



Moss Vale High School

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Inspiring Success"

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Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

23 October 2015

Champion Student Rider



Sisters **Amirah** (pictured) and **Sienna Harvey** attended dressage events during the holidays, to obtain qualifying scores for State Championships next year, with **Sienna** being successful.

Amirah also attended the Chevalier Gymkhana representing Moss Vale High School in the Student Rider Class. Out of a field of about 30, and being the one and only public school entrant, she not only won her class, Years 7-9, but went on to win *Champion Student Rider* (up to Year 12). Congratulations, **Amirah** !!

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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

The HSC has begun – Good Luck Year 12!

This past week has seen the commencement of the 2015 High School Certificate exams for our Year 12 students. The exams started on Tuesday 13 October with the first English exam and then will go over the course of the next few weeks as students sit exams in a whole range of subjects.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish all our Year 12 students every success in the High School Certificate exams and hope that the results that the students achieve exceed their expectations.

Our HSC exams results will be available on Wednesday 16th December. We look forward to great anticipation of these results and the exciting times that the students then have as they make choice about what university course, where to study at after and all those important decisions that will impact on their future.

Exciting times ahead for these wonderful Year 12 students!

Principal Network Awards -Award Winning Staff

Our school is characterised by the most outstanding staff. Last week we were informed that three of our school staff and one **of the community organisations that we work closely live with have won an award at the Department of Education's Ultimo Principals Network Awards.**

Congratulations go to Luke Vandenberg (PD/H/PE), Stephanie Lidgard (English/ LOTE) and Maureen Sinclair (School Administration Manager) for being recognised on such a prestigious level. These three staff members are integral members of our school community and do a fantastic job through hard work, commitment and dedication to what they do and are thoroughly deserving of these awards.

In addition I want to also acknowledge the Kollege of Knowledge Kommittee for Kids (K4K4) who work closely with our school in supporting students with disabilities. In the past year or so the K4K4 have kindly donated around \$40000 to purchase resources that support, assist and engage our students in their learning. Some of the things that the K4K4 have purchased include Ipads, braille computers and also a new vegetable garden for the special education students. An outstanding organisation who we acknowledge and appreciate enormously.

Some important things . . .

I want to acknowledge and thank all those students who come to school each and every day. As I have mentioned on many other occasions, it is so very important that each student at our school is at school every single day of the week. If you are at school you learn – **that's important!**

Equally I want to acknowledge and say thank you to all those students and parents who continue to come to school each and every day in full school uniform. I think our school uniform is great. The students look absolutely fantastic when they are in full school uniform. Through wearing school uniform students take responsibility for being part of our school and part of the wider school community. It shows they have commitment and that they put effort into their learning and their future.

Again, I say thank you to the many, many students who wear full school uniform each and every day and are in turn supported by their parents. The support means a lot!

Communication is the key!

Please remember that if there is anything that we can help you with at school that all you have to do is contact the school. It is enormously important that school works closely with parents and carers and it is equally important that parents and carers work closely with school staff.

I look forward to continuing to strengthen communication across our school community!

Peter Macbeth
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

Our PBS program is all about creating a positive school culture and helping our students to become successful, responsible, caring and compassionate citizens as they move beyond the confines of our school community. As part of our PBS program, we **have organised numerous fundraisers for worthwhile charities and to foster a sense of 'giving back' to the wider community.** Since the introduction of PBS in 2012, we have raised funds for the following charities:

\$700 for Beyond Blue, \$1700 for the Thomas Kelly Foundation, \$ 1200 for St George Hospital that cared for our past student, Aphrodite Whipps, \$800 for a refuge that looks after women and children affected by domestic violence, \$2,200 for the Nepal Earthquake appeal, \$1500 for the Cancer Council and \$650 for the White Ribbon appeal (victims of domestic violence).



This Friday, we are asking students and staff to 'Do It In a Dress' to raise funds for educating girls in Africa and other developing countries where over 66 million girls will never receive an education. Our school community will put on a school dress, symbolically, for the millions of girls who will never get that chance.

PBS, and our school community, is committed to raising awareness of important social and global issues. We want our school to be involved in making a positive difference to the world around us. Thank you to all of our staff and students who give generously to our fundraisers and passionately support our initiatives in raising awareness of social issues.

