



Moss Vale High School

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Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

11 December 2015

**‘Kick Off With Reading’ 2016
is in the building!!**



Thank you to our wonderful P&C for supporting the continuation of this important program for our students.

School Resumes for 2016

Wednesday 27 January - Staff Development Day - staff only

Thursday 28 January - All students in Year 7, 11 & 12

*All new enrolments in every Year for class placement and to complete paperwork -
9am to approximately 11am*

Friday 29 January - all students in all Years

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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

From strength to strength . . .

Wow – what an amazing year we have had in 2015 - I am so excited and so proud of the outstanding year that we have had at Moss Vale High School! Our students and our school has achieved so very much!

This year was the first year of our new three year strategic plan. A plan that is built on three strategic directions – 1. Our Positive Self – Being our Best, 2. Innovative and relevant teaching and learning – Our School community is passionate about learning and 3. Strong Partnerships – Unlimited Horizons. With these strategic directions we have achieved much and set the platform for the next few years at Moss Vale High School built on the incredible ability and potential we have amongst our students, staff and community.

The students at Moss Vale High School continue to be a source of inspiration and it has been a real pleasure to help them, support them and celebrate their success over the last twelve months. They are all just amazing!

This year I want to acknowledge and congratulate all those students who have excelled in their learning. I am so proud of what our students have achieved at the HSC with many of our students attaining levels that have seen them achieve success at University and TAFE in their post school lives. It has also been pleasing to see **many students' achievements at school result in them gaining careers and jobs that will set themselves up for their future.**

This year our students have excelled in a whole range of sporting activities both in team sports and individual sports. We have had students in both individual and team sports represent our school at national, state and regional levels – just amazing! Go Moss Vale High School!

Students have delivered some amazing performances at various CAPA Concerts and other productions throughout the year. Our students have excelled in leadership activities and represented our school right across our community in activities including volunteering that support and help others and put back into our community!

I also want to pay tribute and acknowledge the amazing work of our staff – their dedication, commitment and efforts are truly inspiration and I am so lucky that I get to work with the people that I do!

I would also like to thank the P & C, our Aboriginal community, our local business people and all the wonderful local community members who contribute to our school, its growth and development and its focus on providing opportunities for our students. Thank you to you all! You all make such a difference!

Our school continues to develop a positive culture through the work we all do in the implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Success initiative. The collective commitment towards our three expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible learners has meant that the feel around our school is so incredibly positive and inclusive of everyone!

This year we have faced some challenges and some difficult times but throughout those challenging times we have faced them together, focussed on our future and ensured the spirit in our school and through the community remains strong. The inclusive spirit amongst all our students, staff and parents is what will see our school continue to go from strength to strength!

What does the future hold for our school? The future for our school remains incredibly positive. Our student numbers are growing, we will have over 115 new Year 7 students next year, an expanded special education unit and a number of new staff. We will also see changes to the way our school is resourced and so the opportunities that lie in front of us as a school community are exciting and something to look forward to.

I am blessed, honoured and appreciate the enormous privilege that has been afforded to me in my role as Principal of Moss Vale High School. I love what I do, I am passionate about what I do and am truly excited by the future and what our school will continue to offer the wonderful young people who are the students of Moss Vale High School!

I congratulate everyone on what they have achieved in 2015 and want to encourage us all to not only look back and celebrate a great year but I want everyone to get excited and look forward to an incredibly exciting future for all the students and entire Moss Vale High School community!

I hope that everyone has a safe, relaxing Christmas and I wish everyone every success for 2016.

Peter Macbeth
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

I am so proud of all that we have achieved as a school community in 2015. I am particularly proud of the combined efforts of the Positive Behaviour for Success team and the Student Representative Council in the reinforcement of our expectations and values through assemblies and PBS lessons.

We now have SRC students leading roll call classes in the PBS lessons and organising our charity fundraisers. **Some of our most effective PBS lessons this year were: 'Be Your Best' mural designed which resulted in four new murals placed in the basketball court area, Life Wave awareness which was designed to focus on raising awareness of adolescent mental health issues and the safe use of technology through looking at statistics around cyber-bullying and the inappropriate use of technology. Our mufti-day fundraisers were highly successful and Moss Vale High School donated thousands of dollars to the following charities: Beyond Blue, White Ribbon Foundation, the Nepal Earthquake appeal, Movember, the One Girl Foundation, the Cancer Council and the Daniel Morecombe Foundation.**

Next year we will continue to support the One Girl Foundation in order to support the education of girls in developing countries, and we will also be supporting the school of St Jude in Tanzania. Our main PBS focus for **2015 will be to 'CHOOSE KINDNESS'**.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our top Vivo students for 2015 that made it to the most prestigious awards in our Merit System:

The top 5 Vivo earners for 2015 are Leanne Du with 1580, Ben Brodie with 1,570 , Bryce Coppins with 1,368, Nikki Vaughn with 1,315 and Brad Watsord—1,173.

