A fun day for all students at the Mini Sports Day run by our Year 6 Leadership Team!
Dear Parents and Friends of Moss Vale Public School

Playground Equipment

We are now aiming to complete the next step in the playground equipment upgrade during the school holidays in readiness for student use from the beginning of Term 4. This equipment not only increases play options for students, particularly children K—2, but also improved provision made to provide access for students with a range of disabilities. Funding for the installation of this upgrade has been generously donated by KKKK for which we are very grateful. Chris Ingle of FTR Building and Penrose Pine Products, has kindly donated soft fall material for the entire playground area. We would also like to acknowledge one of our parents, Geoff Kull, who has generously offered to spread the soft fall in preparation for the student use. Thank you KKKK, Chris and Geoff!

Volunteer Workshops

If you are considering the opportunity to volunteer at our school, please note that the next workshop will be held on Thursday, 8 October at 9.15 am and will be conducted in the school staff room. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

School Hat Policy

With the new term on the horizon and the warmer weather returning, it is timely to remind you about our school’s hat policy. The school has the expectation that all children will have the school sun safe hat. This is the broad brimmed hat approved by the P&C Assoc. It is our belief that a broad brimmed hat provides the best protection to the face, neck and ears whenever children are out in the playground. Children who do not have the broad brimmed hat are restricted to the COLA during recess and lunchtime. This comes into effect from the beginning of Term 4.

Parents can help support this important aspect by ensuring that their child has the proper school hat each day at school and by modelling sun safe behaviours themselves. Please note that peaked caps are not to be worn at school. Further information about sun protection can be obtained from the NSW Health website: http://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/sites/kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/files/safety-factsheets/sun-safety-and-heat-stroke.pdf

Academically Gifted Class 2016 for Southern Highlands Primary Students

Parents of children in Years 4 & 5 this year may be interested in the opportunity for their child to be selected for the AG class next year. The Academically Gifted Class (AG) offers an opportunity for children, to work with their intellectual peers and be extended through a rich program developed to optimise their learning and social skills.

This one day a week class is for children in Years 5 and 6 (in 2016). Parents considering application are encouraged to contact the school to obtain an information package. Applications need to be submitted to the school by Friday 16 October (end of Week 2 Term 4).

Staff Variations Term 4

I wish to advise parents of the following changes to teachers who are continuing leave or returning from leave for the start of Term 4, and the teachers who will be relieving on the relevant classes.

Mrs Lintern who takes classes in Stages 2 & 3 for the RFF program will continue leave into Term 4 and return to school on 30 October (Week 4). Mr Hooper will continue in the RFF role in Mrs Lintern’s absence.

Mrs Brogan returns to 4B at the beginning of Term 4. We would like to extend our appreciation of Mrs Croudson who has taught the class so well during Term 3.

Mrs Holdsworth will continue into Term 4 in the role of Teacher Librarian whilst Mrs Gardiner is on leave. Mrs Gardiner will return to school on 16 October (Week 2 Term 4)

Mrs Phillips is currently relieving as the teacher of 2D whilst Mrs Diaz is on leave. Mrs Diaz is due to return on 9 October (Week 1 Term 4).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on their many achievements over this term and extend my appreciation to you as parents for your continuing support of your children’s learning at school and at home. May the holidays be an enjoyable and safe time spent with your family and friends.

It takes a community to raise a child
Laurie Connery, Principal
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**Parent Online Payments**

Moss Vale Public School now offers online payments! Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The secure payment page, hosted by Westpac, is accessed via our website by selecting the $ Make a Payment link.

You will be able to pay for anything you would normally pay via the front office. (P&C money must still go directly to the P&C box in the front office).

When you access $ Make a Payment you must enter:
the student's name, date of birth, the Ref. or Invoice (if applicable), the Payment Option, the Payment Description (from permission note) and the amount you are paying.

These details need to be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. No student's details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each child need to be made separately. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

Under payment options, enter the details provided on the permission note. All permission notes are posted on the website for your convenience on the School Notes tab.

You can print your own receipts or have the receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item. Record your receipt number on the permission note and return it to school as normal. Your payment will be reconciled against the receipt number on the permission note.

Making an online payment does not constitute permission.
Please return all signed permission notes to school as normal.

**Detailed instructions**
As part of the Stage 2 informative text unit this term, 3C have been focusing on procedural writing. As a class, we practiced observing and writing all different types of recipes. We put our procedural writing knowledge to the test last week and made yummy Chocolate Bliss Balls. We also designed our very own Chef hats as part of our cooking experience.

