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Do It In a Dress



Moss Vale High School Year 11 students embraced the 'Do It In a Dress' fundraiser where over \$1400 was raised to help educate girls in Africa.

Students Making A Difference

Chloe Byrne)		Volunteering to assist members of the community with their mobile phone usage
Jasmin Edwards)	<i>Year 8</i>	
Jade Zakara)		

Principal's Report

Do it in a Dress Day

Thank you to all of our staff and students who supported our fundraising initiative for the *One Girl Foundation*. We managed over \$1400 which will go towards educating at least five girls in Africa who would otherwise not have received an education simply because they are a girl. This was yet another example of the great work we do at Moss Vale High School through our Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) program where we ensure that our students learn the importance of our values as they relate to school, the broader community and being a global citizen.

Our students also engaged in a PBS lesson on Thursday, October 27, which involved viewing a film created by Mr Luke Vandenberg. The film incorporated the speech by Michelle Obama on the *International Day of the Girl* where she spoke passionately about the fact that girls and women around the world still struggle for true gender equity. Students were asked to write down their goals at a personal level, school level and international level for creating greater gender equity. I would like to thank Mr Vandenberg, Ms Baard and Mr Miller for their efforts in devising this successful PBS lesson that enabled our students to be more aware of this important social justice issue.



Kollege of Knowledge Kommittee for Kids (K444)

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation and thanks to Mr Laurie Adams and the members of the Kollege of Knowledge Kommittee for Kids. The K444 has contributed over \$42,000 allowing us to purchase bicycles, computers, I pads, projectors for our Special Education unit. The funds also enabled the Special Education staff to assist the students in setting up a vegetable garden which they work in regularly and have produced some wonderful herbs and vegetables. The most recent donation of \$2,500 will go towards purchasing a bocce set for the support unit. We greatly appreciate their ongoing and incredibly generous support of our school and the Special Education students.

Year 12

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who have now completed their HSC exams. Students and parents are reminded that the clearance process must be finalised by Monday, November 7, with Mrs Norris. I look forward to seeing all of the Year 12 students at the formal on Thursday, November 10.

Merit Selection Panels

The advertisement for the Head Teacher PDHPE has closed and we will be holding interviews next week as part of the rigorous merit selection process. The successful candidate will take over the leadership of the outstanding PDHPE faculty from Mr Matthew Carlyon as he takes on the Deputy Principal role at the start of 2017.

We will also be having interviews in the coming weeks for a Technology teacher in TAS which replaces Mrs Janeen Pepping after her move to the Learning and Support Teacher three years ago.

I am looking forward to announcing the successful candidates in my final newsletter of the term.

Year 7 Adviser for 2017

Congratulations to Ms Rebecca Tweedie, one of our amazing English teachers, who was successfully appointed to the position of Year 7 Adviser for 2017. There were a number of teachers who applied which resulted in running an informal merit selection process. This is a demanding role as the Year Adviser works closely with Year 7 to achieve a smooth transition into high school. Thank you to Mr Andrew Drummond and Mr Adam Dubois for their outstanding applications; it was a very difficult decision to make between such talented teachers. Mr Dubois will be the Transition Adviser for 2017 in the lead up to Year 7 2018.

Remembrance Day

Our school community will observe Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11 at 11 am. At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in post war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in war. We will have a short speech from our student leaders on Friday, November 11, followed by a minute silence to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Dream Cricket

Some of our students made our school community very proud by running the Rotary Dream Cricket match on October 28. These students worked with disabled children to enable them to experience the joy of playing cricket. The Rotary members commented **on our students' leadership, enthusiasm, encouragement and empathy for these young people. Congratulations to the following students:** Wesley Thomas, Nic Wilson, Dale Young, Amelia Yearsley, Daisy Schaefer, Hugh Parker, Mitchel Whalan, Jemmi Huggett, Jemma Coulter and Tyla Mullie-Locke. These Year 9 students personify our strong values at Moss Vale High School and are outstanding role-models for their peers.

Patricia Holmes
Principal

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Acting Deputy Principal's Report

Mobile Phone Policy

As you are aware there has been ongoing issues relating to the disruption of learning in classes due to inappropriate use of mobile phones.

