



Moss Vale High

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Inspiring Success"
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Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

30 November 2012

Well Done, Aidan!



On Saturday, 17 November, Aidan Ellis competed in the Bowling at the Special Olympics held at Canberra

Aidan achieved : GOLD in the doubles
SILVER in the singles

Also, on Tuesday, 4 December, Aidan has been selected to carry the torch for the Junior National Games. He will carry the torch from Corbett Gardens to Bradman Oval.

Congratulations Aidan.



NEWSLETTER

Students Making a Difference

Year 9

**Lauren Fahey Karinda Hickling
Regina Jenkins Megan Carpenter
Olivia Brunton Kiara Martin
Natasha Burns**

*For painting the mural
in the Art rooms in their
own time*

Relieving Principal's Report

Inspirational Teacher Award

Congratulations to Mr James McGill on receiving the Australian Scholarships Group award for Inspirational Teachers. James was one of only 60 teachers who were successful in receiving this award out of the 1,372 nominations that were made nationally.

Our school community is incredibly proud of James McGill and the outstanding work that he does with our students. James is also an exemplary role model for all of his colleagues and a dedicated mentor to our beginning teachers.

NEiTA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards State and Territory Award Recipient



POSITION:
Head teacher

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:
New Scheme Teacher
Mentor and Teacher
Practicum Coordinator,
Chairperson of eLearning
Leadership Team

CATEGORY:
Secondary

**SUBJECTS/
LEVEL TAUGHT:**
Year 7 - 12 Human Society
and Its Environment

YEARS TEACHING:
33 years

YEARS AT THIS SCHOOL:
23 years

SCHOOL TYPE:
Government

NOMINATED BY:
Moss Vale High School
Parents and Citizens
Association

TOWN/SUBURB:
Moss Vale

STATE:
New South Wales

POSTCODE:
2577

James McGill

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Diploma of Education

Moss Vale High School, Moss Vale, New South Wales

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My take ...

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I had energetic and exciting teachers who showed me that learning could be enjoyable as well as challenging. Seeing my students make the same discovery inspires me every day.

In your opinion, what makes a great teacher?

The ability to connect the lesson to the students' life experiences and interests, and to provide them with skills, which will be useful beyond the classroom.

What is your greatest challenge as a teacher?

Time! Teachers have access to technology, resources and opportunities to enhance their lessons only dreamed of when I started teaching more than three decades ago. There is so much more that we can do now, but only the same amount of time.

What one tip do you wish you'd known earlier in your teaching career?

Start your planning with where you would like students to be at the end of your lesson. Then work through how best to achieve this.

What is the single most important thing you, as a teacher, can do to connect with your students?
Listen to their stories, ideas and dreams; there is so much they can tell me about what matters to students.

What positive impact does your teaching have within your community?

Over almost 25 years of teaching within the same community, students have built long-term connections with my school. These have developed into positive parent-teacher partnerships that support the next generation of students—their children, to become the best they can be.

What stands out for you as your greatest teaching achievement?

Having my past students return as prac teachers or as New Scheme Teachers. They have not only been inspired to become teachers themselves, but have also sought out opportunities to work as colleagues with their History teacher!

What keeps you awake at night?

Thinking about new ways to channel the 'spark' that develops when students encounter new ideas and experiences.

What one quote or saying do you use most in the classroom?

'Give it a try ... you will surprise yourself!'

If your students could describe you in three words, what would they say?

Calm, funny, knowledgeable.

Promoting a lifelong love of learning

As head teacher of Human Society and Its Environment at Moss Vale High School, James McGill is a passionate and innovative educator who brings his subjects to life. James focuses on differentiating the curriculum to meet the diverse learning needs of his students in subjects including: ancient and modern history, geography, extension history and society and culture.

In his classroom, James uses interactive learning and a wide range of technologies, including constructing virtual museums and site studies using 'Smart Notebook' software. He is the leader of eLearning at the school and mentors other teachers in maximising new learning technologies in their teaching.

James has been integral in the development and leadership of a collegial network in the Southern Highlands region of NSW. He inducts and supports 'new scheme' teachers and helps bring together experienced and beginning teachers from the area.

James's enthusiasm has helped his Society and Culture and Ancient History students to achieve excellent HSC results—one student receiving a state award from the Society and Culture Association.