Vivo online rewards and Merit System

Congratulations to the following students who were the top vivo earners for the month in their year groups:

Year 11 - Sally Attreed, Jocelyn McGrade and Alex Allen

Year 10 - Gemma Seymour, Suzie Williams and Rebecca Coulter

Year 9 - Richelle Louth, Rebecca Hawken and Jamie Lee

Year 8 - Cody Morris, Sophie Chambers and Richard Makepeace

Year 7 - Ben Moody-Lees, Annabelle Collison and Ryan Emmerick

The Support Unit - Cooper Vincent, Jacinta Longhurst and Lucia Basaglia

We actively encourage students to log on and check their vivos regularly so that they can see whether they have reached an award in the merit system. Students can earn vivo points for consistently producing good work, helping to create a caring school community, volunteering in the community, achievement in sport, debating and contribution to a range of school activities. The following Vivo points equate with different levels in the merit system:

150 vivos - Red Award, 300 Vivos - Green Award, 600 Vivos - Bronze Award, 1000 Vivos - Silver Award, 1500 Vivos - Gold Award, 2000 Vivos - Platinum Award and 3000 Vivos - Diamond Award.

Congratulations to Justin Webster-Broadhead and Bryce Coppins of Year 7 who have both reached the Silver Award so early in their high school career. Amazing effort boys!

Congratulations also to the following students who achieved 100% attendance for Term 3:

Year 7: Ben Brodie, Ewan Dimmock, Scott Lawrence, Caitlin Miller, Carlie Ragg, Andre Roux and Maggie Scott

Year 8: Bryn Casburn, Matthew Elliott, Jemima Huggett, Will Mabbutt, Richard Makepeace, Tyla Mullie-Locke, Maggie Sims, Lily Wallbridge and Dylan Watterston

Year 9: Cassie Anderson, Leah Drayton, Katie Hall

Year 10: Luke Webb

Year 11: Catherine Elliott

Patricia Holmes
Deputy Principal

Wellbeing Report

This term Moss Vale High was visited by representatives of the Butterfly Foundation. Two groups of students attended workshops about body image.

The junior workshop was titled 'Getting Media Savvy' focusing on and discussing:

- How body comparisons (with friends, peers, family and people in the media), which become prevalent at this age, make us feel
- The importance of positive friendships
- The role the media plays in body satisfaction/dissatisfaction

The senior workshop was titled 'Great Expectations' focusing on and discussing: Individual and environmental influences on a young person's self and body confidence

- Role of social networking sites and advertising
- Concepts of *fat talk*, negative self talk and the impact body comparisons can have
- The language/dialogue used within the friendship group, peer groups and our society

Throughout the workshops students engaged in very thoughtful and in depth conversation about the topic area.

The final stage of the workshops involved four of our Year 11 students being selected to attend a 'Champion of Change' forum. The forum brought students together from several local high schools to share their views and ideas on how to promote positive body esteem within schools and the community. Our four students will continue on to work with the PBS team next term to develop a lesson on positive body image. This lesson will be presented to all students during a PBS roll call.

All of our programs - Harbison Care, Canteen and WAM are still operating on a regular basis and students involved in these programs are displaying commitment in their attendance and involvement.

We will also be continuing the Monday free breakfasts next term. The breakfasts are made possible through our Chaplaincy program and I encourage students to make use of this service.

If at any time you feel your child has a welfare issue please contact me at school.

Sharlene Killian
Welfare Coordinator



Thank You KKKK



The Support Unit at Moss Vale High School would like to acknowledge and thank the Kollege of Knowledge Kommittee for Kids (KKKK) for their continued support in 2015.

This year they have funded the construction of a Vegetable Garden Bed located at the back of the school. It has built in irrigation points and a concrete path around its perimeter. This allows easy access for all students, including those in wheelchairs.

Students will use the Garden Bed as part of their Science/Agriculture program in 2016.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

During the holidays the school had new signs erected at various entrances around the school with our modernised logo. The P & C has generously funded these new signs.



The school grounds are also looking their Spring best, thanks to the marvellous work carried out daily by our General Assistant, Greg Hutchinson.



