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A spectacular performance by our students at the Festival of Instrumental Music Mimosa Concert

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Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Principals for a Day

I would like to congratulate our two ‘Principals for a Day’, Gracie Hindmarsh and James Orford who were the lucky students drawn out of the barrel for their contribution to our Dance-a-thon fundraiser.

On hearing the announcement of the winners, students across the school were heard cheering and congratulating the two winners. Miss Hindmarsh was declared the Year 3 - 6 Principal and Mr Orford the Kindergarten - Year 2 Principal. Both students were wonderful in the role of Principal on Friday, greeting the entire school on assembly in the morning and reminding all students about keeping safe in the playground.

After meeting office staff and having photos taken, both Principals visited classrooms to view quality school work and award deserving students with a Principal sticker. We trust that both students enjoyed their special day and learned a great deal about being a Principal.

For details about the Dance-a-thon fundraiser, check out the P & C News section . Thank you to all of our families and friends for contributing to this fundraiser to support our students’ learning at school.

This Friday, 21st August, parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement on the NAPLAN tests which were conducted in May this year. The results of the tests provide important information about what each child can do and will assist the school in developing programs in literacy and numeracy. Each student’s results are reported against national minimum standards. Parents who do not receive their child’s report as scheduled, are requested to contact the school.

Southern Stars 2015—Beyond the Frame

A group of 26 students from our school are once again participating in the annual Southern Stars performances next week. Participating children from our school will join other public school students from across the Illawarra and South Coast to perform at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August. These performances provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to experience a high quality creative arts program. As in previous years, 53 Stage 2 children from our school will attend the matinee performance next Friday to support our dance team and watch the performance. I would like to acknowledge once again, our wonderful P & C Assoc. for supporting the team by subsidising the cost of participation for each family involved. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for providing this unique opportunity for our students again this year!

Book Week 2015

Our Book Week celebrations begin on Monday 24th August with a Book Character Parade from 9.15 am—10.30 am. Students are requested to dress up as a book character, bringing their book with them. In the case of wet weather, we will have the parade in the hall at staggered times. Please see the note sent home this week for details. The Book Fair will be open Monday to Thursday next week before school and at Break 2.
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## Twitter

Follow the MVPS twitter account at @MossValePS and turn on notifications for lots of useful information including:
- Assembly announcements
- Excursion and activity timing changes
- Last minute updates
- Reminders on activities such as the Book Parade and mufti days
- Photos from the day at school

## Important Aspects of Writing

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

**Punctuation**

The set of marks used to regulate texts and clarify their meanings, principally by separating or linking words, phrases, and clauses.

Punctuation is "the use of spacing, conventional signs and certain typographical devices as aids to the understanding and correct reading, both silently and aloud, of handwritten and printed texts." (Encyclopaedia Britannica).

The rules of punctuation vary with language, location, register and time and are constantly evolving. Certain aspects of punctuation are stylistic and are thus the author's (or editor's) choice.
K/3E

This term we are learning about Australian animals. We are discovering information about their features, habitats, diets, life cycles and dangers. We loved learning about the Bowerbird nests and the echidna.

We have made models of our animals, created dances and added percussion music to describe how they move.

3/6C

3/6C's Seascapes

3/6C has been reading the wonderful book The Rainbow Fish and Captain Abdul’s Pirate School and has created their very own Seascapes. The background is made of a paint wash, while the seaweed from the bottom is edicol dye blown from a straw. The fish are shapes cut out from brenex paper and glued onto the sheet. The overall effect is a brilliant display for our terrific classroom. Here are the boys with their artwork.
3/6M have been learning about our Solar System. Have a look at some of our great work!

Dance-a-thon

Last Friday all the students and teachers came in mufti and eagerly participated in a Dance-a-thon, which aimed at encouraging active bodies and minds across all grades. Students were allocated a colour group, allowing both older and younger students to interact and dance together. The dancing lasted for 90 minutes and featured 12 different dances (listed below) at six stations led by our wonderful Year 6 leaders.