The following are the school guidelines beginning 31 October 2016

Following discussion with P&C, SRC and Staff the following policy is now in place

NOTE -

Mobile phones are not part of the DoE "Bring your own Device" Guidelines.

Students bringing phones and devices to school are solely responsible for these items.

Charging of phones at school is banned.

Decision.

1. Mobile phones are to be **turned OFF and placed in the student's bag** once the bell sounds for; the start of the school day, end of recess, and end of lunch. ie there will be no phones out while in class or inside buildings.
(the only variation is if a teacher requires the phone for educational reasons eg photography or video - BUT NOT RESEARCH.)
Failure to follow these guidelines will result in confiscation of the phone. The phones will be sent to the front office.
2. Students who contact parents without following school processes will be dealt with **under the School's discipline processes.**
3. Parents or Caregivers who contact students during class time and disrupt learning **will be served with a "Code of Conduct" notification.**

NOTE - communication must be through the school's office on 4816 1717.

Christmas Idea- Ask for a tablet or laptop from Santa - there are useable ones for less than \$400

Uniform

Reminder that the school has its own Uniform shop, the items sold there are the standard expected of students. In regard to boys trousers, cargo pants and pants with elasticised ankles are NOT Uniform.

*Mr C O'Brien
Acting Deputy Principal*

SRC Report

SRC held its elections towards the end of last term and as of now our members are:

Year 7 - Colin Cooksley, Maizy Evans, Makayla Jones

Year 8 - Clare Middleton, Amelia Brook, Carlie Ragg, Scott Lawrence

Year 9 - Wesley Thomas, Daisy Schaefer, Emily King, Joel Hinchcliffe

Year 10 - Kelsey Attwood, Jacinta Burns, Bella Matthews, Cameron MacLean

Year 11 - Lachlan Finlayson, Brooke Fitzgerald, Beau Hanrahan, Tilly Hoare, Josh Huggett, Ryan Jones, Liam Reed, Makayla Toft, Luke Webb, Hannah Whatman, Olivia Yearsley

With 2017 rapidly approaching, students have been appointed to the following positions:

Presidents - Hannah Whatman and Makayla Toft (Year 11)

Secretary - Kelsey Attwood (Year 10)

Treasurer - Bella Matthews

Charity officers - Carlie Ragg and Amelia Brook

Publicity officers - Scott Lawrence and Joel Hinchcliffe

P&C officer - Luke Webb

Canteen - Colin Cooksley

Sandstone Carving

On Thursday 27 October, 15 students began learning the art of sandstone carving under the guidance of Aunty Wendy. Each piece of sandstone displays one of our eight 'Our Ways' symbols, developed to identify ways of learning. The process began by selecting a symbol and piece of sandstone. Each image was drawn onto the sandstone with charcoal before being carved using a chisel and hammer. The carvings were then polished using rocks. The students were asked to record their process and consider their connection to each of the 'Our Ways' symbols and ways of learning. When weather threatened the progression of the 'Our Ways' outdoor learning space retaining wall, all students put in an enormous effort to ensure the ground work was completed.

Students involved:

Kelsey Attwood
Breeanna Barnes
Amelia Barrington
Kaitlyn Bindley
Libbie Bowman
Grace Buckley
Rhiannon Glendenning-Fuller
Zoe Griffiths
Breeanna Johnson
Matthew Kelly
Cody Morris
Jayden Oliver
Katelyn Price
Jessica Roberts
Harrison Toovey



Schools' Spec

Moss Vale High School Urban Dance Crew boys and members of the girls' combined dance group who are performing in the Schools' Spectacular to be held at the QUDOS Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2016.



A NOTE OF



- * Village Veggies,
- * Office Works,
- * Moss Vale Hotel,
- * Bernies Café,
- * Il Pranzo,
- * MNA Dentures,

Thank you from Moss Vale High School

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their generous donations to our successful fundraising Trivia night held on September 16. All proceeds raised from the evening have been allocated to our Positive Behaviour for Success Program within our school.