This term 4S have completed SMART learning projects for the topics Endangered Animals or a National Park.

Owl
fluffy, colourful
flying, hooting, hunting
eyes, tree, leaves, fur
climbing, sleeping, eating
cuddly, grey
Koala
By Haylee

Girls
pretty, fun
dancing, eating, laughing
kind, loving, careless, soccer
annoying, teasing, running
gross, funny
Boys
By Trinette

Fish
gold, small
swimming, gulping, eating
tank, food, cage, water
chirping, flying, eating
big, feathery
Bird
By Sam

3H
Poetry by 3H

Motorbikes
fast, quick
riding, jumping, skidding
engine, wheels, contraction, motor
drifting, rumbling, driving
awesome, speedy
Cars
By Daniel

Ice
cold, watery
freezing, cooling, melting
water, cold, wood, bush
burning, destroying, killing
hot, burn
Fire
By Bindi

4S

Poetry by 3H
Important Aspects of Writing

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

Ideas

Ideas are what writing is all about. Ideas are really the most important part of a piece of writing. After all, ideas are the reason writers write. The selection, relevance and elaboration of ideas all make an impact on our audience and readers.

The main idea has to be something that is important to the writer or author. We should always write about things that are important to us because that’s how we become better writers and influence our audience.

Organisation

Organisation in writing is about how ideas or thoughts are presented. If the organisation does not provide readers with the information they are looking for in an orderly manner, they will quickly lose interest.

Once you have decided on your topic and target audience you may want to brainstorm some ideas. These ideas or thoughts need to be organised in a structure or format that works best to convey your message. This does not mean having a certain number of sentences or paragraphs, but having an organisation or structure that relates to the purpose of your writing, so that your audience can easily follow and understand your writing.

Sport!

Basketball

Last weekend Will Burke 4/5P, Curtis Boese 4/5P and Tyson McClelland 4S travelled to Newcastle to play Representative Basketball for Moss Vale Magic Under 12 Boys. Their team won their Southern Junior League Finals in Canberra on the 23rd August which then put them through to the State Championships in Newcastle. They won their first 3 games over the weekend which put them into the Grand Final against Macarthur. The boys played their hearts out, but unfortunately were defeated 60-51. This still landed the boys second in the State!

Rugby

Well done to Jayden Dunn who represented Moss Vale Public School at Pittwater Rugby Park, Narrabeen for a 3 day Rugby Union Championship for the South Coast team. Jayden has also been successful in trying out for the Illawarra Warriors Rep team and will be travelling to New Zealand next year for a 9 day tour. Following the completion of the tour he will return home to defend Country NSW Championship and challenge at the State Championships. We wish Jayden all the best!

Public Speaking Competition

On Monday 7 September, four of our students attended Buxton Public School to compete in the Wollondilly network finals of the Greater Southern Student Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Our students spoke with confidence and conveyed a passion for their chosen topics. They were great representatives of our school and gained valuable experience from the day. Our public speakers were Lauren Jones (Stage 3 - Cooking at School), Mackenzie South (Stage 2 - Trees), Jack Chamberlain (Stage 1 - Golf) and Grace Pull (Early Stage 1 - Wombats). Miss Simpson Public Speaking Coordinator.
Let’s Get It Sorted

6S have jumped on board with great enthusiasm. They are great “sorters”, always separating food scraps from general waste. They have happily taken all personal rubbish home, knowing that they are responsible for their own litter.

Some classes have been analysing the different packaging materials used for various lunch items. This has led to an awareness of the large amount of throwaway packaging that can be found in school lunch boxes. Students are now discovering that if they reduce the amount of packaging by using reusable containers, then the amount of rubbish decreases.

We are sorting our rubbish to learn about different packaging and because we want our environment to be clean and healthy. By Cooper 2D

1S have been debating the positives and negatives of taking their rubbish home. They also created a graph of what type of rubbish and how much the students took home.

Parents Tip for the Week

By bringing less waste into school we can minimise our rubbish, create less waste, save money and develop healthy eating habits. Please consider using reusable containers and avoiding throwaway packaging.

