Well done to all the students who took part in the spectacular COS Concert last week!
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Festival Of Instrumental Music

This Thursday evening, students from our school will join with other students from public schools across NSW to perform at the premier venue for music, the Sydney Opera House. The festival is conducted each year over four nights and is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform highly accomplished recorder and string musical pieces in a massed ensemble. Our children will participate in the Mimosa Concert. Many thanks to our coordinating teachers for their work in preparing our children so well for the concert.

Moss Vale Community of Schools Creative Arts Concert

A significant number of our students performed in the Community of Schools Concert held at Moss Vale High School last Wednesday evening as part of our Education Week activities. The concert was a great success with students from other local public schools showcasing their creative arts talents. Feedback from the audience and the students themselves indicated that everyone enjoyed the performances and deemed it a huge success! Congratulations to our students on their wonderful performances. I would also like to extend an acknowledgement of the great work of our teachers and support staff as well as the staff of Moss Vale High School for hosting this terrific event and promoting the talents of our students.

Student Led Conferences

These conferences, held during Education Week, were once again well attended by parents and carers. The conferences provided a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding of what they had learned over the first semester. I’m sure that your child/children appreciated you coming to the school and sharing their school work. Thank you for playing your part in the conferences and showing your child just how important success at school is. Many parents provided feedback to the class teacher about their child’s conference. This will assist us to make the next year’s student led conferences even better!

Staff Changes

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Pietrucha has been relieving as Assistant Principal at Colo Vale Public School. However, the substantive Assistant Principal has returned early from leave necessitating Mrs Pietrucha’s return to Moss Vale Public School. We warmly welcome her back to school as 4/5P’s teacher. We would also like to thank Miss Molloy for all the wonderful work she has done teaching the students of 4/5P. Miss Molloy will be continuing on this term supporting our Norta Norta program.

Kindergarten 2016

I’m excited to advise all prospective and current parents that we are now accepting enrolments for children who will commence Kindergarten in 2016! Children need to be five years of age before the 31st, July 2016 to be eligible. Children must formally be enrolled by their 6th birthday. Please contact our school office staff for details of the enrolment process.

Is my child ready for school?

These links will take you to the Schools A to Z website of the NSW Department of Education. Press Ctrl + Click on the links to view videos and information to assist you in making decisions about starting your child next year for Kindergarten.


Allergy Aware School

Moss Vale Public School is an Allergy Aware School. We recognise that we have highly allergic students to nuts and nut products. We request that all parents avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella or similar spreads or whole nuts to school. We provide support to all students so that they develop awareness of nut allergies. Their contribution to providing a safe environment including not sharing their foods with others is also important. We also ask that families keep us aware of any changes to a child’s medical needs.

It takes a community to raise a child
Laurie Connery, Principal
When buying a tablet:

- Find games and apps that have real value. There are thousands of apps and games that are fun to play and also help reinforce what your child is learning in school.

- Establish rules for safe and sensible video chatting, and use the device's parental controls (or download a parental control app) to restrict access to specific features until you know your child can use them responsibly.

- Most devices allow you to password protect access to the device's app store and can also prevent in-app purchases. Definitely make sure you talk to your child about not buying things without your permission, because app creators can be very sneaky in the way they encourage users to buy stuff.

- Enforce time limits and discuss the importance of staying on age-appropriate, parent-approved Web sites. Make sure you're setting a good example by enforcing time limits on your own usage, too!
KKH Learning in KKH!

KC’s Stick Insects

KC

This is a drawing of our Spiny leaf stick insect.
Important Aspects of Writing

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

Sentence Structure

One of the best techniques available to a writer is how they place their words. This is basically sentence structure. Words can be shuffled around to add extra emphasis - a great technique and easy to use in your writing.

Understanding the effects of different sentence structures on meaning is important for students not only as writers and speakers, but also as readers and listeners.

It is important to vary your sentence structure so your writing is not all the same and you are able to engage your audience.

**Simple sentence:**
The sentence contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought.

For example. Sally (subject) plays (verb) the violin.

**Compound sentence:**
This sentence is composed of two simple sentences joined together by a conjunction. We could also describe a compound sentence as two independent clauses joined by a conjunction.

For example. The computer crashed and (conjunction) I lost all my work.