- * Made by Others,
- * Southern Rise Bakery,
- * Empire Cinema,
- * Bowral Books,
- * Ambience,
- * Bunnings,
- * Jemmy Moss Hotel,
- * IGA Moss Vale,
- * The Shed Fitness,
- * Pro Sound & Lighting Wollongong
- * Hong Kong Restaurant,
- * Aquatic Centre,
- * Sydney Swans,
- * Mt. Murray Nursery,
- * Bradman Museum,
- * Plus Fitness,
- * IGA Moss Vale,
- * Coles Moss Vale,
- * Moss Vale Services Club,

Message from School Administrative Manager

Student Medical Conditions

It is most important that the school has the latest information regarding each student's medical status.

If your child is diagnosed with any medical issues, please inform the school in writing with the following information:

Medical condition; name, address and phone number of doctor who diagnosed the condition; whether they have been hospitalised for this condition and if so, where; is there an emergency response plan or a health care plan (if so, please provide copies); specific details of any medication, including dosage.

This information is extremely important if a student requires medical attention or hospitalisation while at school.

It is also important to notify the school if a previous medical condition is no longer relevant.

Emergency contact numbers should be updated regularly to ensure the school has the correct names and numbers to contact if you are not able to be reached.

If you are unsure as to what information the school has regarding your child, please contact our friendly front office staff who can look this up for you.



Maureen Sinclair
School Administrative Manager

Moss Vale art work has been chosen as a finalist in the NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize—Schools Workshops

Plein air painting workshops have been held in high schools across New South Wales in 2016. The workshops are taught by contemporary plein air artists and are a fantastic opportunity for students studying visual arts to learn more about the techniques and practice of plein air painting.

On 5 April 2016 an 'en plein air' painting workshop was held at Moss vale High School between 9am and 12pm. The artist is Evan Salmon, who was the winner of last year's NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize. He had plenty of great insights and tips to share with the students.

Participants were provided with painting kits, including canvases, tubes of paint and brushes.

The term 'en plein air' refers to the practice of painting out of doors, in direct engagement with nature, where the transitory effects of light can be observed and recorded. Painting in the tradition of 'en plein air' allows the artist to capture something more than just the depiction of a landscape, adding mood and atmosphere to the setting.

The paintings were judged by a panel and the top three works were selected for future judging with works selected from other workshops around NSW. The top 6 artworks from all workshops, as voted by the artists can now be seen hanging in NSW Parliament in conjunction with the main Plein Air Painting Prize until 28 October 2016.

Maddy Fleming's work was selected to hang in Parliament House.





Activity Week 2016 Information for parents relating to water activities.

As you know, Activity Week takes place this year between the 14 and 16 December. There are many activities that involve swimming or water related participation.

DET guidelines, however, require students to pass a Water Challenge test before participating in water activities. This test will be held at the Moss Vale Indoor pool on 9 November. It will cost students \$3.30 to be paid to the front office at school. The permission notes can be picked up outside the PDHPE office.

The actual test requires students to complete the following:

- **Entry** – Slide in entry into shallow water and walk five metres.
(Please note: This is the minimum benchmark for yellow wrist banded students).
- **Survival Swimming** – 25m swim with recognisable strokes.
- **Survival Sequence** – Scull, float or tread water for 1 minute, call out for help once.
- **Exit** – Exit the water unassisted.
- **Rescue Sequence** – Demonstrate a simple voice rescue.

Following completion of 'The Challenge' all students will be classified as either proficient swimmers or non-proficient swimmers. Proficient swimmers will be issued on Activity Week with a blue wrist band 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 activity. Please note, this applies to all school excursions involving water, not just Activity Week. Once a student completes the water challenge, the results are valid for two terms.

If you have any questions about the above information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Matt Nash
Activity Week Coordinator

**MVHS
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BACKS**

\$20 available at front office

**LIMITED NUMBERS
GET IN QUICK !!**

Moss Vale High School Year Book The Waratah

If you haven't already prepaid for this year's Waratah magazine, there is still time.

To order a copy please pay \$30.00 to the school by Friday 11 November 2016. Payments may be made by:

- Parent Online Payment via the School website <http://www.mossvale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>
- credit card in person or by telephone
- cash or cheque.



If you are unsure whether or not you have already paid this with your fees earlier in the year, just contact the friendly staff in the front office who can look this up for you.