Our fruit and vegetable scraps go in our special green bucket. From there our scraps go into a worm farm. By Tanvee 2D

Moss Vale Public School students and teachers are taking their rubbish home. We have reduced the amount of rubbish in our playground by putting food scraps in our fruit and vege bucket and putting the other rubbish back in our lunch box. All the fruit and vegetable scraps go in the school’s compost. It will be turned into soil for our vegetable garden. By Lucinda 2D
Free Lunch for Volunteers’ Students

At the last P & C Meeting it was decided that as a way of thanking our generous volunteer staff, anyone who volunteers in the canteen is entitled to a FREE Meal Deal for your children (whether you have 1 or 10!) on the day you volunteer. Of course, we feed our volunteers too!

We’ll be putting the volunteer roster for term 4 together over the holidays, so if you’d like to be added to the list, please let Mindy Hindmarsh know your availability by emailing mindyhindmarsh@gmail.com

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

Did You Know?

Each day the canteen is open we have a set meal deal, currently chicken burgers on Wednesdays and pizzas on Fridays. However, we also have a variety of different snacks available at both breaks. These change daily and are rotated according to demand. Here is a selection of our home-made items, with prices starting at 50c. We love seeing our students walk away with a piece of fruit, a home-made ice block or a cup of vegie sticks. We constantly review our offerings in accordance with demand and feedback so stay tuned!

School Heating & Solar Energy

The P & C has been looking at ways our school can be more energy efficient AND keep our students and teachers warm during our Highlands cold snaps! With this in mind, we have formed a new ‘Alternate Energy Resource’ sub committee to investigate our energy and funding options. If you can contribute in any way or have an interest in discussing the overall heating and energy strategy, we’d love you to join the sub committee. Please email your interest to mossvalepandc@gmail.com

Fete update

Gift baskets – keep your new items rolling in to add to the classroom collections, which will be made into fun gift baskets to sell at the fete.

Sponsorship – there’s still time for businesses to sponsor the fete! If you know of a local business who would like to make a real contribution to the school, and be promoted in the fete’s sponsors list, please get in touch.

We’re looking forward to seeing what great ideas you come up with!

Some of our 2015 Fete Sponsors include:

- Empire Cinema with movie passes to be won!
- Kids Stuff Bowral for donating a lovely rocking horse
- Il Pranzo Café with 5 generous vouchers for some tasty food and coffee!
- Neeny’s Playhouse are kindly donating 5 vouchers for a fun day out
- Village Veggies are kindly donating a fresh box of fruit and veggies to be delivered
- Ivan Mackay Motors are generously being bronze sponsors to help with the rides!

TERM 4

Events & Dates

- End of Term BBQ
  Friday 18th September
  Get Your Orders In

- P&C Meeting
  Library
  Tuesday 13th October
  7pm

- SNAPS Meeting
  School Office
  Wednesday 21st October
  11am-12pm
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mittagong Blue Light Disco**  Mittagong RSL Saturday 26 September 4pm - 6.30pm. $5 per child 4-14 years.

**Moss Vale Cricket Club** Get the Ashes Back! - Play cricket with Moss Vale Cricket Club (MVCC) in Season 2015/16. MVCC offers various forms of cricket/introduction to cricket for girls and boys. Milo In2Cricket (ages 5-8), T20 Blast (ages 8-11) and Juniors. All registration just $50 by 9 October. Contact 0418 855 616 or email David.kent@accenture.com

**Southern Highlands Water Polo** Competition starts in October. Junior and Senior competitions. More Information visit www.southernhighlandswaterpolo.com.au or email shwp@outlook.com

**Bowral Little Athletics** Ages 6-17 Eridge Park Bowral Friday afternoons from 5pm. Registration from 4pm October 9. $110. More information www.bowrallittleathletics.org.au

**Southwest Soccer Sessions** Stephens Park Bowral. Boys and girls ages 5-12 years. School holiday soccer camp and summer soccer. More information contact 0438 096 644 or email swssoccersessions@gmail.com

**Possum Cloak Workshop** Saturday 19 September at Wingeecarribee’s Aboriginal & Community Cultural Centre 11am - 2pm. FREE. Light lunch provided. More information visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au

**Bowral Tennis Club** School Holiday Camp $119. Membership commences 8 November. More information contact Tristan 0409 150 057 or visit www.bowraltennis.com.au

**Weird Animals themed Holiday Club** Tuesday 22 September 9am - 4pm at Connect Christian Church Moss Vale. Ages Kindergarten to Year 6. $5 per child or $15 per family. Includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and all activities. Limited numbers. To obtain a booking form contact Debbie on 4869 3102 or 0407 907 699