**Complex sentence:**
This type of sentence consists of at least one independent clause and one dependent clause.

For example. When (subordinator) Harry (subject) handed (verb) in his homework, he (subject) forgot (verb) to give the teacher the last page.

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Brain Gym with 3/6C

Every morning 3/6 start the day with Brain Gym. We have our healthy Fruit Break and drink our water to feed our brain. Then we start exercising our brain by crossing the midline and activating our thinking matter. If Mr Armstrong forgets about this the boys quickly remind him that work cannot start till Brain Gym has finished.

Here’s what the boys have to say about starting their day with Brain Gym:

Riley - Helps you think and makes your work go very quickly.

Nicholas - I think Brain Gym would be good

Lachlan - Brain Gym is a concentration activity at the start of the day.

Anakin - I like Brain Gym it helps me work.

Harley - I need to do Brain Gym before I work.

Ben - Brain Gym helps me work.

Harry - I need to start the day with Brain Gym.
Stage 3 Debating

On Monday 3rd of August, our Stage 3 debating teams travelled to Goulburn for the final round of the Premier’s Debating Competition for 2015. Our first team, consisting of Colin, Cody and Jackson, were the negative side in a debate that explored the idea of replacing school sport time with extra class time. The boys had some fantastic arguments and strong rebuttal, however, they lost to a very confident Mittagong team. Our second team, made up of Belinda, Samantha, Issy and Josh, were the affirmative side in a debate that proposed banning fast food companies in Australia. Our team was able to successfully identify the key points of the debate and firmly rebut the claims made by the opposition, leading to victory over Goulburn. I would like to acknowledge the participation of students in previous debates, including Harry, Ben and Jasper. Also, many thanks to the parents who gave their time to transport students and enable this valuable experience.

Miss Jo Simpson
Debating Coordinator

District Athletics

On Friday 31st of July, over 100 of our students competed in the District Athletics Carnival at Eridge Park. Students competed in both track and field events in the hope of gaining selection for the Regional Athletics Team to compete at the Australian Institute of Sport later in August. A big congratulations to all our athletes and especially Alliyah King-De Wit who was named the overall junior girls champion. A special thanks to Mr Phillips and Miss Hadwell for assisting on the day.

Mr Dawson

Concert Band preparing for the COS Concert at Moss Vale High School last Wednesday 29 July!
Canteen Roster

Canteen Volunteers Roster – if anyone is unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Mindy as early as possible on 0425 218 541.

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Thanks for your help with the District Athletics Carnival

Following the re-scheduling of the carnival, our trusty volunteers pulled off a fantastic day at Eridge Park. The weather was on our side (thankfully) and the atmosphere was electric. Congratulations to all our students who participated and to those who progress to Regional.

A special thanks goes not only to all our volunteers, but also to Roy from Moss Vale Hire, who generously donated the use of a generator, when at the last minute, ours decided not to co-operate! We also thank everyone who generously contributed baked goods, fruit and other donations! Like Mr Connery reminds us “It takes a community to raise a child” so well done to everyone for giving a hand to help support our children and their peers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Does your family love MILO?

Great! For our fete we need as many Milo tins as we can find. So, we’d love it if you could bring your empty 750 gram milo tins to the school office. Thank you.

Dance-a-thon Fun

Don’t forget our dance-a-thon and mufti day has been rescheduled to Friday 14th August. Your pledges should be in to school by Thursday 13th August to go into the draw to win a ‘Principal for a Day’.

Are you able to donate a prize or sponsor an event through your business for our Country Fair? Maybe you can volunteer on the day or help with preparations leading up to the fete?

Please email mossvalepandc@gmail.com to discuss how you can help be a part of this great event.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco Mittagong RSL
Saturday 29 August 4pm - 6.30pm. $5 per child 4 - 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.
The Southern Highlands Challenge Trail Running Event Sunday 30 August Wingello State Forest
1km, 7km, 24km and 49km. There is an event for everyone in the family and food, drink and family activities for runners and spectators. All races are close to capacity - Enter now!
Visit: www.southernhighlandschallenge.com

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Kindergarten Enrolment 2016

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 27th October, 2015
6:30pm - 7:30pm
School Library

Student Orientation & Expo
Thursday 29th October, 2015
10:00am - 11:00am
School Hall

Student Orientation
Thursday 5th November, 2015
10:00am - 11:00am
and
Thursday 12th November, 2015
10:00am - 11:00am

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