



Moss Vale High School

Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

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29 August 2016

HSC Industrial Technology (Timber)

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NEWSLETTER



Desk - Sally Attreed



Coffee Table - Lachlan Williams



Dining Table - Jacob Clarke



Chess Table - Zac Bosevski

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Principal's Report

School Captains and Leadership Team

Our assembly on Monday involved the induction of our new School Captains and Senior Leadership Team. Our current Captains, **Lucy Backhouse, Lachlan Willams, Harriet Snaith** and **Hamish Schaefer**, wished the new leadership team well in the lead up to taking over at the end of the term when Year 12 leave for their HSC exams. It was wonderful to see the parents and family members of our school leaders join us at this special assembly. Congratulations to our new School Captains: **Olivia Yearsley, Tilly Hoare, Luke Webb** and **Josh Huggett**, and congratulations to our senior leadership team: **Lachlan Finlayson, Brooke Fitzgerald, Beau Hanrahan, Hannah Whatman, Ryan Jones** and **Liam Reed**.

I have included the incoming Captains' speech:

Good morning staff, students and parents. My fellow captains and I are extremely honoured to have been selected as your new school captains. We take the role very seriously and promise that we will uphold our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible at all times. We see our leadership role as a privilege where we will have the opportunity to be positive role models and continue to build on our wonderful school culture. We will support the school in its focus on social justice issues, such as valuing diversity, empowering all individuals through education and speaking up for human rights and equality.

We understand that being a leader does not mean placing yourself above others but rather it means working alongside others, and being of service to them. I would like to thank the hard working and dedicated staff at our school for offering us all the wonderful opportunities we have at Moss Vale High School. We want you all to take advantage of these opportunities and of the first class education that you have at this school. In the words of Malala, 'one book, one pen, one child, one teacher can change the world'. Let's all work together to make our school and ourselves the best we can be.

Thank you to **Laura Mulcahy** of Year 12 who gave an outstanding performance of her HSC performance piece, *Another Day*, and to our Year 10 dancers, **Margaret Fitzgerald, Ben Brittle, Robbie Stinnett, Katie Hall, Kelsey Atwood** and **Stuart Brunton** who all performed at this special assembly.



Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

Our PBS team will be holding a school multi-day on Friday, 26 August. The theme of the day is 'Wear it Purple' and is designed to focus on the acceptance of diversity. Students are encouraged to wear as much purple as possible on the day and to make a gold coin donation that will go to local youth services. What is Wear it Purple Day? The 'Wear it Purple' movement wants young people everywhere to know that they have the right to be proud of who they are! Sex, sexuality, gender, race, religion do not change this

PBS Trivia Night fundraiser

Our school is holding a Trivia night fundraiser to continue the financial support of our highly successful Positive Behaviour for Success program. The night will be held on Friday, 16 September, at the Moss Vale Services Club from 6pm. Tickets are available at the front office at a cost of \$30. There will be a huge array of prizes and it promises to be a great night. Thank you to the PBS team for the hard work in organising this event.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award during Monday's assembly. It was fantastic to see two of our Year 12 students, Alex Allen and Daniel Field, receiving Silver Awards in their final year at Moss Vale High School. 80% of our students are receiving Vivos for being Active Learners which reinforces our strong focus on classroom learning.

Green Award : Jamaya Blake, Maddy-Jay Daley-Webb, Beau Haskins, Ryan Johnson, Alex Lawson, Zoe Murray, Felicity Smart, Mickey Thompson, Ava Wilson, Connor Withers, (Year 7) and Bonnie-Jane Johnson (Year 12)

Bronze Award : Amelia Barrington, Cassidy Brown, Colin Cooksley, Maizy Evans, Ella Eyding, Laura Elliott, Emma Gouros, Kelsey Jenkins, Makayla Jones, Olivia Jones, Matthew Kelly, Xara McDonald, Jackson Miller, Sarah Moore, Felicitie Morgan, Hannah Mulcahy, Isabel Nash, Royston Seers, Emily Waring, Ciarne Whalan, Amber Wood (Year 7) and Grania Malady (Year 8).

Silver Award : Matthew Johnston (Year 7), Clayton Deleeuw, Joel Douglas, Amy Green (Year 8), Andrew Zveglic (Year 10), and Alexander Allen and Daniel Field (Year 12).

Gold Award : Angelique Hart, Caitlin Miller and Amy Webb (Year 8)

Platinum Award : Cameron Clay (Year 9).