The top five overall since Vivo began are: Jemima Huggett with 2,264, Rebecca Heyhorn-1,929, Luke Webb -1,854, Daisy Schaeffer-1,825 and Joel Hinchcliffe- 1,595.

Special congratulations to **Leanne Du**, Year 7 and **Rebecca Heyhorn**, Year 9 who were awarded a mini iPad each for their outstanding achievements.

I would like to wish all of our staff, students and their families a happy and safe Christmas. It has been a genuine pleasure working with our wonderful staff and students, and I look forward to working with them all again in 2016.

Mrs P Holmes
Deputy Principal

Message from School Administrative Manager

Thank you to parents and caregivers who throughout the year have paid school fees; ensured notes and payments are sent in on time; notified the school of any change in telephone numbers or addresses; sent in explanations for absences; promptly arranged for sick students to be collected and treated our office staff with courtesy and respect.

All staff at Moss Vale High School treat students' welfare as a top priority. We can best achieve this with your cooperation.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!



CAPA CONCERT Term 4





Schools' Spectacular 2015

This year five boys were selected to perform as part of the Boys Hip-Hop Ensemble at the Schools Spectacular held on 27 and 28 November at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. **Joshua Huggett, Elijah Wren, Lachlan Hayes, Louis Economos and Liam Reed** were five of 70 boys state wide who were selected for the Ensemble. They had 5 full days of rehearsals working with Professional Hip-Hop dancers Nick Power and Don Napalan to create their dance. It was a great opportunity for the boys to network with other dancers and to experience the thrill of performing in front of thousands.

We took 40 students up to Sydney on Friday 27 to watch the show, the students absolutely loved it. It was a great experience for us all to watch the show and to be there supporting our dancers.

Miss Cordingley

"School Spec has proved to be an awesome opportunity to meet likeminded people, hone my dance skills and make new friends. I got so much out of the event and hoped those watching enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed being a part of it!" -Josh

"My time doing School Spec was just amazing. The choreographers Nick and Don were really awesome and I had a fantastic time learning the routine. When we got to the QANTAS Credit Union Arena there were people from all different hip hop cultures and communities and we all came together to make a Cypher (Cyphers are the basis of hip hop).

On the actual days of the performance the atmosphere was intense. I will never forget the feeling of performing in front of thousands of people. The excitement and adrenaline that was running through me was off the charts. It is definitely something worth doing at least **once in your life. I can't wait to go to auditions next year."**
-Elijah



Moss Vale Public School Fete Helpers

Thank you to all the students who helped with the Moss Vale Public School fete. They were all very well behaved and helpful.

Amelia Heinrich, Kyle Lane, Caitlin Miller, Annabel Collison, Jared Lane, Justin Webster-Broadhead, Katelyn Webster-Broadhead, Alice Rough, Travis Neale, Jayden Grech, Cody Morris, Sienna Harvey, Abbey Melrose

There were several students on the original list who couldn't make it and they let me know. Thank you to all those who stepped up on the day.

There were also performances from CAPA students - **Laura Mulcahy, Gabby Middleton, Emily Sheather, Taylor Denford, Angus Hicban-Lee and Rebecca Coulter, and Luke Webb and Jackson Chesterfield** who were in charge of sound and staging.

Year 9 Agriculture – SHEARING

Yes, it was hot and hard for some (namely the workers! -Graham Fahey, long term supporter of Agriculture at Moss Vale High School, and Aaron Fahey - ex-Year 12 student, plus the very hardworking Year 9 Major Ag class). Oh! And the sheep (by supplying their bodies to be poked, prodded, twisted and finally shorn). Even our super-sized ram was in on the action.

The day was full; busy and very productive. Students were involved right from the start- it started early with the sheep being yarded; drafted and shorn. The students then backlined the ewes and returned all to their paddocks.