At Moss Vale High School, our students are provided with a range of learning experiences. On Tuesday 25 October, Year 12 Society and Culture students were introduced to the PIP (Personal Interest Project) with an engaging and innovative live webcast streamed from the Wesley Centre in Sydney.

The Society and Culture Association delivered an interactive and educational seminar with presenters ranging from past students to teachers with more than 30 years' experience teaching Society and Culture. Students were shown how to access the State Library resources, effective research and linking research methods, interpreting data, and constructing a PIP topic.

Over the next nine months Society and Culture students will be working on their own PIP, requiring students to apply appropriate social and cultural research methodologies to investigate a topic related to the course.

Later this term, our Society and Culture and History Extension students will visit the State Library to assist their research for their major projects.

At the recent Year 7 Taronga Park Zoo excursion

On 19 October, 92 Year 7 students embarked on the Taronga Zoo Excursion. We arrived and split off into three groups. This allowed us to participate in a workshop where we met and patted an animal from the different groups - reptile, amphibian and mammal.

We missed out on a patting a bird and a fish (there are no fish at Taronga Zoo) which would have completed a classification activity.

We also had to find a number of adaptations and facts about numerous animals and exhibits including the seals, fennec foxes and the lemurs.

All in all, it was a good day and thanks to the teachers and Kennedy's Buslines for taking us there.



Zoe Murray and Jackson Miller, Year 7, with a 'hands on' experience at Taronga Zoo.



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CALENDAR RUNS FROM Oct 10—Dec 12th BOOKINGS PHONE 4862 1777. VENUE: Family Support 2 Holmhale St. Bowral (Cr Bowral St) unless otherwise stated.
 Phoning to book is appreciated as this helps us with planning. *All activities are free of charge and all materials supplied*

TUESDAY'S

TRIPLE P

Free childcare provided for group participants on-site with early childhood workers – please ring to book your place 10.00 - 12.00 noon **18th October— 29th November**

This program is aimed at practical answers to everyday parenting concerns, for families with children aged 2 to 12.

You will learn about:

- Effective parenting strategies
- How to enhance your child's development
- How to manage common behaviour problems

MoneyMinded

10.00 - 12.00 noon

Friday's

21st October to 11th November

Free childcare provided for group participants on-site with early childhood workers – please ring to book your place

Parent support group that looks at:

- *BUDGETING / SPENDING PLANS
- *UNDERSTANDING MONEY AND MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK FOR YOU

*WAYS TO SAVE

*MINIMISING DEBT

Men's Group Bowral

Tuesday Nights 7pm-9pm

Call to book

or for any enquiries

Harry 0408 402 946



PLAY & CHAT SUPPORTED

PLAYGROUP

10.00-12.00 noon

THURSDAYS

13 October—8th December

A playgroup providing help to develop parent's skills and insight into the role of play in children's learning and social development. Early Childhood staff available for support and advice about your child's needs and any parenting or other concerns you may have. Please bring a hat and piece of fruit to share. *We are looking for new families for Family Support's Thursday morning playgroup.*

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YOUNG PARENT GROUP

FOR ALL YOUNG PARENTS INCLUDING EXPECTANT MUMS & DADS

10:00 to 12noon

FRIDAYS

14th October—2nd December

Get together with other young parents, share info, experiences, support. Enjoy activities and learn about parenting, child development and relationships. Guest speakers, outings and activities.

With Karena

COMMUNITY WALKS

FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Start at 10.00 for about 1 hour

Do you want to get motivated, get a sense of being part of the community and increase your fitness at the same time? Are you new to the area and want to meet people?

TUESDAY BOWRAL

With *Mardi*

Start in the car park of Bowral Swimming Pool for the Cherry Tree Walk

THURSDAY MITTAGONG

With *Mardi*

Start at the corner of Helena Street and the Old Hume Hwy opposite the Tourist Information Centre.

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Albert Einstein

Springwater Tots

Aboriginal Supported Playgroup

10:00-12:00 noon

MONDAYS

10 Oct— 12th Dec

Please call Kelly

to book in 4862 1777

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	
NAME :	Roll Class : Year :
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