National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The 2016 NAPLAN results have been received for Years 7 and 9, and key staff members are in the process of analysing these results in detail. However, already I am extremely proud of the fact that our Year 9 results in the Reading component of the test show significant growth. Our entire Year 9 cohort for Reading was at state average and was significantly above similar school groups. We were well below state average in Reading at the 2012 NAPLAN and there has been an upward trend that has now seen us reach state average, and our Year 9 boys are above state average. There was a 3% increase in the students achieving in the top band (band 10) and a 5% increase in students achieving in the second top band (band 9). This was 3% higher than the state average achieving in this band.

These results are a strong indication that our focus on literacy strategies and the Kick off with Reading initiative have been highly successful at Moss Vale High School.

The Order of Australia

I am proud and pleased to announce that **Luke Webb** of Year 11, one of our new School Captains, has been awarded the 2016 John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award. This award recognises **Luke's 'outstanding community service for the benefit of others and for demonstrating a spirit of goodwill'**. Luke will be presented with his award at the Week 9 assembly.

Congratulations **Luke!**

Patricia Holmes
Principal



Futon/Day Bed - Daniel Field



Coffee Table - Reece Denford



Coffee Table with drawers - Matthew Peacock



Coffee Table - Lachlan Williams

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Coffee Table - Julius Bowley



Fold Out Coffee Table - Alex Allen

Acting Deputy Principal's Report

Bullying and Harassment ?

Bullying is an issue in all schools, however it does not need to be. At Moss Vale High School we genuinely pride ourselves on dealing with such issues in the vast majority of circumstances with a successful outcome.

However there are statements that we continue to receive from a small group of parents when issues reach a critical point for either the person who is the harasser or the victim.

- * It's just **"Boys being Boys"**! This is simply a line to defend a child who is doing the harassment, it is a totally a different story when you are the parents of the victim.
- * **"My child is being continually bullied and you have done nothing about it!"** When asked has the child or parent contacted the school the answer is 'No, but you should know" Please note we have 640 plus students in the school and I can honestly say that our wonderful staff pick up many but not all issues. Please notify us early so that it does not get out of hand.
- * **"Just ignore it and it will go away"**. On some rare occasions this occurs, unfortunately this empowers the bully and places the victim under unnecessary stress. Simply –the earlier we know the better.
- * **"If you tell someone it will only get worse"**. How bad can it possibly get! This means that the bully will continue to harass the victim, other students will join in, and probably start on others. I guarantee that if we are notified of bullies they will be dealt with, monitored and punished severely.

Our school values of SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, and RESPECTFUL. Empowering bullies is not responsible, not respectful and clearly not safe. We appeal to all parents to support this great school in making all students enjoy their school life.

Final note - Bullying and Harassment is a personal statement. If an individual feels intimidated or threatened then it is bullying - no matter if we feel it is trivial!

PS I will talk about resilience at another time!

Important Message: Re Aerosols

We have staff at school who have hypersensitivity to many aerosol sprays. Aerosol cans are a banned item at school, so for this reason, students who use aerosols at school inappropriately will be severely punished.

All students are aware of this situation and the consequence that may include suspension!

Mr Craig O'Brien
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Moss Vale High School PBS presents

TRIVIA!

Moss Vale Services Club
 6.30 for 7pm start
 \$30 per head: tables of 10
 Includes buffet carvery dinner
 Book through MVHS
 (02) 4868 1717

Friday 16th
 September

Great

RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT MVHS'S HUGELY
 SUCCESSFUL
 POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM.

Trivia Night

Our PBS team have organised a fundraiser Trivia Night to be held at the Moss Vale Services Club on Friday night, 16 September. All are welcome! \$30 a head, tables of 10. Organise a team or join a table.

Parents and business owners who would like to support our school by donating prizes are encouraged to contact the office - 4868 1717.

(See flyer above, also more information on the website re booking tables and payment)

SHOPPING TRIP!!

Saturday 10th September

Cost: \$65 per person

(\$20 deposit will be required)

includes the bus trip up & back, Morning Tea,
Afternoon Tea & Lunch

Stores will includes Homewares, Clothing,
Chocolate, Toys & many more!!
Prizes to be won throughout the day!!

Bus will pick up from the car park on Elizabeth Street behind
IGA and drop back at the end of the day.

All money raised will go to



with 100% of the funds put back into the local community.