It was a great learning experience and once again we would really like to thank the Fahey's for their time; patience and excellent educational tuition on the process of shearing.

Thanks to Brook as well!



Final Activity Week message for 2015

As you know, Activity Week takes place this year between 14 and 16 December. All the hard work of organising by the Activity Week leaders is close to being finalised. Teachers and students will soon be dispersed all over Australia thoroughly enjoying themselves and having a positive schooling experience to finish 2015. Thanks to all parents who have always supported Activity Week and mentioned to me how valuable the three days are. It is only available due to teachers and parents supporting the week. To take 30 students out of a school these days requires much preparation. To place 350 students in a wide array of activities is indeed a most challenging logistical exercise.

Activity Week is indeed a great privilege for students at Moss Vale High School. As has been mentioned many times before, the vast majority of schools finish with three days **in the classroom. Students aren't exploring our southern most state, they aren't brushing up on their artistic talents and they aren't learning the craft of white water rafting.** Moss Vale High School students are very lucky to have this program. Because of this, student behaviour is expected to be exemplary. Parents and students have signed a behavioural contract for all students attending overnight camps.

There are also many activities that involve swimming or water related participation. DEC guidelines require students to pass a water challenge test before participating in water activities. This test was held at Moss Vale pool on 3 December. Following completion of **'The Challenge' all students have been classified as either proficient swimmers or non-**



proficient swimmers. Proficient swimmers will be issued with a blue wrist band on Activity Week and will be deemed safe to participate in the aquatic activity. Non-proficient students will be issued with a yellow wrist



band and can participate in shallow water activities.

Students must wear these bands for the duration of the water activities. Students who failed to participate in the water challenge day will not be allowed near the water.

If your child isn't participating in Activity Week, it is expected that they will attend school. Supervision and educational programs will be in place. If your child is away during Activity Week, it's classified as an unexplained absence without a note of explanation. Just remember, the Thursday and Friday of the last week of school are staff development days with the school being closed to students on these days.

I would like to wish all students the very best and safest time on Activity Week. What a way to start your Christmas holidays! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Matt Nash
Activity Week coordinator

Year 10 PASSy's Event Management Netball Competition.



On Wednesday the 2nd of December, the Year 10 PASS class began their modified netball knockout competition that took planning and organisational skills to be able to work together as a committee including President, Vice President, Secretary, Admin, Publicity, Safety Squad and Referees. The committee had to work together to figure out rules and create the competition draw.



The competition consisted of ten teams filled with eight players, during each lunchtime they would play a ten minute game and whoever lost would be knocked out of the competition whilst the winning team would progress to the next round. The Grand Final on December 8 was played by a Year 9 team and a Year 11 team. The Year 11 team, along with Mr Carlyon, won the competition with the score of 14-9.



PASS or Physical Activity and Sport Studies has been an enjoyable subject through the whole two years. There have been countless opportunities to pursue future job interests and pathways. Mr Vandenberg is definitely one of the most enjoyable and encouraging



teachers to have for a whole two years studying PASS. Mr Vandenberg has given us a lot of opportunities in this subject by letting us experience the Australian Institute of Sport, the UNSW, lectures with a real physiotherapist and opportunities for volunteering with different sports. This subject has been the best subject for both of us these past two years and we definitely got the most out of it. Thank you for an awesome two years Mr Vandenberg it was truly amazing!!!



English Experiences

Hamlet at the Opera House

On November 18, students from Year 10 and 12 attended the Bell Shakespeare production of *Hamlet*. We were fortunate to take up the whole front row and see this popular play performed close up. In the tradition of Shakespearean drama, the audience was invaded and made part of the performance. Everyone commented on how this helped bring the action and emotion to life. The lighting and use of hand held torches used by the cast also created suspense as we found ourselves guessing about the next focus in specific scenes.

This engaging performance was enhanced by a beautiful sunny day on Sydney harbor, and the exemplary behavior shown by all students. It was wonderful to witness the respectful and responsible actions such as helping elderly passengers on the train, carrying bags, holding doors open and a willingness to support others in their understanding of the play.

It is a pleasure to accompany young adults on an educational excursion where the best possible outcomes are achieved.

Kerri-Jane Burke
Head Teacher English





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A promotional poster for the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience. The top half features a black and white photograph of a woman in a military nurse's uniform, looking off to the side. The background of the photo shows a battlefield with soldiers and a large crater. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January 2016. It's an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is "brilliant", "amazing", "a must see" and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

Follow us on social media using the hashtag **#spiritofanzac**.