Maureen Sinclair
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

SRC SNAPSHOT



Throughout Term Three, the SRC has been busy fundraising, promoting, raising awareness and increasing student leadership.

SRC Elections

Recently, we held our SRC elections for 2015-2016. I would like to thank the SRC members from 2014-2015, your effort, enthusiasm and dedication is to be commended! Thank you to **Reahna Chapman, India Walbridge, Ashlee Garske, Nadia Shaw, Max Hanrahan, Brooke Sheather, Alix Harper, Rhyanna Summers** and **Mark Rolles**.



Our newly elected SRC members for 2015-2016:

Year 7: Claire Middleton and Amirah Harvey

Year 8: Daisy Schaefer and Joel Hinchcliffe

Year 9: Bella Matthews, Jacinta Burns, Kelsey Attwood and Elliot Hinschen-Teeuwen

Year 10: Makayla Toft, Josh Huggett, Hannah Whatman and Nick Dennett

Year 11: Lucy Backhouse, Harriet Snaith, Dominique Palmer, Sienna Harvey, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Gabby Middleton, Tim Cubit, Hamish Schaefer and Lachlan Williams

Captain Elections

In addition to the SRC, our school captains are integral members of the leadership team. After the SRC elections, we also held our 2015-2016 captain elections. After submitting an application form, being interviewed by Mr Berman, Mr Carlyon, Miss Lidgard, Mrs Holmes and Mr Macbeth and the school voting process, we now have our new captains for 2016.

Our newly appointed captains are **Lucy Backhouse, Harriet Snaith, Hamish Schaefer** and **Lachlan Williams**. Congratulations!

Elevate Leadership Conference

On Thursday 27th August, 3 Yr. 11 students; Hamish Schaefer, Harriet Snaith and Lucy Backhouse, travelled to the University of Wollongong for the Elevate Leadership Conference. These students thoroughly enjoyed the day and now have a number of potential fundraising ideas.

LifeWave Awareness Day

On 25 August, we all wore green to show our support for LifeWave Awareness Day. This was a collaborative effort with the PBS team, raising \$600! A fantastic effort from the SRC and PBS team.



World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day (Monday 5th October) was celebrated Friday 9 October. At recess, the SRC and Year 12 Hospitality students provided the staff with a special morning tea to thank them for their continued efforts. We were pleased to recognise the efforts of our generous and hardworking teachers!

Cinema Artwalk

One of the activities to celebrate the Empire Cinema turning 100 this year is a permanent art wall in the Cinema Alleyway, opposite Coffee Culture. The Southern Highlands 7 High Schools were each given a board to paint. For 2015 the theme was movies. Visual Design students from Years 9 and 10: **Kristie Moore, Sarah Head, Beth Smillie, Makayla Toft** and **Margaret Fitzgerald** decided on the movie 'Up'.



The Artwalk was opened on the 11 September 2015 at 4.30pm by famous Australian artist John Olsen.



Southern Stars 2015

This year three music students from Moss Vale High School participated in Southern Stars 2015 at Wollongong Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. **Jamie Lee**, Year 9, **Rebecca Coulter**, Year 10 and **Briana Handley**, Year 11 were all part of the Southern Stars Orchestra. They performed on clarinet, violin and viola respectively. Our students attended countless rehearsals for the production, and were rehearsing at the Entertainment Centre all week from Monday to Saturday.

This year's production titled 'Beyond the Frame' showcased the talents of hundreds of public school students in the Illawarra and South East region. Mr. Bilbija was also part of the production, working as Spotlight Co-ordinator for the third consecutive year.



Public Speaking at Moss Vale High School

Charlotte FitzGerald and India Walbridge



This term, Charlotte FitzGerald and India Walbridge represented Moss Vale High School in Rotary's annual public speaking competition. The Four Way Test is an ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The Four Way Test asks four questions: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Students were asked to prepare a six minute speech on a topic of their own choosing. Charlotte and India both wrote thoughtful and insightful speeches on topics close to their heart. Our local Rotarians were very impressed by the calibre of the speeches and their personal commitment and dedication. Charlotte FitzGerald was chosen as the overall winner on the night and progressed through to the next round.