**If you're interested in coming along,
please see Joy at the Service Desk ASAP.**

24 Sep - 9 Oct 2016

Maps

Transport & Parking



Kids in the park



Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this spring school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers
All Day Holiday Recreational Program
Science, cooking, writing workshops
Gymnastics
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Futsal - Indoor Soccer
Park Patrol - Mighty Minibeasts
Sport & adventure camps
Operation Art
....and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Help us celebrate Tulip Time!

Alice in Corbett Gardens Writing Competition

Closing date: Monday 12th September 2016
Winners will be announced on Tuesday 20th September 2016



3-5 YEARS
Draw a picture representing Alice and her friends in Corbett Gardens.

6-12 YEARS
Write a poem (no word limit) or a short story up to 500 words about Alice and her friends in Corbett Gardens.

13-18 years
Write a poem (no word limit) or a short story up to 1000 words about Alice and her friends in Corbett Gardens.

\$100

book voucher for each age group

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Alice and Friends in Corbett Gardens Writing Competition

All entries must be handed in to a branch library or emailed to trudy.eccleston@wsc.nsw.gov.au by 5pm Monday 12th August 2016

ENTRY FORM

Name:.....Age:.....
 Title of work:.....
 Email address:.....
 Phone Number:.....

Please tick the following:
 Poem.....Short Story..... Picture.....

I give/don't give Wingecarribee Public Libraries permission to use my child's work in any way they see fit including social media.
 Parent's signature:.....
 Parent's name:.....

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ROBERTSON BURRAWANG CRICKET CLUB

is now taking registrations for the upcoming summer competitions. We hope to field teams in all age groups from U8s Milo Cricket and U10s T20 Smash (both on Thursday nights), to the U12s, U14s and U16s competitions held on Saturday mornings.

The competition runs from October - March (with a break for School Holidays) with games commencing at 8.30am, and the majority of matches are played locally.

We also have senior teams who require additional players for their Saturday afternoon games.

We are a great family-oriented club and our registration fees are amongst the cheapest in Highlands Cricket.

To register your interest, or for more information, please contact Aaron on 0421 452 167 or aaronazz@hotmail.com



Moss Vale High School UNIFORM SHOP

(Located next to the School Canteen)

*Winter Jackets are now
back in stock*

\$65



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Could your kids do Go4Fun?

- ✓ Free program for kids aged 7-13 above a healthy weight
- ✓ Families learn healthy eating and exercise with fun games
- ✓ Builds confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ After school during in each term in an encouraging environment
- ✓ Qualified and enthusiastic leaders



Enrol in a program near you today!

Locations include:

- Mount Annan
- Eagle Vale
- Bankstown
- Macquarie Fields
- Campbelltown
- Liverpool
- Fairfield
- Revesby
- Moss Vale
- Tahmoor
- Bowral/Mittagong

Contact:

1800 780 900
go4fun.com.au
or Claire Southwood-Jones on 9780 2811



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Need help with:

- Reading? - Writing? - Maths? - Specific subjects?
- Not sure if you're on the right track?

Or do you want to be a volunteer tutor?

FREE tutoring Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm at Highlands Youth Hub, Park Rd Bowral, for all 12 - 18 year olds. Snacks provided. Supervised by a youth worker.

Call 4801 0885 or txt **0414 207 571** for more information and to register.




Wingecarribee Children's Services presents

Saving Our Adolescents

with Maggie Dent



From her extensive experience of working with adolescents for more than 30 years parenting author and educator Maggie Dent has created an innovative, dynamic seminar for families, schools and communities to build resilience and connectedness in 12-25-year-olds. Adolescents need adult allies to help them navigate the tricky waters of the teenage years – the art of guiding, and encouraging empowerment while strengthening self-esteem and personal autonomy is one that can be learned. This seminar explores the shift in raising children to raising adolescents, and what works and what won't.

Venue: Highlands Golf Club, Home Hwy, Mittagong
Date: Saturday 10th September 2016
Time: 2pm-4.30pm
Cost: \$30

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please RSVP by 1 September to WSC Children's Services Coordination Unit – 02 48 612866 or email Familydays@wsc.nsw.gov.au



www.maggiedent.com **Maggie Dent** author parenting expert

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SITWORKS 2016 – Ghostings

Free Event. Saturday 24 September.

Come along to Bundanon to experience contemporary art, interesting conversations and great family activities.

Make some magic lantern slides, ghostly puppets and more. Sit back fireside in the evening and listen to ghost stories, maybe share your own.

Gates open 12 noon and family workshops run until 4.30pm. You can even camp on site for only \$10 per person (kids under 12 are free).

Check out bundanon.com.au for more info.



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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