’.
All students should have received an envelope, if not, there are spare envelopes at the front office. Family photo envelopes are also 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.
E-readers, WiFi, music, games, apps, social networking, and even ads are showing up on e-readers like Kindle.

**What to watch out for:**

**Multimedia:** E-readers’ ability to play music, download apps, and read to your child seem cool, but if your children are opting for the entertainment rather than hitting the books, you may begin to feel that too much of a good thing defeats the purpose.

**Web access:** Some e-readers connect to the Web, play YouTube videos, do email, and even offer social networking.

**Price of books:** E-books may be cheaper than regular books, but because you can download books (and apps) whenever you want, costs can add up.

**Ads:** Some Kindle models run screensaver ads, so children will see them when they power on.

**What to do:**
Create rules for reading times (many schools require a certain amount of minutes per night), and set aside different times for just plain fun. If you can, turn off the extras until you know your child can use them responsibly. Keep an eye on your child’s activities, and discuss responsible use. Or seek out e-readers designed just for children or students that limit some of the Web options. Find out whether your local public library offers e-books. Also, consider setting a monthly spending limit, and look into online e-book lending libraries. And about those ads: Talk to your children about how companies use target marketing to captive audiences. Look for books together. The beauty of online purchasing is that you can sort, search, and preview just about any book on any interest. Shop with your children (and make sure they don’t have access to your credit card).

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**BOYS SOCCER PSSA KNOCKOUT**

The Moss Vale PS Boys Soccer team recently participated in Round 1 and 2 of the PSSA State Knockout Competition. Both rounds were held on the one afternoon in Week 6, at David Woods Playing Fields, East Bowral.

In Round 1 Moss Vale faced a determined Robertson PS team. After a sluggish start, Moss Vale started to gel well as a team. Will Speechley scored the first goal of the match after a few previous chances. Robertson quickly replied but Moss Vale were able to hit back, scoring 3 more unanswered goals to finish 4-1 winners. Will finished with two goals with Riley Tozer and Jack Baldwin also scoring. Other standout players included Nic Middleton and James Smith in the midfield with Jayden Dunn and Thomas McDonnell playing solidly in defence.

In Round 2, Moss Vale came up against a very strong Bowral PS side. Our boys held their own in the first half with Jack Baldwin opening the scoring with an impressive strike from an acute angle. Bowral replied quickly with the match locked up at 1-1 at half time. The Moss Vale team put every ounce of energy they had into the second half, holding Bowral for the first ten minutes. Eventually Bowral broke through then ran over the top of Moss Vale in the last ten minutes, scoring three goals to eventually win 4-1 and advance to the next round. Despite the result the Moss Vale boys never stopped trying throughout the game. All players were fantastic with Lachlan McCrae, Riley Tozer and James Smith deserving special mention. Player of the match for Moss Vale was James Hopkins who, as goal keeper, made no less than 20 saves, keeping us in the contest until late in the game.

A huge thanks to all the parents and family members who helped transport children to the venue and gave great encouragement to the boys throughout each game. A big thank you also to Michael Hamilton, who facilitated the use of the venue and set up the two fields on the day.

Mr Ryan.

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**BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PSSA KNOCKOUT**

Moss Vale Public School’s boys and girls Basketball Teams can both celebrate convincing victories over Mittagong (boys) and Merimbula (Girls) Public School which took place at Moss Vale Basketball Stadium on the 9th of June 2015. The boys began the game very strong and achieved an early lead. However, that lead shrunk as the other team began to hit their shots. But the boys played very well and played a very smart brand of basketball which Mittagong could not match. The girls were dominant from the start and never allowed Merimbula into the match. We look forward to the next round. Well done!!! Mr Dawson.
Moss Vale Public School welcomed over 50 people attending this year’s SNAPS evening seminar on 20/5/15. Parents, carers, health and education service providers from across the district came to hear local psychologist Barbara Kirby deliver an interactive seminar offering practical tips for all. She provided information on how to help your child “Build Resilience, Cope with Emotions and Develop Healthy Thinking Habits”, considered to be vital life skills for all children to develop. Some of the ideas and key points discussed included:

- Emotional well-being in children is becoming a priority area for schools across all educational settings to maximise learning outcomes;
- Almost 1 in 5 children aged 4-16 years have at least 1 diagnosed mental disorder. Up to one third of students at any one time may present with additional needs (including those not officially diagnosed);
- Parents help by setting the emotional tone of the family and can model self care behaviour, effective stress management and problem solving skills;
- It is useful to stay calm but concerned, tuning into your self and your child;
- Parents can help their children by giving them the words and encouragement to identify and express their emotions safely;
- Don’t overprotect your child but help them to gradually face their fears to gain a sense of self-competence and confidence. However, if your child is being bullied provide practical and emotional assistance by working with the school to deal with it;
- Teach your child to pay attention to the present moment in a non judgmental, purposeful way. When you are both calm teach them to notice their breath and 5 senses in the everyday, later use these skills to deal with difficult feelings;
- Teach children the difference between helpful thoughts - which make us feel better, and unhelpful thoughts that make us feel worse. Challenge unhelpful thinking or let go of them and refocus on something else;
- Model helpful thinking: see the world as it is but don’t leave out the good bits;

SNAPS Seminar Planning Survey

Attendees were also invited to complete a short survey answering the question: “Which future seminar topic would you like SNAPS to organise next year?”. The 2 most popular topics were: “Helping Your Child Deal With Conflict and Bullying” and “Helping Your Child Manage Defiant or Aggressive Behaviour”.

If any parents have not yet responded to this survey and would like to, please rank your preferred choices (a) to (e) with a corresponding rank from 1 to 5 (where 1= most interested in, and 5= least interested) and email to mossvalesnaps@gmail.com

a)___ Helping your child manage defiant or aggressive behaviour
b)___ Helping your child make healthy choices - the impact of toxins & diet on wellbeing
c)___ Helping your child manage grief and loss
d)___ Helping your child deal with conflict & bullying
e)___ Helping your child manage hyperactivity, attention & concentration challenges

The next SNAPS Committee Meeting will be held on 29/7/15 from 11.00am-12noon at the school’s main office, all welcome. For more information on Moss Vale SNAPS visit www.mossvalesnaps.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco  Mittagong RSL Saturday 26 June 4pm - 6.30pm. $5 per child 4 - 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.

Moss Vale OOSH Before and After School Care. Vacation Care available. Please contact 0417 404 063 for all enquiries.

Winter Holiday Camps  Popular Winter Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Led by qualified instructors, suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 7 days. Camps include accommodation, meals, instructor led activities and more. Further information on 13 13 02, dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps or fb.com/nswsportandrecreation