NEiTA is administered by the Australian Scholarships Group Friendly Society Limited ABN 21 087 648 879
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Congratulations Mr Luke Vandenberg!

Mr Luke Vandenberg was chosen through a merit selection process last week, as a permanent classroom teacher in PDHPE at Moss Vale High School. Luke had been employed on a temporary engagement contract for 2012 and has been doing an outstanding job in the classroom, on the Aboriginal Education team, the Positive Behaviour for Success team and in a variety of extracurricular activities. Luke gained the position that had been vacated last year by Mr Ian Baguley, our Careers Adviser.

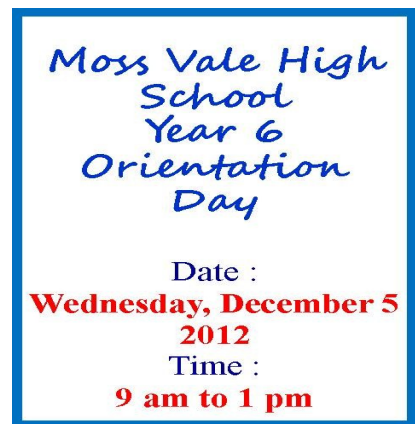
The entire school community was thrilled to learn that Luke will now be a permanent member of our school. Luke is a true asset to Moss Vale High!



Orientation Day

I am looking forward to meeting our incoming Year 7 students for 2013 and their parents on Wednesday, December 5 at our Orientation Day. I would like to thank Mr Vandervoort who has organised a wonderful day for the students to support them in their transition to high school.

I would also like to thank Ms Lauren Cordingley for doing much of the work on our transition program in 2012. Lauren is taking twelve month's leave from Moss Vale High School in 2013 and Mr Peter Deitz has kindly offered to step into the role of Year 7 Adviser for next year. Thank you, Mr Deitz!



New Principal Visit

We were very fortunate to have our new Principal, Mr Peter Macbeth, visit with us over two days this week. Mr Macbeth managed to meet with most of the students and all of the staff. Everyone was excited to meet him and the school community is looking forward to having him here at the start of 2013.

Hi Friends,

I want to acknowledge each and every one of you for the amazing welcome you all afforded me this week when I had the absolute pleasure of visiting MVHS. I kept saying that your first impressions last and the first impression I got from Moss Vale High was such an incredibly positive one. There is such an amazingly positive spirit evident right across the school. I am blessed and honoured to be appointed Principal of MVHS and I am so looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

We live in exciting times and in many instances challenging times but if we continue to maintain an absolute focus on a positive future for our students by working and supporting each other closely, then great things will continue to happen!!

I wish you all the very best for the remainder of the year, I am sure I will be in touch many more times.

Like I said the other day, on the school sign it said a 'warm welcome to Mr Macbeth' – a warm welcome is exactly what I received! Thank you all!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Best Wishes,

Peter Macbeth



Christmas has arrived at Moss Vale High School

The staff are really getting into the Christmas spirit and are in competition to see who can make their area of the school look the most festive. Those of you who have visited the front office will certainly have noticed the 'festive feel'. We think this is a positive way to finish the school year and the students are really enjoying the sense of fun created by the staff decorations.

I would like to thank **Rilea Phelps, Andrew Holm** and **Brett Sheather** from Year 11 for their outstanding work in decorating the Principal's office and Deputy's area. These three students are incredibly generous with their time and efforts in making our school a more positive environment.

Mrs P. Holmes
Relieving Principal



Dates to Remember

Activity Week

Monday, 17 December to Wednesday, 19 December 2012

School resumes 2013

- Tuesday, 29 January - Staff Development Day
- Wednesday, 30 January - Years 7 & 11 commence + all new enrolments
- Thursday, 31 January - Years 8, 9, 10 and 12



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Indoor Hockey Success

On the weekend of 20 and 21 October the 2012/13 NSW U/15 Boys and Girls Indoor Hockey State Championships were held at Maitland. The Southern Highlands Indoor Hockey Association entered a team of ten boys aged from 12 to 15 years.

The boys played six games in excruciating heat and humidity over the three days and were extremely competitive in their division.

They played Central Coast, Manning Valley, Far North Coast and Sydney 3 and came away not only winners of their division but they were also awarded the "play the whistle" award for sportsmanship, fair play and good attitude in the games over the tournament. To add to their accolades, this team, who have only had a few training sessions together, are the first junior team in the Southern Highlands Indoor Hockey Association to win a grand final at State level.