Dances

- Cupid Shuffle & Aerobics- Uptown Funk
- Aerobics- Firework and Happy
- Penguin & 5,6,7,8
- Free dance (Shake it Off) & Nutbush
- The Cha Cha Station- Soul Mokassa/
  Ketchup Song
- Gangnam Style & Macarena

A big thank you to the P & C and all the parents, relatives and friends who attended the event and danced along with the students. A very special thank you also goes to all the students and teachers who showcased their amazing dancing talents.
**Festival of Instrumental Music - Recorder**

Once again 16 of our students were given the opportunity to shine at the Festival Of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. Students proudly represented our school in the Mimosa concert performing two recorder pieces and one combined strings/recorder item. It was a memorable learning experiences for all involved.

**Academically Gifted Class' Science Expo at Bowral Public School**

Three Moss Vale PS students have attended the Academically Gifted (AG) class at Bowral PS each Tuesday throughout the year. Last Tuesday evening, the class held a ‘Science Expo’ to showcase their learning. Our students; Esther Rough, Jackson Miller and Hayden Pope, were required to deliver a presentation outlining their Science Research projects. During their time in the class, students were required to pose a scientific question, develop a hypothesis, conduct research, analyse data and present their findings in a report. Esther’s project was based on how people memorise information, Jackson’s was based on the most common random number and Hayden’s research focused on an air powered car. The audience was extremely impressed with the quality of each presentation and the effort that had been made. Our students certainly did Moss Vale PS proud. Well done Esther, Jackson and Hayden!

Mr Ryan

**Beyond the Frame Southern Stars 2015**

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 Beyond The Frame are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about Beyond The Frame including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!
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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Clothing Pool Seeks Donations of Uniforms

Do you have any uniform items which no longer fit and are in good, used condition? Our Clothing Pool is running very low on uniform items and would really appreciate your donations, once your children have outgrown them. Any donations can be dropped to the Clothing Pool, Monday or Tuesday 2.30 – 3 or Wednesdays 8.30 – 9. Any donations brought to school outside these times can be left in the office. Thank you.

Dance-a-Thon a Huge Success

The dance-a-thon was a huge success with lots of fun and dancing had by all. A special mention to all of the year 6 students who organised and ran the event with such enthusiasm! There was over $3,000 in pledges raised which is fantastic and will go towards technology and creating a sustainable school environment. If you still have your pledges outstanding please bring them into the school as soon as possible.

Feedback or Communication

Do you have feedback or concerns but are unable to attend our P & C meetings? Our P & C provides a wonderful way to bridge the gap between parents and the school and as your P & C, we are here to represent you. If you have anything you would like discussed at the next P & C meeting, you can email us at mossvalepandc@gmail.com or you’re welcome to phone our President, Tonia Krebs on 0418 864 435.

Don’t forget the Milo tins!

If you have any 750g Milo tins, we’d really appreciate you donating them for our fete. They can be left at the school office. Thank you.

Some of our 2015 Fete Sponsors include:

- Coles Moss Vale providing AND cooking the delicious BBQ food for the evening
- Moss Vale Community Pharmacy: silver sponsors, mention MVPs and earn points for the school with their loyalty program
- Moss Vale Newsagents kindly donating lots of toys and trinkets to use in lucky dips and prizes
- Court House Cafe providing vouchers for some tasty food to win on the night
- Maugers Meat are silver sponsors of our fete and there will be some vouchers to win on the night
- Moss Vale Aquatic Centre with some great membership prizes

**Term 3, Week 6**

**SNAPS Session**

*Will the Real ME Please Stand Up*

Wednesday 26 August 11am - 2pm

**P&C Meeting**

*Staff Room*

Tuesday 1 September 9.10am - 11am

**Our Annual Fete Country Fair**

School Grounds

Friday 13th November
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.

MOSS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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