Office of the Mayor



16 November 2015

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To register, go to www.mysouthernhighlands.net.au/vip-program or visit our newly refurbished Southern Highlands Welcome Centre at Mittagong and see the friendly Tourism Team to sign up before the 31st December where you will have a chance to **WIN \$1000** worth of local Shopping Vouchers. Once you have registered you will receive your VIP Card & Welcome Pack and start receiving great benefits.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Larry Whipper
Mayor

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More Exciting News from Learning and Support

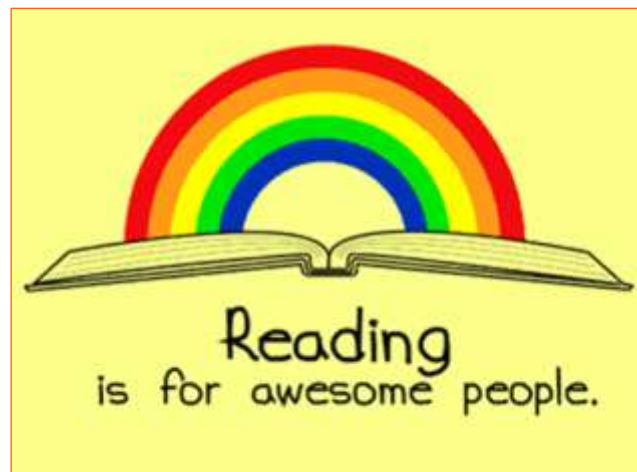
The Learning and Support staff are working with a number of wonderful students to assist them with reading. The following students have made very exciting achievements, and have definitely finished the year on a high note.

Cody Morris and **Ben Moody-Lees** have received Certificates of Completion in the MultiLit Reading Tutor Program; Word Attack Skills Extension. An amazing effort for both Year 7 students this year.

Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing the Word Attack Skills program: **Karlee Tiyce, Austin O'Dowd, Harry Lawler, Zac Anthon**. All of these students will now move onto the Extension program in 2016.

Austin O'Dowd and **Harry Lawler** are also to be commended for successfully completing the MultiLit 200 Sight Word program.

Congratulations and well done from the Learning and Support Team.



Bangarra Dance Theatre-

Ochres

On Wednesday, December 2, Ms Cripps and I took 20 students to Carriageworks in Sydney to watch the Bangarra Dance Theatre's production of 'Ochres'. The work was originally choreographed by Stephen Page in 1994 and this was the first time it has been performed live since 1994. Bangarra successfully combine contemporary and traditional Aboriginal dance to create a very unique Australian style of dance.



The students we took ranged from Years 7-10 and the feedback from all was very positive. After the show we took part in a Q&A with the choreographer and dancers which provided a valuable insight into what the students had just watched. Overall a really fun day with a lovely group of students and some top quality dance.

Miss Cordingley

Moss Vale High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

December 2015 – January 2016



DECEMBER 2015

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| TUESDAY | 1 st . December | 8.30am – 11.30am |
| THURSDAY | 3 rd . December (Orientation Day) | 8.30am – 4.00pm |
| TUESDAY | 8 th . December | 8.30am – 11.30am |
| THURSDAY | 10 th . December | 1.00pm – 4.00pm |

JANUARY 2016

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| TUESDAY | 19 th . January | 8.30am – 2.30pm |
| THURSDAY | 21 st . January | 8.30am – 2.30pm |
| WEDNESDAY | 27 th . January | 8.30am – 2.30pm |
| THURSDAY | 28 th . January | 8.30am – 4.00pm |

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Literacy Update

Success through Literacy at Moss Vale [S.L.A.M]



Kick Off With Reading
back for 2016

What book will it be?

Following the wonderful success of Kick Off With Reading in 2014 and 2015, the program will be back in the new year, with the generous support of the MVHS P&C.

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|  <p>ROSC LARKRIB Daylight Price: \$99.95 (Youth), \$97.45 (Ladies) Size: Youth: 1 - 5.5 Ladies: 8B - 10D Fit: 10" Bring into the same or narrower sizes. You should add 2 sizes to the size you would take in kids AUMM. Size 10: If you are a size 9.5, you would need an 89</p> |  <p>CLARKS INTROUQUE Daylight Price: \$97.45 (Junior), \$104.95 (Senior) Size: Junior: 10 - 3.5 Senior: 4 - 8 Fit: D, E, F, G (Note: Senior does not come in a G)</p> | |

Red Cross Calling Award

It is my pleasure to inform you that your school, Moss Vale High School, is the winner of the Norman B Rydge Junior Shield for Regional NSW 2015.