A huge congratulations to the team and their coach and to the dedicated Indoor Hockey committee who have worked tirelessly to get this team and others entered in the State Championships under difficult circumstances. And not to forget the parents and grandparents who have taught these players values of which we as a community should be extremely proud.

Moss Vale High School students in the team were **Joshua Ditton** and **Jesse Mauger**, both of Year 9. Well done boys, top effort, you are true champions in every way.

UNTANGLED TALES

Summer Reading Club 2012/2013
12th December 2012 - 31st January 2013

Open to children and young adults 5-16 yrs

To join in the fun all you need is to:

- Be a member of Wingecarribee Public Library
- Pick up a Summer Reading Club registration goody bag
- Read as many books as you like but each time you read five books you will receive a bonus ticket in the major prize draw

If you read 5 books or more hand in your Summer Reading Club calendar and reading log by 31st January 2013 and you will then be invited to our

"End of Summer Reading Club party"

Come to the library to register, pick up your bag and start reading.

Bags available from Wednesday 12th Dec 2012



www.summerreadingclub.org.au



Wingecarribee Shire council presents



The first "Plugged in the Plaza" held on 2 November was a great success with fantastic local young artists showcasing their talents.

By popular demand from performers and the audience attending on the night and further feedback on Wingecarribee YAC Facebook, we are going to hold the next event on a Saturday night.

Every performance on the night will have the opportunity to have one song from their set professionally mixed.

I am currently looking for performers and an audience for the event listed. If you know of any young performers please contact me on 4868 0859 or michelle.williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au

Mezza Bar will be staying open for the duration of the event for all your food and beverage requirements, please support local business' that support young people in the community.

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Moss Vale High School Behaviour /Discipline Flow Chart

Level	Types of Student Behaviour	Consequence	Placement by:
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For low- level behaviour that affects the teaching and learning process in the classroom. The level 1 will generally be for repeated breaches of classroom rules but may be for a single incident if the class teacher deems it to be necessary. This may include failure to do homework, being out of their seat, being off task, distracting other students, arriving late to class, eating/drinking in class, treating school property/others' property disrespectfully, calling out, low level insolence. 	LEVEL 1 PLACEMENT INCLUDING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detention, class monitoring (blue level 1 sheet), letter home/ phone call must be made to parent/carer. Must be entered on Sentral 	Class room teacher. HT informed.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated or more serious behaviour including failure to complete Level 1 consequences. This behaviour may also include low intensity use of inappropriate language, engaging in brief or low-intensity failure to respond to staff requests, name calling, inappropriate (but non-serious) use of technology, persistently arriving late to class, low-intensity misuse of property/equipment, leaving class without permission, fractional truancy, out of bounds 	LEVEL 2 PLACEMENT INCLUDING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter Home, B5 detentions, Monitoring, Entered on Sentral 	Head Teacher or PGD Supervisor. (The DP may be called upon if HT is absent or unavailable)
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued or extreme instances of misbehaviour or failure to complete Level 2 consequences. Behaviour that may include continued disobedience, aggressive/dangerous behaviour that does NOT cause injury or pain to another, certain instances of bullying, provoking another student into aggressive behaviour, low level fighting (no physical violence), rudeness to staff where there is NO use of abusive language, first offence of smoking 	LEVEL 3 PLACEMENT INCLUDING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-suspension Warning & Monitoring, Parent Contact, Letter Home (Pre-suspension), 3 x B5 detentions, possible PG exclusion, exclusion from non-mandatory excursions 	Deputy Principal/ Principal
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be placed on Level 4 and suspension will be implemented if they fail to complete Level 3 consequences or: 2 or more times caught smoking, use of physical violence against a member of the school community, use of offensive/ abusive language which is directed at a staff member, highly inappropriate use of technology (e.g. for purposes of bullying, intimidation), malicious vandalism of school property, continued disobedience, persistent and serious misbehaviour, theft, possession of/using illegal drugs or alcohol, possession or use of weapons or implement used as a weapon, persistent bullying/harassment, physical fighting. 	LEVEL 4 PLACEMENT INCLUDING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension, including suspension procedures and processes Return from suspension parent interview and RFS contract or risk management plan 	Deputy Principal/ Principal

Business Studies Excursion

On Monday, 19 November, the Year 12 Business Studies class went on an excursion to the ABC Studios in Ultimo and Luna Park, Sydney.