Following the local competition, Charlotte progressed to the district final, held at Mittagong Golf Club. Charlotte again spoke with such passion and clarity on her topic, 'Being your best self', despite not being selected on this occasion.

Congratulations to both India and Charlotte on your achievement and success in public speaking!



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Value of Over **\$250!**

Donate when you donate \$10 to charity on the day
Total donated to date: \$291,390.15

Dates & Venues: **Wollongong and Shellharbour**

Wollongong: Monday 10 November 2015
Shellharbour: Monday 23 November 2015

The Fred Hollows Foundation

PBS News



Be Your Best!

October 2016

PBS for the One Girl Foundation

What if the clothes you wore could change a life?

Term 4 has opened with a focus on the One Girl Foundation, which aims to raise money to educate young women in Africa. Our school leaders introduced the school to the One Girl Foundation and the wonderful work that they do during our School Merit Assembly in Week 1. In Week 3, this was built on with an engaging PBS lesson on Thursday and a great mufti day on Friday.

Why girls, you might ask? Unfortunately in many countries, girls lose out on education due to limited resources and different cultural values. At last count, **of the 775 million adults around the world who cannot read or write, two-thirds of them (493 million) are women.** Many girls are forced into marriage at early ages—as young as 11, stripping them of what access to education they had.



On Friday 23 October, MVHS is doing it in a dress to raise money for girls' education.

Moss Vale High School aims to raise enough money to educate at least two girls for a year.

End of Year Merit Excursion



Keep earning those Vivos!

The famous end-of-year Merit Excursion is back on! In Week 10 this term, dozens of lucky (and hard working) students will board the buses and head to Luna Park for hours of rides, fun and food.

Keep earning Vivos to secure your spot on this once-a-year extravaganza!

An educated girl will...

- Be three times less likely to contract HIV/AIDS
- Marry later and have fewer, healthier children.
- Increase her income by 10-25% per additional year at school.
- Reinvest 90% of the money she earns back into her family

News from the Vivo Team

Vivos are such a positive and integral part of school life nowadays, it's wonderful!

To manage the flood of students claiming their purchases, the Vivo shop has now posted their 'Hours of Business'. Check them out on the PE noticeboard, to make sure you get in during store hours.

Above all, keep checking your Vivo tally, and notify Mrs. Holmes when you achieve a Merit Award!

Coming Up...

October 29: Merit assembly

November 5: PBS Lesson

November 19: Merit assembly

Exciting News from Learning and Support

The Learning and Support staff are working with a number of wonderful students to assist them with reading. The following students have made very exciting achievements.

Congratulations to **Ben Moody-Lees** and **Kyle Lane** for receiving their Certificates of Completion in the MultiLit Reading Tutor Program;



Congratulations to **Bryce Coppins** and **Zac Anthon** for successfully completing the MultiLit 200 Sight Word program.

Also, congratulations to **Zac Anthon**, **Bryce Coppins**, **Bailey Dunn**, **Rhys Dawson**, **Nathanael Jeffree**, **Harry Lawler** and **Austin O'Dowd** for successfully completing MultiLit 100 Sight Word program.

Congratulations and well done from the Learning and Support Team.

Word attack skills, 100 and 200 sight words - an amazing effort.

Zimbabwe Fundraising Concert
Saturday 24th October

* Drummers * Dancers * Singers * Musicians

To benefit the Orphans and Widows and Empowerment Programs

Such as:

School Uniform and Education Provision

Providing Livestock breeding pairs

Tickets \$5, available at the door
 6pm for 6.30 start
The Old Bowling Club
 Corner of Spring and Railway Streets
 Moss Vale,
 NSW, 2577

For more info: Phone: 48693102 Office Deb - 0407 907 699
 E-mail: info@christiancentre.com

Monday, 26th October
 6:00pm Registration
 6:30pm Start

2015 P&C Federation Forum

**Term 4
Moss Vale
High School**

**Macarthur
Electorate**

P&C Federation Invites You

Throughout the morning, Power 101 Community Engagement Centre will provide Parent and Community Engagement with presentations on the State Government's commitment to be re-organised to deliver a fully integrated for our State Education system and address our children and their future. (Presentations will be provided)

To attend please Register online: <http://www.p101.com.au> and #P1012015 to Register

Presented by: P&C Centre

The Program is funded by the NSW Government and administered by the NSW Department of Education

Moss Vale High School
 81 Hamilton Road

Topic Covered:
 Local Schools, Local
 Governance
 Support & Development
 Wellbeing in Schools
 Goals

attendance MATTERS

October, 2015

On Time, Every Day

- Pack bags & lay out uniforms the night before
- Pack and freeze lunches on Sundays
- Use the alarm on your phone/iPod or other device.
- Ask for help on difficult assignments early—don't leave it to the last minute!