This Award is in recognition of the significant effort by the school students in raising the most amount of money by a regional school for the Red Cross Calling Program 2015.

The Norman B Rydge Shield is presented to a country and metropolitan school who raised the most money in Red Cross Calling each year. This year Moss Vale High School has won the country shield. (Norman Rydge was patron of Red Cross Calling in the 1970's).

Over the past five years approximately 400 students from Moss Vale High School have door knocked and collected at shopping centres for the Australian Red Cross - **truly showing 'the power of humanity'**.

Beverley McAndrew has indeed been a wonderful stalwart for many years organising the students from Moss Vale High School and in recent times Jemima Finlayson has assisted Beverley.

Without the help of our district schools, especially Moss Vale High School, we as a branch would not be able to make such a significant contribution to Red Cross Calling.

We would also like acknowledge that we receive many positive messages about the behaviour and dress of the students as they call on households and shops in our area.

Since 2010, Moss Vale High School has collected the amazing amount of \$18,116.95

*Shirley Wyatt & Judy Harper
Red Cross Zone Representatives*



PBS Update

Be Your Best Self!



REFLECTION

What a year for Positive Behaviour for Success at Moss Vale High School! Fundraisers for Nepal, Daniel Morcombe, Do It In A Dress, Movember and more. Over 75% of students on the Red Award or higher. A school environment in which staff and students are supported to grow and learn.

In our final assembly of 2015, a wonderful video captured some of the hundreds of great moments from our year.

This week, dozens of lucky and hard-working students will be setting off for a day of fun at Sydney's Luna Park. This end-of-year reward excursion has become a highlight of the MVHS calendar. Congratulations

to those students who earned a place on the trip.

As we prepare for a busy festive season with family and friends, it is an excellent time to reflect on some of the things we have learnt through our PBS experiences this year: how lucky we are to have unquestioned access to free, high-quality education.

One of the great benefits of Positive Behaviour for Success at Moss Vale High School is the opportunity it presents to cast our eyes outwards and understand our position in the wider world. These experiences drive home the responsibility we have to be our best so that we can become valuable citizens of the world.

We look forward to another exciting and enriching year in 2016.

CHOOSE KINDNESS

PBS Focus for 2016 announced!

At the final school assembly for 2016, Mrs. Holmes announced our PBS focus for 2016: choosing kindness. This will be the underlying principle for PBS in the coming year, and we encourage you to start to think about the many ways that we can choose kindness in our daily lives.

Term 1 will introduce the idea through our regular merit assemblies and PBS lessons.

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

- Dr Wayne W. Dyer

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Attendance Update

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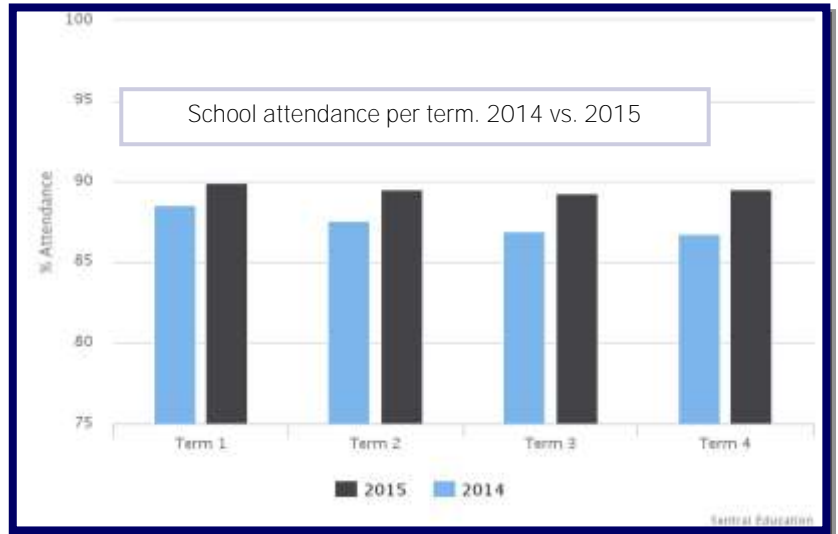


ATTENDANCE DASH

Moss Vale High School's inaugural Attendance Dash ran this term, to help students overcome the traditional end-of-year slump in attendance.