At the ABC Studios we learnt about the operations and marketing of the network. We were taken on a tour of the studios such as Triple J. We experienced first hand the processes of developing a product and broadcasting it around the country. The ABC NSW director took some time out of his busy schedule to talk to us about the ABC and answer any questions. The ABC Studio tour was informative and will assist us in our HSC.

We then travelled to Luna Park, where we were given a presentation on the marketing and operations strategies of the business. Throughout the presentation we took notes on information vital for our HSC.

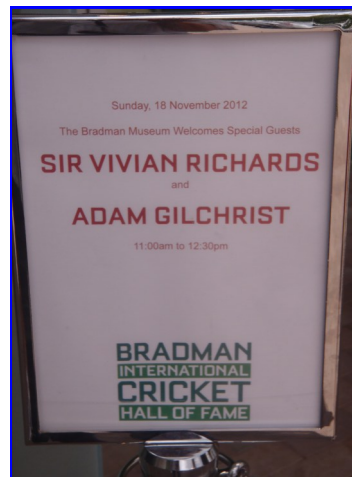
After the presentation we were able to experience the joy of the park at a reduced cost.

The excursion was an enjoyable day and provided us with Business Studies case studies.

By **Liz, Amelia and Jasmin.**



Cricket Hall of Fame



Cricketers Sir Vivian Richards and Adam Gilchrist were recently inducted into the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame at a ceremony held at the Bradman Museum in Bowral. Some of our students took this opportunity to meet the players and get their autographs.



Above, **Ashley Walker**, Year 7, and below, **Corby Mander**, Year 10, meet Adam Gilchrist.



Left, **Mitch Finlayson**, Year 12, and, right, **Lachlan Finlayson**, Year 7 catch up with Sir Vivian Richards.



Thank you

Thank you to Bruce Mumford for the donation of gym equipment to the school. This will be valuable to our senior and elective students in PDHPE.

The PDHPD faculty is in the process of trying to get a fitness lab up and running at the school. Any families who may have any gym/fitness equipment they no longer use, please consider donating it to the school.

Once again, thank you Bruce.

Your choice Your future

Work Opportunities for Women

Are you looking to re-enter the workforce?

Are you looking for new employment and training opportunities?



The Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training for Women is a fee exempt course that will be delivered at TAFE Illawarra's Moss Vale Campus in Semester 1, 2013.

Some of the subjects included in the course are: Computing, Conflict Resolution, Negotiation, Personal effectiveness, Interpersonal and Community Skills and Job Seeking Skills.

The course will be offered on Thursdays and Fridays during school hours for one semester and will commence on Thursday 7 February 2013.

Enrol online in December or January; otherwise enrol on Thursday 7th February 2013 when you come to class!

For further information contact Fran Beck, Outreach Coordinator on 4823 1913 or Ann Chandler on 4868 0133.

Wednesday, November 14, 2012





Year 7 Book Pack 2013

A comprehensive pack containing every stationery item (specific to each subject area) that your child will need to start Year 7 2013. Available to purchase starting Week 2 Term 4 (15th October) until sold out from the P & C run **CANTEEN @ the school**. Tel: 4868 1883 (Between 8.30am – 1.30pm).

Cash or cheque only. Please make cheques payable to Moss Vale High School P & C. **Please support your child's new school by supporting MVHS P & C Association.**

\$80 per pack



TO :	<u>MOSS VALE HIGH</u>	<u>NOTE OF ABSENCE</u>
Date : _____	Address : _____	_____
Roll Class : _____	Year : _____	
Please excuse the absence of my son/daughter : _____		
on (dates) _____		
Total number of days absent : _____		
The reason for the absence/s <i>(this reason must be specific, not just "he/she was sick")</i> : _____		

Parent Name : _____		
Parent Signature : _____		Date sent : _____

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS		OFFICE USE ONLY
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NEW ADDRESS :		EMERGENCY CARD REPRINTED
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Mobile (M) :		
Work (F) :		
Mobile (F) :		
Email :		
DATE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS :		
PARENTS / GUARDIANS NAMES YOU ARE LIVING WITH :		
Do you currently have a bus pass?		
<p>NOTE : A new bus pass application must be completed when a student has : a change of address, a change of name, change of school, change of details or comes under joint custody.</p>		