Coming in future letters

- ◆ Notes: getting them right
- ◆ Family holidays
- ◆ Catching up on missed work
- ◆ Planning for unavoidable absences
- ◆ Consequences for truancy
- ◆ MVHS rewards for good attendance
- ◆ Support available

Why does attendance matter?

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- ◆ full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- ◆ full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- ◆ a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- ◆ develop the skills needed to access the world of

work and other opportunities

- ◆ to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ◆ make and keep



Did you know: missing just 8 days a term adds up to an entire year over Years 7-12!

friendships.

This is the first in a series of newsletter updates looking at attendance and its related issues.

What are unjustified absences?

Unacceptable reasons for absences or lateness to school include:

- ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Sleeping in
- ◆ Haircuts
- ◆ Shopping
- ◆ Working around the house
- ◆ Paid shifts at work
- ◆ Minding children
- ◆ Missing the bus
- ◆ Traffic / walking
- ◆ Waiting for a lift

And always try to make appointments before or after school!

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- ◆ send a note to the school, or contact the school via

electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or

- ◆ telephone the school, or
- ◆ visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your

child:

- ◆ has to go to a special religious ceremony
- ◆ is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- ◆ is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.



WRG is having a Family Picnic Day at Robertson Common. This is the site of the Railway Heritage Museum, the Fettle's Hut, the Sculptures and the Waratah Garden.

Bring along your picnic lunch and join us in a relaxed environment, meet WRG members, friends and supporters and at the end of the day pick some waratahs to take home.

This is a free event. Transport may be arranged.

Email reconciliation, wingecarribee@gmail.com if you have any questions.

St Paul's Community Fair
Sunday 8th November 2015
Art & Photography Competition
Judged by local Artist & Photographer Corinne Dany
Entry is Open to All
 Contact us at stpaulscommunityfair@gmail.com for entry details, or pick up the entry form at the school office 18 GARRETT STREET MOSS VALE

Age Groups for Entry
 Infants: Kindergarten to Year 2
 Primary: Year 3 to Year 6
 Senior: Year 7 to Year 12
 Open: Adults

Photography Topics
 Friendship
 Learning
 Prayer

Art Topics
 Landscape
 Portrait
 Still Life

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

Come to a FREE Parent Workshop & Log Book Run

PARENT WORKSHOP
 Wednesday 21 October 2015
 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Helping you and your learner with practical advice about:

- Current laws for L & P licence holders
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Low risk driving

LOG BOOK RUN
 Sunday 8 November 2015
 10.00am - 1.00pm

Gain 'real' driving log book time.

- Local drive for learners accompanied by their supervisors
- Clock up some driving experience hours
- Graduated Licensing Scheme's Learner Log Book topics covered
- Experience a NSW Police RBT set up

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please call 4868 0809 or email melanie.lausz@wsc.nsw.gov.au
This event is conducted by the Wingecarribee Shire Council Road Safety Officer, supported by the RMS.

TO : MOSS VALE HIGH NOTE OF ABSENCE

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 (*this reason must be specific, not just "he/she was sick"*) : _____

Parent Name : _____

Parent Signature : _____ Date sent : _____

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

NAME : Roll Class : Year :

NEW ADDRESS : PO BOX

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New Phone No's : Home : Work (M) :

Mobile (M) : Work (F) : Mobile (F) :

Email :

DATE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS :

PARENTS / GUARDIANS NAMES YOU ARE LIVING WITH :

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CHANGED ON	
ERN	
EMERGENCY CARD	
BUS Co NOTIFIED	
RECEIVED NEW BUS	