Students with over 95% attendance, or an improvement of more than 5% from Term 3, received Vivos on a sliding scale.

Over 50 students received Vivos as a result of participating in the Attendance Dash. Congratulations to those students!



ATTENDANCE UP 2%
RECORD INCREASE FOR SCHOOL

Keep up the good work in 2016 by preparing early. Aim to get back in the habit of those school mornings by waking up early from mid-January. Stock up the freezer with pre-made sandwiches to ease the transition back.

A year of close collaboration between our Attendance Coordinator Miss Curtis, Careers Adviser Mr. Warwick, and HSLO Rhett Russell has resulted in a significant increase in student attendance at Moss Vale High School in 2016. 2% might sound minimal, but it equates to 2,400 additional days spent at school **by our students. That's 14,000 lessons taken, or 9.12 million minutes spent reading, writing, and becoming better citizens of the world.**

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S P O R T

G'day athletes, everyone should be feeling out of breath and beginning their warm downs because **THAT** was a massive YEAR of sport! There was soccer, there was netball, there was rugby league, there was athletics, need I go on? We had not one but two cricket teams go very deep into their comps and we were proud to announce our most outstanding athletes of the year. It was such a massive year and so exciting as a new teacher to the school to see the amazing talent. Now it's time to wrap it up and go into pre-season training.

I would like to start by congratulating our Junior and Senior sports person of the year. The Junior sports person of the year was **Liam Hinchcliffe**. **Liam** excelled across the board this year. He was age champion for all of the schools major carnivals, making it to zone and regional athletics, swimming and cross country. But he didn't stop there, **Liam** also made it to state swimming and cross country finishing 3rd at the state cross country champs in the under 12 division. **Liam** was also a valued member of the junior boys soccer team and having taught him this year, I can assure you that this Year 7 pocket rocket has a big athletic future ahead.

The senior sports person of the year was **Max Hanrahan**. Not only was **Max** one of our school captains but much like **Liam**, he was age champion of all major carnivals and also went on to zone and regional for all disciplines. **Max** was destined to make state athletics with his monster arm in javelin but unfortunately for **Max**, like many athletes, he suffered a nasty broken leg which put a stop in his campaign. **Max** was just a solo athlete though. **Max** also played in many of the school's sports team and this year made the NSW boys hockey side. Both of these students are very deserving of their awards.

To wrap up our knockout competitions this year we had our junior and senior cricket teams make it to the final stages of their respective comps. The junior boys (Hassett cup) made it to the semi final played against Smith Hill High school. The boys played very well but came up short in the final stages of the game. There were some top performers in the team but the overall MVP was by far **Ryan Emmerick**, whose imperious bowling and batting performances helped the team deep into the competition.

Our senior cricketers (Davidson Shield) went one better, making it to the grand final of the comp, played against Nowra High School. On what can only be described as a "tricky pitch" the boys struggled to produce a score with Nowra winning in the early stages of their innings. The boys played amazingly well throughout the competition and massive congratulations for making it that far. Top run scorer and captain Lleyton Wallace moves on from the competition along with **Tom Ewen, Hamish Schaefer, Jacob Clarke, Brendan Garske** and **Ben Bromfield**. These boys going into Year 12 are not able to play in the comp next year and will leave a hole bigger than Warnie to fill. Thanks for all your hard work boys.

Moss Vale High School needs your help! We are part of the A-Mart Allsports community kick back program. For every dollar spent at A-mart, in Mittagong, the school will receive 5% of money spent, kicked back to the school. That might not sound like much but if everybody nominates our school as their kick back recipient then we will build a big fund for us to spend on improving the school. See the advertisement for more info!

That's all the highlights from the sports reel this term and remember good things come to those who sweat.

Mr. DB's fun, fit, fact: Rugby Union balls and soccer balls used to be made from pigs' bladders and they had to be blown up by breath alone, it was possible to become ill if blowing up a diseased bladder, and the wife of Richard Lindon, a man who made balls for Rugby School in the 19th Century, died after breathing in the air from too many bad bladders.

Mr Adam Dubois
PDHPE Teacher and Sports Organiser



Max Hanrahan



Liam Hinchcliffe

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